

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.

<u>appalling</u>	Causing shock or dismay; horrific. <i>Appalling conditions.</i>
awful	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>I've made an awful fool of myself.</i>
barbaric	Without civilizing influences-Margaret Meade. <i>Drinking undiluted wine was considered barbaric.</i>
barbarous	(of language) coarse and unrefined. <i>Many early child rearing practices were barbarous by modern standards.</i>
<u>base</u>	Serving as or forming a base. <i>The painter applied a base coat followed by two finishing coats.</i>
black	Of a ski run of the highest level of difficulty as indicated by black markers positioned along it. <i>He discusses the position of black people in America.</i>
brutal	(of persons or their actions) able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>The brutal honesty of his observations.</i>
brutish	Resembling a beast; showing lack of human sensibility. <i>He was coarse and brutish.</i>
cruel	Causing pain or suffering. <i>A cruel remark.</i>
dark	Used of color having a dark hue. <i>Dark curly hair.</i>
<u>diabolical</u>	Characteristic of the Devil, or so evil as to be suggestive of the Devil. <i>His diabolical cunning.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Extremely disagreeable and unpleasant. <i>Don't go out the weather is dreadful.</i>
fiendish	Extremely awkward or complex. <i>A fiendish despot.</i>
flagitious	Extremely wicked, deeply criminal. <i>A flagitious crime.</i>
frightful	Provoking horror. <i>There's been a most frightful accident.</i>
<u>ghastly</u>	Deathly white. <i>The weather was ghastly.</i>
grievous	Of great gravity or crucial import; requiring serious thought. <i>His death was a grievous blow.</i>
<u>heinous</u>	(of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked. <i>Heinous accusations.</i>

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

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

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

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