

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)

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

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

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

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

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