

surreal**sur·real** f136 *BrE* [səˈriːəl] *NAmE* [səˈriːəl] (also less frequent)**sur·real·is·tic** adjective

very strange; more like a dream than reality, with ideas and images mixed together in a strange way

- surreal images
- The play was a surreal mix of fact and fantasy.

See also: ↑surrealistic

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a situation or experience that is surreal is very strange and difficult to understand, like something from a dream:

• The house was a surreal mixture of opulence and decay.

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■ very strange

- **weird** very strange or very different from what you are used to: I had a weird dream last night. | It's a weird and wonderful place.
- **bizarre** extremely strange and different from what is usually considered normal: It was a bizarre situation. | Mark's behaviour was really bizarre.
- **surreal** extremely strange and unconnected with real life or normal experiences, like something out of a dream: His paintings are full of surreal images. | There is something surreal about the climate change talks in Bali. | The plant's flowers were so big that they seemed almost surreal
- **uncanny** very strange – used especially about someone having an unusual ability to do something, or looking surprisingly similar to someone: She had an uncanny knack (=ability) of putting her finger right on a problem. | Alice had an uncanny resemblance to Josie. | his uncanny ability to pick racing winners

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