

Need another word that means the same as “abrasive”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “abrasive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Abrasive” are: scratchy, harsh, grinding, polishing, coarse, coarse-grained, caustic, mordant, erosive, biting, burning, stinging, cutting, grating, acerbic, vitriolic, abradant, abrasive material

Abrasive as a Noun

Definitions of "Abrasive" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “abrasive” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A substance that abrades or wears down.*
- *A substance used for grinding, polishing, or cleaning a hard surface.*



Synonyms of "Abrasive" as a noun (2 Words)

abradant An abradant substance or agent.

abrasive material A substance that abrades or wears down.



Usage Examples of "Abrasive" as a noun

- *The refrigerator is easily damaged by abrasives.*

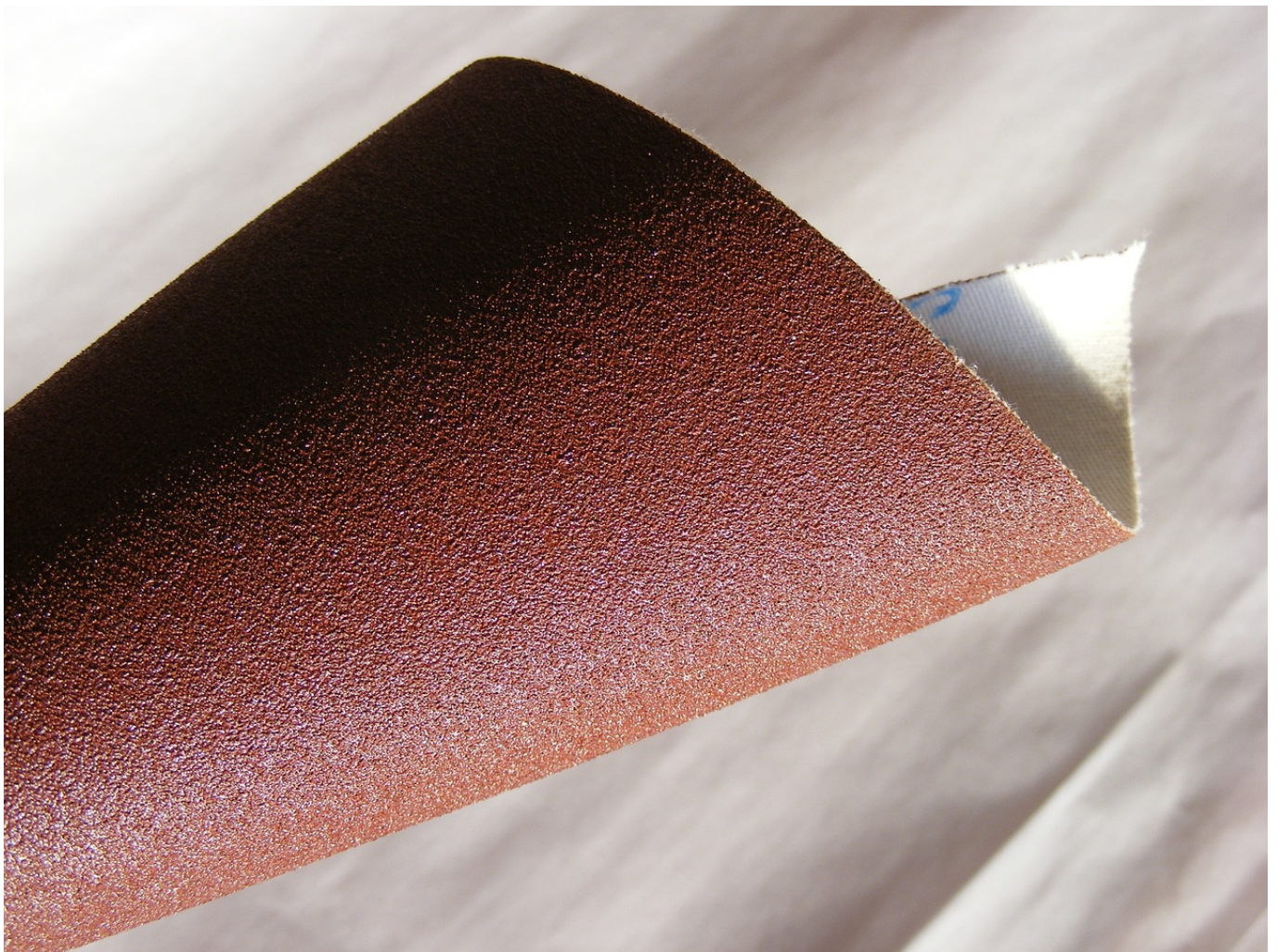


Abrasive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Abrasive" as an adjective

