

Need another word that means the same as “bitter”? Find 89 synonyms and 30 related words for “bitter” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Bitter” are: biting, acerb, acerbic, acid, acrid, blistering, caustic, sulfurous, sulphurous, virulent, vitriolic, acrimonious, sharp, acidic, pungent, tart, sour, harsh, unsweetened, vinegary, acetous, resentful, embittered, aggrieved, dissatisfied, disgruntled, discontented, grudging, begrudging, indignant, rancorous, splanetic, spiteful, jaundiced, sullen, churlish, morose, petulant, peevish, angry, vindictive, vicious, savage, hostile, ferocious, scathing, antagonistic, venomous, poisonous, bilious, nasty, ill-natured, malign, choleric, painful, unpleasant, disagreeable, cruel, awful, distressing, disquieting, disturbing, upsetting, harrowing, heartbreaking, agonizing, unhappy, miserable, wretched, sad, poignant, grievous, traumatic, tragic, chilling, mortifying, galling, vexatious, freezing, icy, arctic, glacial, frosty, frigid, chilly, bitterness, bitingly, bitterly, piercingly

Bitter as a Noun

Definitions of "Bitter" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “bitter” as a noun can have the following

definitions:

- *The property of having a harsh unpleasant taste.*
- *Alcohol flavoured with bitter plant extracts, used as an additive in cocktails or as a medicinal substance to promote appetite or digestion.*
- *Beer that is strongly flavoured with hops and has a bitter taste, brewed by top fermentation.*
- *The taste experience when quinine or coffee is taken into the mouth.*
- *English term for a dry sharp-tasting ale with strong flavor of hops (usually on draft).*



Synonyms of "Bitter" as a noun (1 Word)

bitterness A feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will.
*He expressed **bitterness** over his dismissal without notice.*



Usage Examples of "Bitter" as a noun

- *A dash of bitters.*
- *A pint of bitter.*
- *The company brews a range of bitters.*



Bitter as an Adjective

Definitions of "Bitter" as an adjective

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

- *Marked by strong resentment or cynicism.*
- *Having a sharp, pungent taste or smell; not sweet.*
- *Proceeding from or exhibiting great hostility or animosity.*
- *Causing a sharp and acrid taste experience.*
- *(of chocolate) dark and unsweetened.*
- *Feeling or showing anger, hurt, or resentment because of bad experiences or a sense of unjust treatment.*
- *Causing a sharply painful or stinging sensation; used especially of cold.*
- *Harsh or corrosive in tone.*

- *(of a conflict, argument, or opponent) full of anger and acrimony.*
- *Very difficult to accept or bear.*
- *Expressive of severe grief or regret.*
- *(of wind or weather) intensely cold.*
- *Painful or unpleasant to accept or contemplate.*



Synonyms of "Bitter" as an adjective (85 Words)

acerb	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i>Dry acerb literate satire.</i>
acerbic	Sour or bitter in taste. <i>His acerbic wit.</i>
acetous	Producing or resembling vinegar. <i>Acetous fermentation.</i>
acid	Containing acid or having the properties of an acid having a pH of less than 7. <i>The acid Bessemer process.</i>
acidic	(of rock, especially lava) relatively rich in silica. <i>Acidic granite batholiths.</i>
<u>acrid</u>	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i>The acrid smell of burning rubber.</i>
acrimonious	Marked by strong resentment or cynicism. <i>An acrimonious dispute about wages.</i>
<u>aggrieved</u>	Feeling resentment at having been unfairly treated. <i>They were aggrieved at the outcome.</i>
<u>agonizing</u>	Extremely painful. <i>There is an agonizing choice to make.</i>
angry	Feeling or showing strong annoyance, displeasure, or hostility; full of anger. <i>The bruise below his eye looked angry and sore.</i>
antagonistic	Showing or feeling active opposition or hostility towards someone or something. <i>An antagonistic group of bystanders.</i>
arctic	Of or relating to the Arctic. <i>An arctic climate.</i>
awful	Extremely shocking; horrific. <i>An awful speech.</i>
begudging	Given reluctantly or resentfully. <i>Begudging admiration from a rival.</i>
bilious	Affected by or associated with nausea or vomiting. <i>A bilious yellow hue.</i>
biting	Causing a sharply painful or stinging sensation; used especially of cold. <i>A biting wind.</i>

