

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)

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

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

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



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

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

