

Need another word that means the same as “degrading”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “degrading” in this overview.

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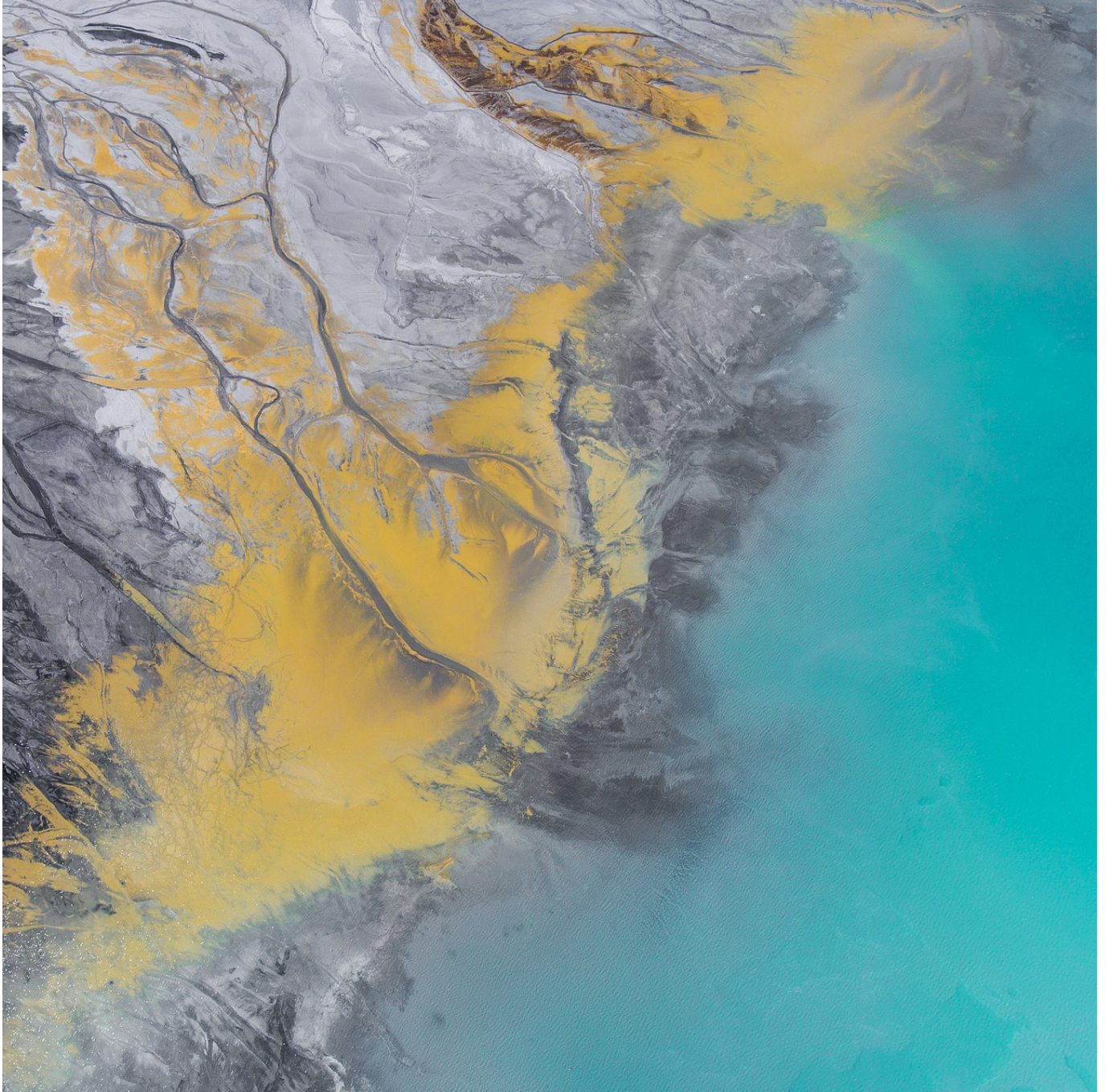
The synonyms of “Degrading” are: debasing, corrupting, humiliating, demeaning, shameful, mortifying, abject, lowering, ignominious, undignified, inglorious, wretched

Degrading as an Adjective

Definitions of "Degrading" as an adjective

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

- *Used of conduct; characterized by dishonor.*
- *Harmful to the mind or morals.*
- *Causing a loss of self-respect; humiliating.*