blistering	Very fast; capable of quick response and great speed. <i>Blistering sun.</i>
caustic	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i>A caustic cleaner.</i>
chilling	Horrifying or frightening. <i>A chilling account of the prisoners fate.</i>
chilly	Not characterized by emotion. <i>A female form in marble a chilly but ideal medium for depicting abstract virtues.</i>
choleric	(in medieval medicine) having cholera as the predominant bodily humour. <i>A choleric outburst.</i>
churlish	Rude and boorish. <i>It seems churlish to complain.</i>
cruel	Causing pain or suffering. <i>Cruel tortures.</i>
disagreeable	Unfriendly and bad-tempered. <i>Aspects of his work are disagreeable to him.</i>
discontented	Showing or experiencing dissatisfaction or restless longing. <i>Was discontented with his position.</i>
disgruntled	In a state of sulky dissatisfaction. <i>Judges receive letters from disgruntled members of the public.</i>
disquieting	Causing mental discomfort. <i>He found Jean's gaze disquieting.</i>
dissatisfied	In a state of sulky dissatisfaction. <i>Dissatisfied customers.</i>
distressing	Causing anxiety, sorrow or pain; upsetting. <i>Distressing or disturbing news.</i>
disturbing	Causing anxiety; worrying. <i>A disturbing amount of crime.</i>
embittered	Angry or resentful at having been treated unfairly. <i>He died an embittered man.</i>
ferocious	Very great; extreme. <i>A ferocious beast.</i>
freezing	(used hyperbolically) very cold. <i>He was freezing and miserable.</i>
frigid	Sexually unresponsive. <i>A frigid greeting.</i>

frosty	Pleasantly cold and invigorating. <i>The dog crouched in the frosty grass.</i>
galling	Causing annoyance or resentment; annoying. <i>It would be galling to lose your job because of a dispute with a customer.</i>
glacial	Extremely slow (like the movement of a glacier). <i>His glacial blue eyes.</i>
grievous	Causing or marked by grief or anguish. <i>A grievous fault.</i>
grudging	Of especially an attitude. <i>Grudging acceptance of his opponent's victory.</i>
harrowing	Acutely distressing. <i>It was a harrowing experience.</i>
harsh	Disagreeable to the senses. <i>A harsh penalty.</i>
<u>heartbreaking</u>	Causing or marked by grief or anguish. <i>It would be heartbreaking to see it all collapse.</i>
<u>hostile</u>	Of or belonging to a military enemy. <i>A hostile audience.</i>
icy	Covered with or containing or consisting of ice. <i>Icy hands.</i>
ill-natured	Having an irritable and unpleasant disposition.
<u>indignant</u>	Angered at something unjust or wrong. <i>He was indignant at being the object of suspicion.</i>
jaundiced	Affected by jaundice which causes yellowing of skin etc. <i>Looked with a jaundiced eye on the growth of regimentation.</i>
malign	Of a disease malignant. <i>Believed in witches and malign spirits.</i>
<u>miserable</u>	(of a person) wretchedly unhappy or uncomfortable. <i>All they pay me is a miserable 8 000 a year.</i>
morose	Sullen and ill-tempered. <i>A morose and unsociable manner.</i>
mortifying	Causing awareness of your shortcomings. <i>It was mortifying to know he had heard every word.</i>
<u>nasty</u>	Characterized by obscenity. <i>Will he say nasty things at my funeral.</i>
<u>painful</u>	Causing physical pain. <i>Her ankle was very painful.</i>

peevish	Having or showing an irritable disposition. <i>A thin peevish voice.</i>
<u>petulant</u>	(of a person or their manner) childishly sulky or bad-tempered. <i>A petulant shake of the head.</i>
<u>poignant</u>	Arousing affect. <i>Poignant grief cannot endure forever.</i>
poisonous	(of an animal) producing poison as a means of attacking enemies or prey; venomous. <i>Poisonous hate.</i>
pungent	Having a sharply strong taste or smell. <i>The pungent taste of radishes.</i>
rancorous	Characterized by bitterness or resentment. <i>Sixteen miserable months of rancorous disputes.</i>
<u>resentful</u>	Feeling or expressing bitterness or indignation at having been treated unfairly. <i>Resentful at the way he was treated.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad. <i>The show is tongue in cheek anyone who takes it seriously is a bit sad.</i>
savage	(of a person or group) primitive and uncivilized. <i>A savage attack on the government.</i>
scathing	Marked by harshly abusive criticism. <i>She launched a scathing attack on the Prime Minister.</i>
<u>sharp</u>	Ending in a sharp point. <i>The scene was as sharp and clear in his mind as a film.</i>
<u>sour</u>	Having a sharp biting taste. <i>Her breath was always sour.</i>
spiteful	Showing malicious ill will and a desire to hurt; motivated by spite. <i>The teachers made spiteful little jokes about me.</i>
splenetic	Of or relating to the spleen. <i>A splenetic rant.</i>
sulfurous	Characterized by oppressive heat and humidity. <i>The sulfurous atmosphere preceding a thunderstorm.</i>
sullen	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. <i>A sullen sunless sky.</i>
sulphurous	(chiefly of vapour) containing or derived from sulphur. <i>A sulphurous glance.</i>

