

Need another word that means the same as “atrocious”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “atrocious” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Atrocious” are: frightful, horrible, horrifying, ugly, flagitious, grievous, monstrous, abominable, awful, dreadful, painful, terrible, unspeakable, brutal, barbaric, barbarous, brutish, savage, vicious, wicked, cruel, nasty, ruthless, merciless, villainous, murderous, heinous, nefarious, base, low, low-down, vile, inhuman, infernal, dark, black, fiendish, hellish, diabolical, ghastly, appalling, very bad, unpleasant, lamentable, woeful, miserable, poor, inadequate, unsatisfactory**

## Atrocious as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Atrocious" as an adjective

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

- *Exceptionally bad or displeasing.*
- *Of a very poor quality; extremely bad or unpleasant.*
- *Provoking horror- Winston Churchill.*
- *Shockingly brutal or cruel.*
- *Provoking horror.*
- *Horribly wicked.*

### Synonyms of "Atrocious" as an adjective (49 Words)

**abominable**      Causing moral revulsion.  
**Abominable** workmanship.

<b>appalling</b>	Causing shock or dismay; horrific. <i><b>Appalling</b> conditions.</i>
<b>awful</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>I ve made an <b>awful</b> fool of myself.</i>
<b>barbaric</b>	Without civilizing influences-Margaret Meade. <i>Drinking undiluted wine was considered <b>barbaric</b>.</i>
<b>barbarous</b>	(of language) coarse and unrefined. <i>Many early child rearing practices were <b>barbarous</b> by modern standards.</i>
<b>base</b>	Serving as or forming a base. <i>The painter applied a <b>base</b> coat followed by two finishing coats.</i>
<b>black</b>	Of a ski run of the highest level of difficulty as indicated by black markers positioned along it. <i>He discusses the position of <b>black</b> people in America.</i>
<b>brutal</b>	(of persons or their actions) able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>The <b>brutal</b> honesty of his observations.</i>
<b>brutish</b>	Resembling a beast; showing lack of human sensibility. <i>He was coarse and <b>brutish</b>.</i>
<b>cruel</b>	Causing pain or suffering. <i>A <b>cruel</b> remark.</i>
<b>dark</b>	Used of color having a dark hue. <i><b>Dark</b> curly hair.</i>
<b>diabolical</b>	Characteristic of the Devil, or so evil as to be suggestive of the Devil. <i>His <b>diabolical</b> cunning.</i>
<b>dreadful</b>	Extremely disagreeable and unpleasant. <i>Don t go out the weather is <b>dreadful</b>.</i>
<b>fiendish</b>	Extremely awkward or complex. <i>A <b>fiendish</b> despot.</i>
<b>flagitious</b>	Extremely wicked, deeply criminal. <i>A <b>flagitious</b> crime.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Provoking horror. <i>There s been a most <b>frightful</b> accident.</i>
<b>ghastly</b>	Deathly white. <i>The weather was <b>ghastly</b>.</i>
<b>grievous</b>	Of great gravity or crucial import; requiring serious thought. <i>His death was a <b>grievous</b> blow.</i>
<b>heinous</b>	(of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked. <i><b>Heinous</b> accusations.</i>

<b>hellish</b>	Of or like hell. <i><b>Hellish</b> weather.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Causing or likely to cause horror; shocking. <i>War is beyond all words <b>horrible</b>.</i>
<b>horrifying</b>	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>An alarming even <b>horrifying</b> picture.</i>
<b>inadequate</b>	Lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a purpose. <i>An <b>inadequate</b> income.</i>
<b>infernal</b>	Being of the underworld. <i>An <b>infernal</b> nuisance.</i>
<b>inhuman</b>	Lacking human qualities of compassion and mercy; cruel and barbaric. <i>A babel of <b>inhuman</b> noises.</i>
<b>lamentable</b>	Full of or expressing sorrow or grief. <i>The <b>lamentable</b> friends trailing their long black garments.</i>
<b>low</b>	Used of sounds and voices low in pitch or frequency. <i>Jobs with <b>low</b> status.</i>
<b>low-down</b>	Having the soulful feeling of early blues.
<b>merciless</b>	Showing no mercy. <i>The <b>merciless</b> enemy.</i>
<b>miserable</b>	Causing unhappiness or discomfort. <i>His <b>miserable</b> treatment of his family.</i>
<b>monstrous</b>	Having the ugly or frightening appearance of a monster. <i>The <b>monstrous</b> tidal wave swamped the surrounding countryside.</i>
<b>murderous</b>	Characteristic of or capable of or having a tendency toward killing another human being. <i><b>Murderous</b> thugs.</i>
<b>nasty</b>	Damaging or harmful. <i>Will he say <b>nasty</b> things at my funeral.</i>
<b>nefarious</b>	Extremely wicked. <i>The <b>nefarious</b> activities of the organized crime syndicates.</i>
<b>painful</b>	Causing distress or trouble. <i>Their attempts at reggae are <b>painful</b>.</i>
<b>poor</b>	Lacking in quality or substances. <i>The jejune diets of the very <b>poor</b>.</i>
<b>ruthless</b>	Having or showing no pity or compassion for others. <i>An act of <b>ruthless</b> ferocity.</i>

