

Need another word that means the same as “compelling”? Find 48 synonyms and 30 related words for “compelling” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Compelling” are: enthralling, captivating, gripping, engrossing, riveting, spellbinding, entrancing, mesmerizing, hypnotic, mesmeric, absorbing, fascinating, thrilling, irresistible, addictive, convincing, persuasive, cogent, forceful, powerful, potent, strong, weighty, plausible, credible, effective, efficacious, sound, valid, reasonable, reasoned, well reasoned, rational, well founded, telling, conclusive, irrefutable, unanswerable, authoritative, influential, very strong, profound, uncontrollable, irrepressible, unbearable, overpowering, oppressive, unutterable

Compelling as an Adjective

Definitions of "Compelling" as an adjective

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

- *Evoking interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way.*
- *Driving or forcing.*
- *Not able to be resisted; overwhelming.*
- *Tending to persuade by forcefulness of argument.*
- *Not able to be refuted; inspiring conviction.*

Synonyms of "Compelling" as an adjective (48 Words)

absorbing Intensely interesting; engrossing.
An **absorbing** account of their marriage.

addictive	(of a substance or activity) causing or likely to cause someone to become addicted. <i>Addictive drugs.</i>
authoritative	Proceeding from an official source and requiring compliance or obedience. <i>His voice was calm and authoritative.</i>
captivating	Capable of attracting and holding interest; charming. <i>Roosevelt was a captivating speaker.</i>
cogent	(of an argument or case) clear, logical, and convincing. <i>They put forward cogent arguments for British membership.</i>
conclusive	(of a victory) achieved easily or by a large margin. <i>A conclusive 5-0 win.</i>
<u>convincing</u>	Causing one to believe the truth of something. <i>A convincing manner.</i>
<u>credible</u>	Capable of being believed. <i>Credible information.</i>
effective	Able to accomplish a purpose functioning effectively. <i>Effective teaching methods.</i>
<u>efficacious</u>	Marked by qualities giving the power to produce an intended effect. <i>An efficacious law.</i>
engrossing	Capable of arousing and holding the attention. <i>The most engrossing parts of the book.</i>
enthraling	Capturing interest as if by a spell. <i>An enthraling book.</i>
<u>entrancing</u>	Capturing interest as if by a spell. <i>Antique papers of entrancing design.</i>
<u>fascinating</u>	Extremely interesting. <i>A fascinating story.</i>
forceful	Forceful and definite in expression or action. <i>A forceful plan for peace.</i>
<u>gripping</u>	Firmly holding the attention or interest; exciting. <i>A gripping TV thriller.</i>
hypnotic	Of or relating to hypnosis. <i>Read the bedtime story in a hypnotic voice.</i>
<u>influential</u>	Having great influence on someone or something. <i>Influential leadership for peace.</i>
irrefutable	Impossible to deny or disprove. <i>An irrefutable argument.</i>

irrepressible	Not able to be controlled or restrained. <i>An irrepressible rogue.</i>
<u>irresistible</u>	Too powerful or convincing to be resisted. <i>What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object.</i>
mesmeric	Causing a person to become completely transfixed and unaware of their surroundings. <i>Mesmeric anaesthesia.</i>
<u>mesmerizing</u>	Capturing one's complete attention as if by magic. <i>The sheer force of his presence was mesmerizing.</i>
<u>oppressive</u>	Weighing heavily on the mind or spirits. <i>An oppressive dictatorship.</i>
overpowering	So strong as to be irresistible. <i>An overpowering need for solitude.</i>
persuasive	Intended or having the power to induce action or belief. <i>An informative and persuasive speech.</i>
plausible	Given to or characterized by presenting specious arguments. <i>It seems plausible that one of two things may happen.</i>
potent	Capable of copulation. <i>A potent toxin.</i>
powerful	Of a person possessing physical strength and weight rugged and powerful. <i>A powerful bomb.</i>
profound	Of the greatest intensity; complete. <i>A state of profound shock.</i>
rational	Having its source in or being guided by the intellect (as distinguished from experience or emotion). <i>A rational analysis.</i>
reasonable	Fairly good; average. <i>The carpet is in reasonable condition.</i>
reasoned	Logically valid. <i>A reasoned judgement.</i>
<u>riveting</u>	Completely engrossing; compelling. <i>The book is a riveting account of the legendary freedom fighter.</i>
sound	Having legal efficacy or force. <i>No sound explanation for his decision.</i>
spellbinding	Holding one's attention completely as though by magic; fascinating. <i>A spellbinding description of life in ancient Rome.</i>