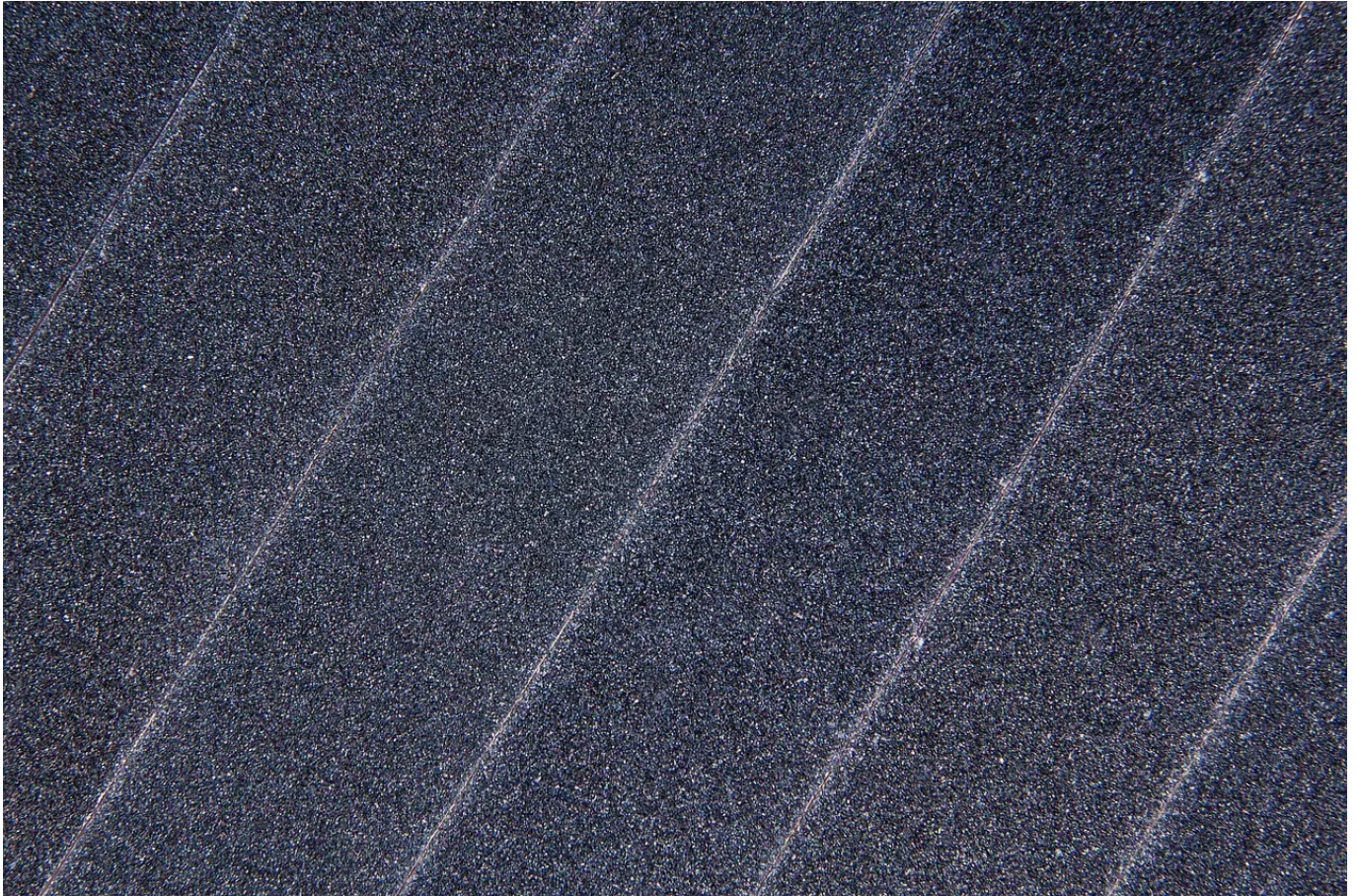
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "abrasive" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of a substance or material) capable of polishing or cleaning a hard surface by rubbing or grinding.*
- *Causing abrasion.*
- *Showing little concern for the feelings of others; harsh.*
- *Sharply disagreeable; rigorous.*
- *Tending to rub or graze the skin.*