<b>savage</b>	Cruel and vicious; aggressively hostile. <i>A <b>savage</b> attack on the government.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The stranger gave a <b>terrible</b> smile.</i>
<b><u>unpleasant</u></b>	(of a person or their manner) unfriendly and inconsiderate; rude. <i><b>Unpleasant</b> odors.</i>
<b><u>unsatisfactory</u></b>	Not giving satisfaction. <i>Shops should take back <b>unsatisfactory</b> goods.</i>
<b><u>unspeakable</u></b>	Not able to be expressed in words. <i>An <b>unspeakable</b> odor came sweeping into the room.</i>
<b>very bad</b>	Precisely as stated.
<b>vicious</b>	Marked by deep ill will; deliberately harmful. <i>The dog was <b>vicious</b> and likely to bite.</i>
<b>vile</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>The <b>vile</b> development of slavery appalled them.</i>
<b>villainous</b>	Extremely bad or unpleasant. <i>A <b>villainous</b> smell.</i>
<b>wicked</b>	Playfully mischievous. <i>A <b>wicked</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b>woeful</b>	Of very poor quality or condition. <i>The remark was enough to establish his <b>woeful</b> ignorance about the theatre.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Atrocious" as an adjective

- *An atrocious automobile accident.*
- *Atrocious taste.*
- *Murder is an atrocious crime.*
- *He attempted an atrocious imitation of my English accent.*
- *Atrocious weather.*
- *Atrocious cruelties.*

## Associations of "Atrocious" (30 Words)

<b><u>alarming</u></b>	Worrying or disturbing. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
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<b><u>appalling</u></b>	Very bad; awful. <i>His conduct was <b>appalling</b>.</i>
<b><u>atrocities</u></b>	An extremely wicked or cruel act, typically one involving physical violence or injury. <i>Atrocities in cheap red nylon.</i>
<b>awful</b>	Awfully very. <i><b>Awful</b> worshippers with bowed heads.</i>
<b>beastly</b>	In a beastly manner. <i><b>Beastly</b> desires.</i>
<b>disgusting</b>	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>A <b>disgusting</b> smell.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>She looked quite <b>dreadful</b> and she was struggling for breath.</i>
<b>eyesore</b>	A thing that is very ugly, especially a building. <i>The office crumbled into an <b>eyesore</b>.</i>
<b>fearsome</b>	Frightening, especially in appearance. <i>The cat mewed displaying a <b>fearsome</b> set of teeth.</i>
<b><u>frightening</u></b>	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>A <b>frightful</b> crime of decapitation.</i>
<b><u>ghastly</u></b>	Very objectionable, bad, or unpleasant. <i><b>Ghastly</b> wounds.</i>
<b><u>gruesome</u></b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>The most <b>gruesome</b> murder.</i>
<b><u>hellish</u></b>	Very unpleasant. <i>An unearthly <b>hellish</b> landscape.</i>
<b>hideous</b>	Extremely ugly. <i>A <b>hideous</b> scar.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Provoking horror. <i>War is beyond all words <b>horrible</b>.</i>
<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Causing horror. <i><b>Horrific</b> conditions in the mining industry.</i>
<b><u>horrifying</u></b>	Provoking horror. <i>An alarming even <b>horrifying</b> picture.</i>
<b><u>indescribable</u></b>	Defying expression or description. <i>Most prisoners suffered <b>indescribable</b> hardship.</i>

<b>ineffable</b>	Too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words. <i><b>Ineffable</b> ecstasy.</i>
<b>inexpressible</b>	(of a feeling) too strong to be described or conveyed in words. <i>A mood of <b>inexpressible</b> longing.</i>
<b>nasty</b>	Repugnant to the mind. <i>A <b>nasty</b> vicious looking hatchet.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>Despite passing my driving test first time I m a <b>terrible</b> driver.</i>
<b>unlovely</b>	Not attractive; ugly. <i><b>Unlovely</b> tower blocks.</i>
<b>unpleasant</b>	Offensive or disagreeable; causing discomfort or unhappiness. <i>An <b>unpleasant</b> personality.</i>
<b>unsightly</b>	Unpleasant to look at. <i><b>Unsightly</b> billboards.</i>
<b>unspeakable</b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>A piece of <b>unspeakable</b> abuse.</i>
<b>unutterable</b>	Defying expression or description. <i>Moments of <b>unutterable</b> grief.</i>
<b>worst</b>	To the highest degree of inferiority or badness. <i>When I saw the ambulance outside her front door I began to fear the <b>worst</b>.</i>