

# Splenetic

Bad-tempered, given to melancholy (sadness with no obvious cause), ill-tempered.

/splɪˈnɛtɪk/



An **adjective** (as in ‘a splenetic rant’)

## Examples:

“The splenetic rant from driver concerned the passengers”

“His splenetic rants on Internet forums often upset people”

Note: from the middle English for a diseased spleen, the saying ‘vent your spleen’ means to speak your mind to get rid of angry feelings or get something off your chest

## Synonyms (same or similar meanings)

Angry, rancorous, cranky, petulant, bitter, spiteful, testy

## Antonyms (opposite meanings)

Mild, peaceful, helpful, happy, kind

**Challenge:** How could you use this word?

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