Synonyms of "Abrasive" as an adjective (16 Words)

acerbic	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i>An acerbic tone piercing otherwise flowery prose.</i>
biting	Capable of wounding. <i>A biting aphorism.</i>
<u>burning</u>	Very hot or bright. <i>Burning issues of the day.</i>
<u>caustic</u>	Of a substance, especially a strong acid; capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action. <i>A caustic cleaner.</i>
coarse	Relating to the sport of angling for coarse fish. <i>Coarse meal.</i>
coarse-grained	Not having a fine texture.
cutting	Capable of cutting something. <i>A cutting remark.</i>
erosive	Wearing away by friction. <i>The erosive effects of waves on the shoreline.</i>
<u>grating</u>	Unpleasantly harsh or grating in sound. <i>The continual praise of the good old days can become grating.</i>
<u>grinding</u>	(of a sound or movement) harsh and grating. <i>The grinding roar of the lorries.</i>
harsh	Having an undesirably strong effect. <i>The harsh facts of court delays.</i>
mordant	Harshly ironic or sinister. <i>Fun ranging from slapstick clowning to savage mordant wit.</i>
polishing	Of or relating to Poland or its people or culture.
scratchy	(of writing or a drawing) done with quick and jagged strokes. <i>She dropped her voice to a scratchy whisper.</i>
stinging	(of criticism) harsh or cruel. <i>A stinging rebuke.</i>
vitriolic	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i>Vitriolic outbursts.</i>



Usage Examples of "Abrasive" as an adjective

- *Don't use abrasive kitchen cleaners.*
- *An abrasive character.*
- *The trees were abrasive to the touch.*
- *The wood should be rubbed down with fine abrasive paper.*
- *Her abrasive and arrogant personal style won her few friends.*



Associations of "Abrasive" (30 Words)

asperity	Harshness of tone or manner. <i>He pointed this out with some asperity.</i>
<u>austere</u>	Having a plain and unadorned appearance. <i>He was an austere man with a rigidly puritanical outlook.</i>
coda	The closing section of a musical composition. <i>The first movement ends with a fortissimo coda.</i>
<u>conclude</u>	Bring or come to an end. <i>An attempt to conclude a ceasefire.</i>
corrosive	A corrosive substance. <i>The corrosive effects of salt water.</i>
<u>destination</u>	The place to which someone or something is going or being sent. <i>A destination restaurant.</i>

draconian	Of or relating to Draco or his harsh code of laws. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of draconian laws.</i>
ending	The end of a word a suffix or inflectional ending or final morpheme. <i>The ending of warranty period.</i>
epilogue	A section or speech at the end of a book or play that serves as a comment on or a conclusion to what has happened. <i>A disastrous epilogue to the rest of his career.</i>
expiry	A coming to an end of a contract period. <i>An expiry date.</i>
extreme	The highest or most extreme degree of something. <i>Extreme sports like snowboarding.</i>
<u>final</u>	The final match between the winners of all previous matches in an elimination tournament. <i>The World Cup finals.</i>
finale	The temporal end; the concluding time. <i>The finale of Beethoven s Ninth Symphony.</i>
finishing	The act of finishing. <i>The speaker s finishing was greeted with applause.</i>
<u>grinding</u>	A harsh and strident sound as of the grinding of gears. <i>Grinding poverty.</i>
harsh	Having an undesirably strong effect. <i>The harsh facts of court delays.</i>
<u>hone</u>	Sharpen with a hone. <i>The detectives honed in on the suspect.</i>
last	The last position or finisher in a race or competition. <i>Last prize.</i>
<u>latter</u>	Occurring or situated nearer to the end of something than to the beginning. <i>Tom and Dick were both heroes but only the latter is remembered today.</i>
peroration	The concluding section of an oration. <i>He again invoked the theme in an emotional peroration.</i>
pitiless	Deficient in humane and kindly feelings. <i>A pitiless executioner.</i>
<u>rigorous</u>	(of a rule, system, etc.) strictly applied or adhered to. <i>Rigorous controls on mergers.</i>
rough	Work or shape something in a rough preliminary fashion. <i>Rough paper.</i>

severe	Severely simple. <i>Severe pain.</i>
stringently	In a stringent manner. <i>Stringently controlled.</i>
termination	An induced abortion. <i>The termination of the agreement.</i>
touch	An act of touching someone or something. <i>We touched wheels and nearly came off the road.</i>
ultimate	A final or fundamental fact or principle. <i>The ultimate constituents of anything that exists are atoms.</i>
unkind	Deficient in humane and kindly feelings. <i>The unkindest cut of all.</i>
wrought	Made or fashioned in the specified way. <i>The wrought silver bracelet.</i>

