

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.*

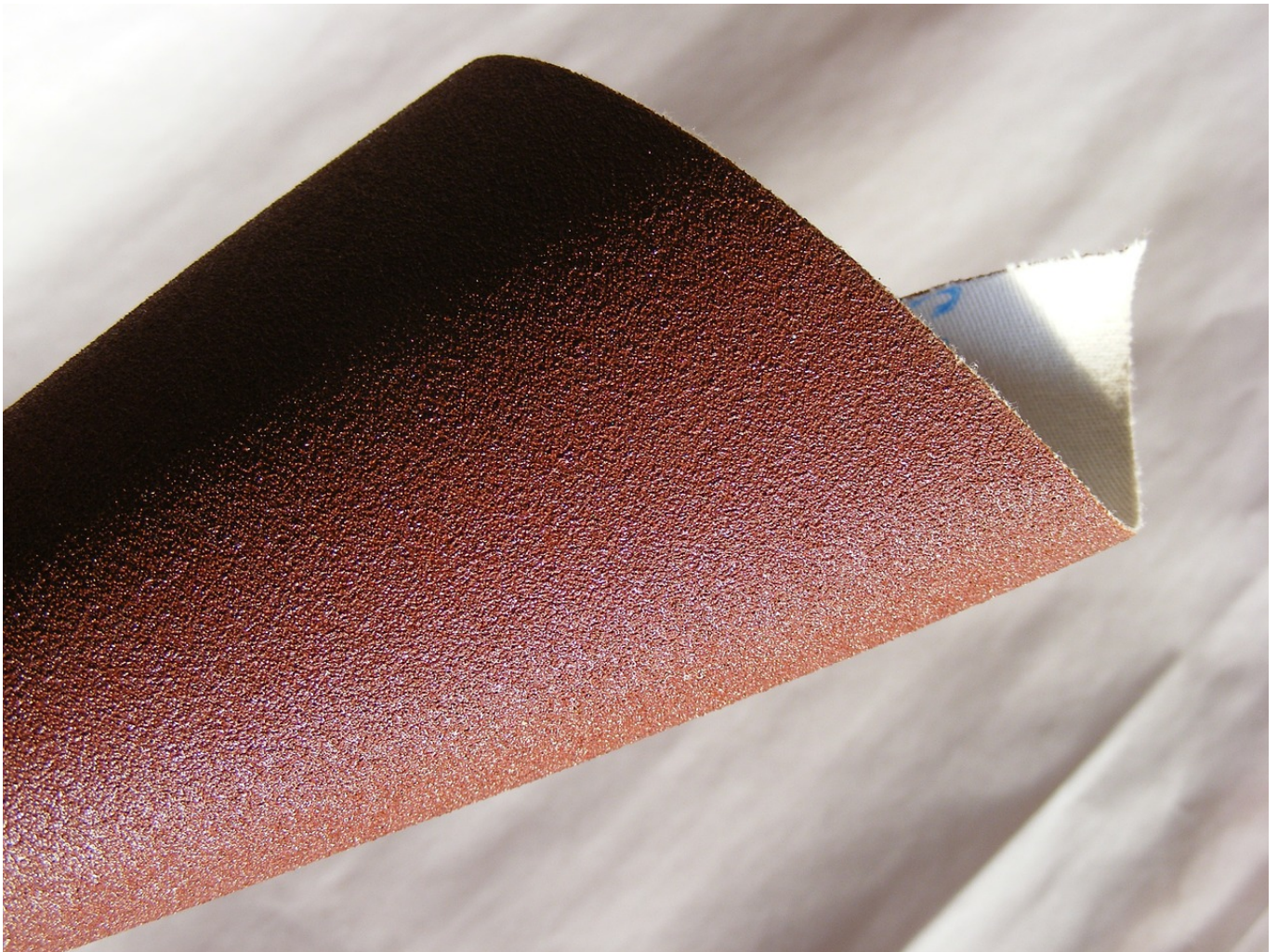


## Abrasive as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Abrasive" as an adjective

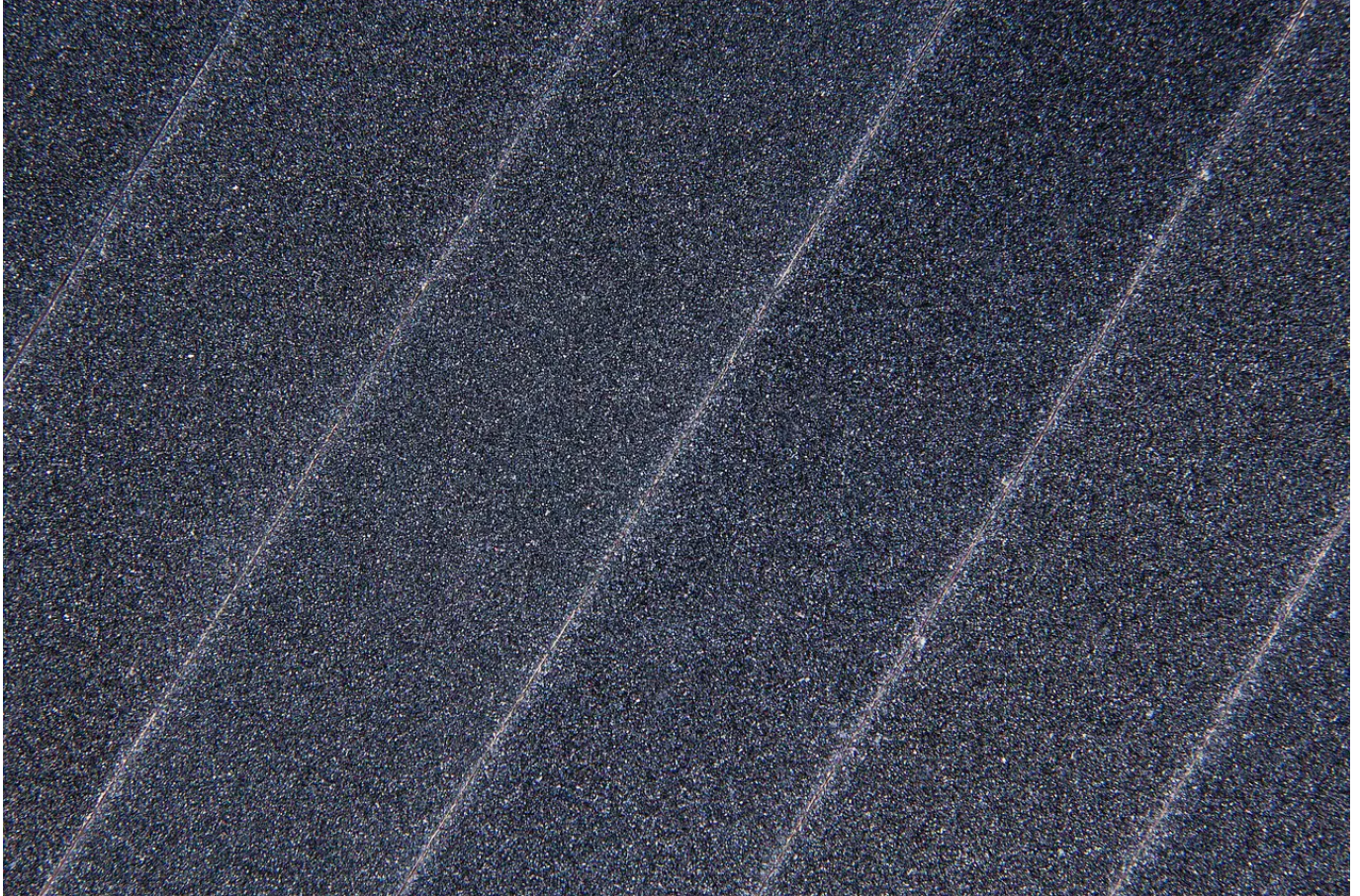
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "abrasive" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(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)

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

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



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

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