Synonyms of "Degrading" as an adjective (12 Words)

abject

Showing humiliation or submissiveness.
Abject cowardice.

corrupting	Containing errors or alterations. <i>Corrupt judges and their corrupting influence.</i>
debasing	Used of conduct; characterized by dishonor.
demeaning	Causing someone to lose their dignity and the respect of others. <i>The poster was not demeaning to women.</i>
humiliating	Making someone feel ashamed and foolish by injuring their dignity and pride. <i>A humiliating defeat.</i>
ignominious	Deserving or bringing disgrace or shame- Rachel Carson. <i>No other party risked ignominious defeat.</i> (used of conduct or character) deserving or bringing disgrace or shame.
inglorious	<i>Inglorious though the peasants may have been this is not synonymous with mute.</i>
lowering	Darkened by clouds.
mortifying	Causing to feel shame or chagrin or vexation. <i>It was mortifying to know he had heard every word.</i>
shameful	Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation. <i>A shameful display of cowardice.</i>
undignified	Appearing foolish and unseemly; lacking in dignity. <i>An undignified exit.</i>
wretched	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>Wretched prisoners huddled in stinking cages.</i>



Usage Examples of "Degrading" as an adjective

- *The vicious and degrading cult of violence.*
- *The prisoners were subjected to cruel and degrading treatment.*



Associations of "Degrading" (30 Words)

abject

Showing utter resignation or hopelessness.
*An **abject** apology.*

abusive

Engaging in or characterized by habitual violence and cruelty.
*He became quite **abusive** and swore at her.*

belittle

Lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of.
*She **belittled** Amy's riding skills whenever she could.*

contemptuous

Showing contempt; scornful.
*She was intolerant and **contemptuous** of the majority of the human race.*

criticize

Find fault with; express criticism of; point out real or perceived flaws.
*Those who **criticize** others often are not perfect either.*

curse

Invoke or use a curse against.
*It often seemed as if the family had been **cursed**.*

decry

Publicly denounce.
*They **decry** human rights abuses.*

defame	Charge falsely or with malicious intent; attack the good name and reputation of someone. <i>He claimed that the article defamed his family.</i>
demean	Cause a severe loss in the dignity of and respect for (someone or something). <i>I had demeaned the profession.</i>
denigrate	Charge falsely or with malicious intent. <i>Doom and gloom merchants who denigrate their own country.</i>
derogatory	Expressive of low opinion. <i>She tells me I m fat and is always making derogatory remarks.</i>
discouraging	Causing someone to lose confidence or enthusiasm; depressing. <i>A discouraging experience.</i>
disgraceful	Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation- Thackeray. <i>A disgraceful waste of money.</i>
disparaging	Expressing the opinion that something is of little worth; derogatory. <i>Disparaging remarks about the new house.</i>
embarrassing	Hard to deal with; especially causing pain or embarrassment. <i>The embarrassing moment when she found her petticoat down around her ankles.</i>
humiliating	Causing awareness of your shortcomings. <i>A humiliating defeat.</i>
ignominious	Deserving or bringing disgrace or shame- Rachel Carson. <i>No other party risked ignominious defeat.</i>
inhuman	Without compunction or human feeling. <i>The inhuman scale of the dinosaurs.</i>
insulting	Disrespectful or scornfully abusive. <i>Their language is insulting to women.</i>
intimidating	Having a frightening, overawing, or threatening effect. <i>The intimidating defence barrister.</i>
libellous	Containing or constituting a libel. <i>A libellous newspaper story.</i>
libelous	(used of statements) harmful and often untrue; tending to discredit or malign.
menacing	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>Our officers encountered menacing looks from teenagers.</i>

- pejorative** A word expressing contempt or disapproval.
*Permissiveness is used almost universally as a **pejorative** term.*
- reproach** In the Roman Catholic Church a set of antiphons and responses for Good Friday representing the reproaches of Christ to his people.
*His wife **reproached** him with cowardice.*
- scornful** Feeling or expressing contempt or derision.
***Scornful** laughter.*
- shame** Bring shame or dishonor upon.
*The entire debacle has **shamed** Scotland.*
- shameful** Deserving or bringing disgrace or shame- Rachel Carson.
*A **shameful** display of cowardice.*
- slandorous** (of a spoken statement) false and malicious.
***Slandorous** allegations.*
- vilify** Speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner.
He has been vilified in the press.

