

Need another word that means the same as “appalling”? Find 42 synonyms and 30 related words for “appalling” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Appalling” are: *dismaying, shocking, horrific, horrifying, horrible, terrible, awful, dreadful, ghastly, hideous, horrendous, frightful, atrocious, abominable, abhorrent, outrageous, hateful, loathsome, odious, gruesome, grisly, monstrous, nightmarish, heinous, harrowing, dire, vile, shameful, unspeakable, unforgivable, unpardonable, very bad, disgraceful, deplorable, hopeless, lamentable, laughable, substandard, poor, inadequate, inferior, unsatisfactory***

## **Appalling as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Appalling" as an adjective**

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

- *Causing shock or dismay; horrific.*
- *Causing consternation.*
- *Very bad; awful.*



## Synonyms of "Appalling" as an adjective (42 Words)

- abhorrent** Inspiring disgust and loathing; repugnant.  
*Racism was **abhorrent** to us all.*
- abominable** Very bad; terrible.  
***Abominable** workmanship.*
- atrocious** Provoking horror- Winston Churchill.  
***Atrocious** cruelties.*
- awful** Offensive or even (of persons) malicious- Ezra Pound.  
*The **awful** war.*
- deplorable** Bad; unfortunate.  
***Deplorable** housing conditions in the inner city.*

<b><u>dire</u></b>	(of a warning or threat) presaging disaster. <i>The concert was <b>dire</b>.</i>
<b><u>disgraceful</u></b>	Shockingly unacceptable. <i>It is <b>disgraceful</b> that they should be denied unemployment benefits.</i>
<b>dismaying</b>	Causing consternation. <i>The list of complaints was <b>dismaying</b>.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Causing or involving great suffering, fear, or unhappiness; extremely bad or serious. <i>This was all a <b>dreadful</b> mistake.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Very unpleasant, serious, or shocking. <i>A <b>frightful</b> crime of decapitation.</i>
<b><u>ghastly</u></b>	Extremely unwell. <i><b>Ghastly</b> shrieks.</i>
<b>grisly</b>	Causing horror or disgust. <i>The town was shaken by a series of <b>grisly</b> crimes.</i>
<b><u>gruesome</u></b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i><b>Gruesome</b> catering.</i>
<b>harrowing</b>	Acutely distressing. <i>A <b>harrowing</b> film about racism and violence.</i>
<b>hateful</b>	Characterized by malice. <i>That <b>hateful</b> arrogant woman.</i>
<b><u>heinous</u></b>	(of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked. <i>A battery of <b>heinous</b> crimes.</i>
<b>hideous</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>A <b>hideous</b> pattern of injustice.</i>
<b>hopeless</b>	(informal to emphasize how bad it is) beyond hope of management or reform. <i>With a <b>hopeless</b> sigh he sat down.</i>
<b><u>horrendous</u></b>	Extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible. <i><b>Horrendous</b> explosions shook the city.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>A <b>horrible</b> massacre.</i>
<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i><b>Horrific</b> injuries.</i>
<b><u>horrifying</u></b>	Provoking horror. <i>An alarming even <b>horrifying</b> picture.</i>

<b><u>inadequate</u></b>	Not sufficient to meet a need. <i>These labels prove to be wholly <b>inadequate</b>.</i>
<b><u>inferior</u></b>	Of low or inferior quality. <i><b>Inferior</b> goods.</i>
<b>lamentable</b>	Full of or expressing sorrow or grief. <i>A <b>lamentable</b> decision.</i>
<b><u>laughable</u></b>	Incongruous; inviting ridicule. <i>It would have been <b>laughable</b> if it hadn't hurt so much.</i>
<b>loathsome</b>	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>This <b>loathsome</b> little swine.</i>
<b>monstrous</b>	Shockingly brutal or cruel. <i>The <b>monstrous</b> tidal wave swamped the surrounding countryside.</i>
<b>nightmarish</b>	Of the nature of a nightmare; very frightening or unpleasant. <i>A <b>nightmarish</b> eight hour journey.</i>
<b>odious</b>	Extremely unpleasant; repulsive. <i>Consequences <b>odious</b> to those you govern.</i>
<b><u>outrageous</u></b>	Very bold and unusual and rather shocking. <i>Spends an <b>outrageous</b> amount on entertainment.</i>
<b>poor</b>	Lacking in specific resources, qualities or substances. <i>His <b>poor</b> distorted limbs.</i>
<b><u>shameful</u></b>	Deserving or bringing disgrace or shame- Rachel Carson. <i>A <b>shameful</b> display of cowardice.</i>
<b><u>shocking</u></b>	Very bad. <i>She brought <b>shocking</b> news.</i>
<b>substandard</b>	Below the usual or required standard. <i><b>Substandard</b> housing.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Very unwell or troubled. <i>The stranger gave a <b>terrible</b> smile.</i>
<b>unforgivable</b>	Not excusable. <i>Losing your temper with him was <b>unforgivable</b>.</i>
<b>unpardonable</b>	Not admitting of pardon. <i><b>Unpardonable</b> behavior.</i>
<b><u>unsatisfactory</u></b>	Not satisfactory; not good enough. <i>Years of living in <b>unsatisfactory</b> rented accommodation.</i>
<b><u>unspeakable</u></b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>A piece of <b>unspeakable</b> abuse.</i>
<b>very bad</b>	Precisely as stated.