strong	Strong and sure. <i>A strong radio signal.</i>
telling	Powerfully persuasive. <i>A telling presentation.</i>
thrilling	Causing excitement and pleasure; exhilarating. <i>A thrilling performer to watch.</i>
unanswerable	Unable to be answered. <i>The case for abolishing the fee is unanswerable.</i>
unbearable	Incapable of being tolerated or endured. <i>The heat was getting unbearable.</i>
uncontrollable	Difficult to solve or alleviate. <i>Her brother had an uncontrollable temper.</i>
unutterable	Very difficult to pronounce correctly. <i>Unutterable consonant clusters.</i>
valid	Legally binding due to having been executed in compliance with the law. <i>A valid argument.</i>
very strong	Being the exact same one; not any other.
weighty	Of great gravity or crucial import; requiring serious thought. <i>He threw off all weighty considerations of state.</i>
well founded	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.
well reasoned	Resulting favorably.

Usage Examples of "Compelling" as an adjective

- *Compelling ambition.*
- *There is compelling evidence that the recession is ending.*
- *His eyes were strangely compelling.*
- *A compelling film.*
- *The temptation to give up was compelling.*
- *A compelling argument.*
- *New and compelling evidence.*

Associations of "Compelling" (30 Words)

coerce	Persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats. <i>Their confessions were allegedly coerced by torture.</i>
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coercion	Using force to cause something to occur. <i>They didn't have to use coercion.</i>
compel	Force or oblige (someone) to do something. <i>We compel all students to fill out this form.</i>
<u>compulsion</u>	An irrational motive for performing trivial or repetitive actions, even against your will. <i>He felt a compulsion to babble on about the accident.</i>
<u>compulsory</u>	Involving or exercising compulsion; coercive. <i>In most schools physical education is compulsory.</i>
confinement	Concluding state of pregnancy; from the onset of contractions to the birth of a child. <i>He was immediately released from his confinement.</i>
<u>conscription</u>	Compulsory enlistment for state service, typically into the armed forces. <i>Conscription was extended to married men.</i>
constrain	Severely restrict the scope, extent, or activity of. <i>Calypso in her caves constrained his stay.</i>
 cursory	Hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough. <i>A casual or cursory inspection failed to reveal the house's structural flaws.</i>
demand	The act of demanding. <i>The kidnapper's exorbitant demands for money.</i>
<u>duress</u>	Constraint illegally exercised to force someone to perform an act. <i>Confessions extracted under duress.</i>
eloquently	In an articulate manner. <i>Commentators have spoken eloquently on both sides of the issue.</i>
flatly	In a smooth and even way. <i>I applied the paint flatly.</i>
force	Make a way through or into by physical strength break open by force. <i>He was thrown backwards by the force of the explosion.</i>
forced	Forced or compelled. <i>Forced heartiness.</i>
forcible	Vigorous and strong; forceful. <i>Forcible entry.</i>
impel	Urge or force (a person) to an action; constrain or motivate. <i>Vital energies impel him in unforeseen directions.</i>
mandatory	Required by law or mandate; compulsory. <i>Wearing helmets was made mandatory for pedal cyclists.</i>

<u>must</u>	The quality of smelling or tasting old or stale or mouldy. <i>This video is a must for everyone.</i>
need	Have or feel a need for. <i>God has no need of men to accomplish His work.</i>
obligate	Commit in order to fulfill an obligation. <i>An obligate intracellular parasite.</i>
obligatory	Required by obligation or compulsion or convention. <i>He made all the obligatory apologies.</i>
oblige	Bind by an obligation; cause to be indebted. <i>Oblige me by not being sorry for yourself.</i>
<u>perfunctory</u>	As a formality only. <i>Perfunctory courtesy.</i>
require	Require as useful just or proper. <i>Please indicate how many tickets you require.</i>
required	Required by rule. <i>Required reading.</i>
sequester	Keep away from others. <i>A trustee in a sequestered estate.</i>
stiffen	Restrict. <i>He stiffened his knees in an effort to prevent them trembling.</i>
tighten	Make tight or tighter. <i>He tightened up the clips.</i>
unconditionally	Without conditions or limits. <i>The enemy forces surrendered unconditionally.</i>