

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.

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| appalling | 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> |
| base | 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> |
| diabolical | Characteristic of the Devil, or so evil as to be suggestive of the Devil. <i>His diabolical cunning.</i> |
| dreadful | 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> |
| ghastly | 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> |
| heinous | (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked. <i>Heinous accusations.</i> |

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| <u>hellish</u> | Of or like hell. <i>Hellish weather.</i> |
| horrible | Causing or likely to cause horror; shocking. <i>War is beyond all words horrible.</i> |
| <u>horrifying</u> | Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>An alarming even horrifying picture.</i> |
| <u>inadequate</u> | 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> |
| <u>low</u> | 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. |
| <u>merciless</u> | Showing no mercy. <i>The merciless enemy.</i> |
| <u>miserable</u> | 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> |
| <u>murderous</u> | Characteristic of or capable of or having a tendency toward killing another human being. <i>Murderous thugs.</i> |
| <u>nasty</u> | 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> |
| <u>painful</u> | 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> |
| <u>ruthless</u> | Having or showing no pity or compassion for others. <i>An act of ruthless ferocity.</i> |

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| 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)

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| <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> |

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| 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> |
| nasty | 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> |
| unpleasant | Offensive or disagreeable; causing discomfort or unhappiness. <i>An unpleasant personality.</i> |
| unsightly | Unpleasant to look at. <i>Unsightly billboards.</i> |
| unspeakable | 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> |