tragic	Of or relating to or characteristic of tragedy. <i>A tragic accident.</i>
traumatic	Psychologically painful. <i>Few experiences are more traumatic than losing a child.</i>
unhappy	Not satisfied or pleased with (a situation). <i>An unhappy marriage.</i>
unpleasant	Causing discomfort, unhappiness, or revulsion; disagreeable. <i>When drunk he could become very unpleasant.</i>
unsweetened	Not made sweet. <i>Unsweetened grapefruit juice.</i>
upsetting	Causing an emotional disturbance- Herb Caen. <i>An upsetting experience.</i>
venomous	(of a person or their behaviour) full of malice or spite. <i>The critics weren't just harsh they were venomous.</i>
vexatious	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>A vexatious child.</i>
vicious	(of persons or their actions) able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>The dog was vicious and likely to bite.</i>
vindictive	Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge- Shakespeare- M.R.Cohen. <i>A vindictive man will look for occasions for resentment.</i>
vinegary	Having a sour disposition; ill-tempered. <i>Onions in a sharp vinegary sauce.</i>
virulent	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i>A virulent insect bite.</i>
vitriolic	Filled with bitter criticism or malice. <i>Vitriolic outbursts.</i>
wretched	Used to express anger or annoyance. <i>Wretched prisoners huddled in stinking cages.</i>



Usage Examples of "Bitter" as an adjective

- *Raw berries have an intensely bitter flavour.*
- *A bitter struggle.*
- *Today's decision has come as a bitter blow.*
- *A bitter five-year legal battle.*
- *Bitter cold.*
- *A bitter sorrow.*
- *Bitter enemies.*
- *She knew from bitter experience how treacherous such feelings could be.*
- *A bitter February night.*
- *Quinine is bitter.*
- *She wept bitter tears of self-reproach.*
- *Bitter about the divorce.*
- *Bitter words.*
- *The bitter truth.*

- *Shed bitter tears.*
- *I don't feel jealous or bitter.*



Bitter as an Adverb

Definitions of "Bitter" as an adverb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "bitter" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- *Extremely and sharply.*



Synonyms of "Bitter" as an adverb (3 Words)

bitingly Extremely and sharply.

bitterly (relating to wind or weather) to an intensely cold degree.
*Its humour is cutting and **bitterly** sarcastic.*

piercingly Extremely and sharply.



Usage Examples of "Bitter" as an adverb

- *It was bitterly cold.*
- *Bitter cold.*



Associations of "Bitter" (30 Words)

acerbic	(especially of a comment or style of speaking) sharp and forthright. <i>His acerbic wit.</i>
acerbity	Sharpness and directness in speech. <i>Exuberance sharpened by blunt wit and acerbity.</i>
aching	A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain. <i>My aching head.</i>
acid	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i>The acid smell of burning rubber.</i>
acrimonious	Marked by strong resentment or cynicism. <i>An acrimonious dispute about wages.</i>

awful	Awfully very. <i>An awful voice.</i>
biting	(of insects and certain other animals) able to wound the skin with a sting or fangs. <i>A biting aphorism.</i>
bitterness	Anger and disappointment at being treated unfairly; resentment. <i>He expressed bitterness over his dismissal without notice.</i>
denouncement	A public act of denouncing.
<u>denunciation</u>	The action of informing against someone. <i>A denunciation of the bombing.</i>
diatribe	Thunderous verbal attack. <i>A diatribe against consumerism.</i>
erosive	Wearing away by friction. <i>The erosive effects of waves on the shoreline.</i>
<u>feud</u>	Carry out a feud. <i>The two professors have been feuding for years.</i>
harsh	(of reality or a fact) grim and unpalatable. <i>The harsh realities of the world news.</i>
<u>indignant</u>	Feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment. <i>He was indignant at being the object of suspicion.</i>
<u>malicious</u>	Having the nature of or resulting from malice. <i>Malicious gossip.</i>
mordant	Impregnate or treat a fabric with a mordant. <i>Mordanting a fibre is simple.</i>
<u>painful</u>	(of a part of the body) affected with pain. <i>The painful process of growing up.</i>
piquant	Pleasantly stimulating or exciting to the mind. <i>A piquant wit.</i>
poignancy	A state of deeply felt distress or sorrow. <i>A moment of extraordinary poignancy.</i>
pungent	Having a sharply strong taste or smell. <i>The pungent smell of frying onions.</i>
rage	An interest followed with exaggerated zeal. <i>She couldn't hide the fear that raged within her.</i>
rancorous	Showing deep-seated resentment. <i>Sixteen miserable months of rancorous disputes.</i>

resentful	Full of or marked by resentment or indignant ill will. <i>He was angry and resentful of their intrusion.</i>
resentment	Bitter indignation at having been treated unfairly. <i>Some people harbour resentments going back many years.</i>
sour	Go sour or spoil. <i>He gave her a sour look.</i>
stench	A strong and very unpleasant smell. <i>The stench of rotting fish.</i>
terrible	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>The terrible conditions in which the ordinary people lived.</i>
unsparing	Merciless; severe. <i>An unsparing critic.</i>
vitriolic	Of a substance, especially a strong acid; capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action. <i>Vitriolic attacks on the politicians.</i>

