

Need another word that means the same as “whimsical”? Find 34 synonyms and 30 related words for “whimsical” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Whimsical” are: capricious, impulsive, fanciful, playful, mischievous, waggish, quaint, fantastic, unusual, curious, droll, volatile, temperamental, excitable, fickle, changeable, unpredictable, variable, erratic, quicksilver, mercurial, mutable, inconstant, inconsistent, unstable, unsteady, fluctuating, ever-changing, protean, kaleidoscopic, fluid, wavering, vacillating, wayward

Whimsical as an Adjective

Definitions of "Whimsical" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “whimsical” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Acting or behaving in a capricious manner.*
- *Playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way.*
- *Determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason.*



Synonyms of "Whimsical" as an adjective (34 Words)

capricious	Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour. <i>Authoritarian rulers are frequently capricious.</i>
changeable	Capable of or tending to change in form or quality or nature. <i>The weather will be changeable with rain at times.</i>
curious	Eager to know or learn something. <i>I began to be curious about the whereabouts of the bride and groom.</i>
droll	Curious or unusual in a way that provokes dry amusement. <i>A droll little man with a quiet tongue in cheek kind of humor.</i>
erratic	Not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable. <i>Her breathing was erratic.</i>
ever-changing	Marked by continuous change or effective action.
excitable	Easily excited. <i>These alkaloids act on nerve cells to make them more excitable.</i>

fanciful	Highly ornamental or imaginative in design. <i>A fanciful Art Nouveau bar.</i>
fantastic	(of an object) seeming more appropriate to the imagination than to reality; strange or exotic. <i>A fantastic idea of his own importance.</i>
fickle	Changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections. <i>Fickle weather.</i>
fluctuating	Rising and falling irregularly in number or amount. <i>Fluctuating prices.</i>
fluid	Characteristic of a fluid capable of flowing and easily changing shape. <i>Her movements were fluid and beautiful to watch.</i>
impulsive	Having the power of driving or impelling. <i>An impulsive force.</i>
inconsistent	Not capable of being made consistent or harmonious. <i>He had done nothing inconsistent with his morality.</i>
inconstant	Likely to change frequently often without apparent or cogent reason; variable- Shakespeare. <i>The exact dimensions aren't easily measured since they are inconstant.</i>
kaleidoscopic	Made up of a complex mix of elements; multifaceted. <i>A kaleidoscopic range of topics.</i>
mercurial	Relating to or containing or caused by mercury. <i>His mercurial temperament.</i>
mischievous	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i>A mischievous allegation for which there is not a shred of evidence.</i>
mutable	Capable of or tending to change in form or quality or nature. <i>The mutable nature of fashion.</i>
playful	Intended for one's own or others' amusement rather than seriously. <i>The ballet accents the playful use of movement.</i>
protean	Able to do many different things; versatile. <i>It is difficult to comprehend the whole of this protean subject.</i>
quaint	Very strange or unusual; odd or even incongruous in character or appearance. <i>The head terminating in the quaint duck bill which gives the animal its vernacular name.</i>
quicksilver	Liable to sudden unpredictable change. <i>A quicksilver character cool and willful at one moment utterly fragile the next.</i>

temperamental	Subject to sharply varying moods. <i>A temperamental engine that had a way of conking out when put in gear.</i>
<u>unpredictable</u>	Unknown in advance. <i>The unpredictable weather of the Scottish islands.</i>
<u>unstable</u>	Prone to psychiatric problems or sudden changes of mood. <i>His rather unstable religious convictions.</i>
<u>unsteady</u>	Subject to change or variation. <i>He was very unsteady on his feet.</i>
unusual	Not habitually or commonly occurring or done. <i>A man of unusual talent.</i>
vacillating	Uncertain in purpose or action. <i>He was accused of vacillating leadership.</i>
variable	(used of a device) designed so that a property (as e.g. light) can be varied. <i>The drill has variable speed.</i>
<u>volatile</u>	(of a computer's memory) retaining data only as long as there is a power supply connected. <i>The political situation was becoming more volatile.</i>
waggish	Witty or joking. <i>A waggish riposte.</i>
wavering	Undecided between two opinions or courses of action. <i>She gave a wavering smile.</i>
wayward	Difficult to control or predict because of wilful or perverse behaviour. <i>A wayward adolescent.</i>



Usage Examples of "Whimsical" as an adjective

- *The victim of whimsical persecutions.*
- *A whimsical sense of humour.*
- *The whimsical arbitrariness of autocracy.*



Associations of "Whimsical" (30 Words)

amusing	Causing laughter and providing entertainment. <i>An amusing fellow.</i>
arbitrary	Based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system. <i>A country under arbitrary government.</i>
badinage	Humorous or witty conversation. <i>He developed a nice line in badinage with the Labour leader.</i>
banter	Exchange remarks in a good-humoured teasing way. <i>The men bantered with the waitresses.</i>
comic	A periodical containing comic strips intended chiefly for children. <i>A comic actor.</i>
droll	Curious or unusual in a way that provokes dry amusement. <i>A droll little man with a quiet tongue in cheek kind of humor.</i>

facetious	Cleverly amusing in tone. <i>Facetious remarks.</i>
fun	A source of fun. <i>She asked for money and then the fun began.</i>
funny	Slightly but undefinably unwell. <i>There was something funny going on.</i>
hilarious	Extremely amusing. <i>Hilarious broad comedy.</i>
humor	The trait of appreciating and being able to express the humorous. <i>The humors are blood and phlegm and yellow and black bile.</i>
humorous	Full of or characterized by humor. <i>His humorous grey eyes.</i>
humour	The ability to express humour or amuse other people. <i>Her good humour vanished.</i>
jest	An object of derision. <i>He laughed unpleasantly at his own jest.</i>
jesting	Said or done for amusement; joking. <i>Laughing and jesting were out of the question.</i>
jocose	Playful or humorous. <i>A jocose allusion.</i>
jocular	With humor. <i>They tried to deal with this painful subject jocularly.</i>
joke	Tell a joke speak humorously. <i>Public transport is a joke.</i>
laugh	An act of laughing. <i>His face wrinkled in a silent laugh of derision.</i>
mischievous	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i>Mischievous rumors and falsehoods.</i>
offbeat	Informal terms; strikingly unconventional. <i>The horns come in full force on the offbeats.</i>
playful	Giving or expressing pleasure and amusement. <i>The ballet accents the playful use of movement.</i>
pleasure	Give sexual enjoyment or satisfaction to. <i>The car makes driving in the city a pleasure.</i>
puckish	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i>A puckish sense of humour.</i>

quirky

Informal terms; strikingly unconventional.
*Her sense of humour was decidedly **quirky**.*

repartee

Conversation or speech characterized by quick, witty comments or replies.
*He had a quick mind and a splendid gift of **repartee**.*

slapstick

A boisterous comedy with chases and collisions and practical jokes.
***Slapstick** style of humor.*

waggish

Humorous in a playful, mischievous, or facetious manner.
*A **waggish** riposte.*

witticism

A witty remark.
*Maurice roared with laughter at his own **witticisms**.*

witty

Combining clever conception and facetious expression.
*His sermons were unpredictably **witty** and satirical as well as eloquent.*

