

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.*

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

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

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

