

Need another word that means the same as “costly”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “costly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Costly” are: dearly-won, dear, high-priced, pricey, pricy, expensive, overpriced, exorbitant, extortionate, immoderate, extravagant, catastrophic, ruinous, disastrous, calamitous, cataclysmic, devastating, crippling, crushing, fatal, lethal, damaging, harmful, injurious, deleterious, woeful, grievous, lamentable, dire, awful, terrible, unfortunate

Costly as an Adjective

Definitions of "Costly" as an adjective

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

- *Entailing great loss or sacrifice.*
- *Having a high price.*
- *Causing suffering, loss, or disadvantage.*
- *Costing a lot; expensive.*



Synonyms of "Costly" as an adjective (32 Words)

- awful** Exceptionally bad or displeasing.
*This sea whose gently **awful** stirrings seem to speak of some hidden soul beneath.*
- calamitous** Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.
*A **calamitous** defeat.*
- cataclysmic** Used to emphasize the extent of something bad or unwelcome.
*A **cataclysmic** earthquake.*
- [catastrophic](#)** Involving or causing sudden great damage or suffering.
***Catastrophic** mismanagement of the economy.*

crippling	That cripples or disables or incapacitates. <i>A crippling disease.</i>
crushing	Physically or spiritually devastating; often used in combination. <i>A crushing rejection.</i>
damaging	(sometimes followed by `to') causing harm or injury. <i>Damaging allegations of corruption.</i>
dear	Endearing sweet. <i>One s dearest wish.</i>
dearly-won	Entailing great loss or sacrifice.
deleterious	Harmful to living things. <i>Deleterious chemical additives.</i>
devastating	Physically or spiritually devastating often used in combination. <i>She had a devastating wit.</i>
dire	Extremely serious or urgent. <i>Misuse of drugs can have dire consequences.</i>
disastrous	Highly unsuccessful. <i>The battle was a disastrous end to a disastrous campaign.</i>
exorbitant	Greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation. <i>Exorbitant rent.</i>
expensive	Costing a lot of money. <i>An expensive shop.</i>
extortionate	Using or given to extortion. <i>Extortionate prices.</i>
extravagant	Lacking restraint in spending money or using resources. <i>It was rather extravagant to buy both.</i>
fatal	Bringing death. <i>It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.</i>
grievous	Of great gravity or crucial import; requiring serious thought. <i>Grievous bodily harm.</i>
harmful	Causing or capable of causing harm. <i>Too much sun is harmful to the skin.</i>
high-priced	Having a high price.
immoderate	Beyond reasonable limits. <i>Immoderate drinking.</i>
injurious	Causing or likely to cause damage or harm. <i>Food which is injurious to health.</i>

lamentable	Bad; unfortunate. <i>Her open prejudice showed lamentable immaturity.</i>
lethal	Very harmful or destructive. <i>A lethal injection.</i>
overpriced	Too expensive; costing more than it is worth. <i>Overpriced hotels.</i>
pricey	Having a high price. <i>Boutiques selling pricey clothes.</i>
pricy	Having a high price.
ruinous	Extremely harmful; bringing physical or financial ruin. <i>The castle is ruinous.</i>
terrible	Used to emphasize the extent of something unpleasant or bad. <i>The stranger gave a terrible smile.</i>
unfortunate	Not favored by fortune; marked or accompanied by or resulting in ill fortune. <i>The delay at the airport was an unfortunate start to our holiday.</i>
woeful	Affected by or full of grief or woe. <i>Her face was woeful.</i>



Usage Examples of "Costly" as an adjective

- *Costly jewelry.*
- *The government's biggest and most costly mistake.*
- *Major problems requiring costly repairs.*



Associations of "Costly" (30 Words)

billion

The number that is represented as a one followed by 12 zeros; in the United Kingdom the usage followed in the United States is frequently seen.

billionaire

A very rich person whose material wealth is valued at more than a billion dollars.

cash

Exchange for cash.

*I **cash**ed the check as soon as it arrived in the mail.*

century

A company in the ancient Roman army, originally of a hundred men.

*A twentieth **century** lifestyle.*

compute

Reckon or calculate (a figure or amount).

*The hire charge is **computed** on a daily basis.*

cost

Estimate the price of.

***Costs** may be awarded to a successful private prosecutor out of central funds.*

deluxe	Elegant and sumptuous. <i>A deluxe hotel.</i>
<u>expensive</u>	Costing a lot of money. <i>Keeping a horse is expensive.</i>
financier	Conduct financial operations.
five	A playing card or a domino or a die whose upward face shows five pips.
hundred	Being ten more than ninety. <i>Wantage Hundred.</i>
<u>income</u>	Money received, especially on a regular basis, for work or through investments. <i>He has a nice home and an adequate income.</i>
<u>inefficient</u>	Not producing desired results; wasteful. <i>Inefficient transport systems.</i>
investor	A person or organization that puts money into financial schemes, property, etc. with the expectation of achieving a profit. <i>Foreign investors in the British commercial property sector.</i>
million	A very large indefinite number (usually hyperbole). <i>There were millions of flies.</i>
millionaire	A person whose assets are worth one million pounds or dollars or more. <i>He is now a millionaire several times over.</i>
outlay	An amount of money spent on something. <i>A modest outlay on local advertising.</i>
overpayment	A payment larger than needed or expected. <i>A refund for overpayment of tax.</i>
paying	For which money is paid. <i>A paying job.</i>
percent	A proportion in relation to a whole (which is usually the amount per hundred).
philanthropist	Someone who makes charitable donations intended to increase human well-being. <i>The trust was founded by an American philanthropist.</i>
rich	Marked by richness and fullness of flavor. <i>Novels have always been a rich source of material for the film industry.</i>
seventy	The cardinal number that is the product of ten and seven.
spending	The act of spending or disbursing money.
spendthrift	Someone who spends money prodigally. <i>A spendthrift uncle.</i>

stipend

A sum of money allotted on a regular basis; usually for some specific purpose.

ten

One of four playing cards in a deck with ten pips on the face.

three

One of four playing cards in a deck having three pips.

times

Multiply (a number).

*You **times** the six by four to get twenty four.*

trillion

One million million in the United States.

*In England they call a **trillion** a billion.*