**vile** Causing or able to cause nausea.  
*He has a **vile** temper.*



## Usage Examples of "Appalling" as an adjective

- *His conduct was appalling.*
- *Appalling conditions.*
- *The cat suffered appalling injuries during the attack.*

## Associations of "Appalling" (30 Words)

**abominable** Very bad; terrible.  
***Abominable** treatment of prisoners.*

**alarming** Worrying or disturbing.  
*Our countryside is disappearing at an **alarming** rate.*

**atrocious** Shockingly brutal or cruel.  
***Atrocious** taste.*

<b>awful</b>	Awfully very. <i>An <b>awful</b> voice.</i>
<b>beastly</b>	In a beastly manner. <i><b>Beastly</b> desires.</i>
<b>blamed</b>	Expletives used informally as intensifiers. <i>It s a <b>blamed</b> shame.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Causing or involving great suffering, fear, or unhappiness; extremely bad or serious. <i><b>Dreadful</b> manners.</i>
<b>fearsome</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The cat mewed displaying a <b>fearsome</b> set of teeth.</i>
<b><u>frightening</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Provoking horror. <i>A <b>frightful</b> mistake.</i>
<b><u>ghastly</u></b>	Causing great horror or fear. <i><b>Ghastly</b> wounds.</i>
<b><u>grotesque</u></b>	Comically or repulsively ugly or distorted. <i>A figure wearing a <b>grotesque</b> mask.</i>
<b>harrowing</b>	Extremely painful. <i>A <b>harrowing</b> film about racism and violence.</i>
<b><u>hellish</u></b>	Extremely evil or cruel; expressive of cruelty or befitting hell. <i>It had been a <b>hellish</b> week.</i>
<b>hideous</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>A <b>hideous</b> pattern of injustice.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Provoking horror. <i>The tea tasted <b>horrible</b>.</i>
<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i><b>Horrific</b> injuries.</i>
<b><u>horrifying</u></b>	Provoking horror. <i>An alarming even <b>horrifying</b> picture.</i>
<b>ineffable</b>	Too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words. <i>The <b>ineffable</b> name of the Deity.</i>
<b>infernal</b>	Expletives used informally as intensifiers. <i>The <b>infernal</b> heat of the forge.</i>
<b><u>nasty</u></b>	Repugnant to the mind. <i>Her stories are very <b>nasty</b> full of murder and violence.</i>

<b>sadly</b>	In a sad manner. <i><b>Sadly</b> he died before he could see his grandchild.</i>
<b>scary</b>	Frightening; causing fear. A <i><b>scary</b></i> movie.
<b>stygian</b>	Dark and dismal as of the rivers Acheron and Styx in Hades.
<b>terrible</b>	Extremely bad or serious. A <i><b>terrible</b></i> curse.
<u><b>tragedy</b></u>	An event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress, such as a serious accident, crime, or natural catastrophe. Greek <i><b>tragedy</b></i> .
<b>unlovely</b>	Not attractive; ugly. <i><b>Unlovely</b></i> tower blocks.
<u><b>unpleasant</b></u>	(of a person or their manner) unfriendly and inconsiderate; rude. <i>The symptoms are extremely <b>unpleasant</b>.</i>
<b>unsightly</b>	Unpleasant to look at. <i><b>Unsightly</b></i> billboards.
<u><b>unspeakable</b></u>	Defying expression or description. <i><b>Unspeakable</b></i> happiness.