

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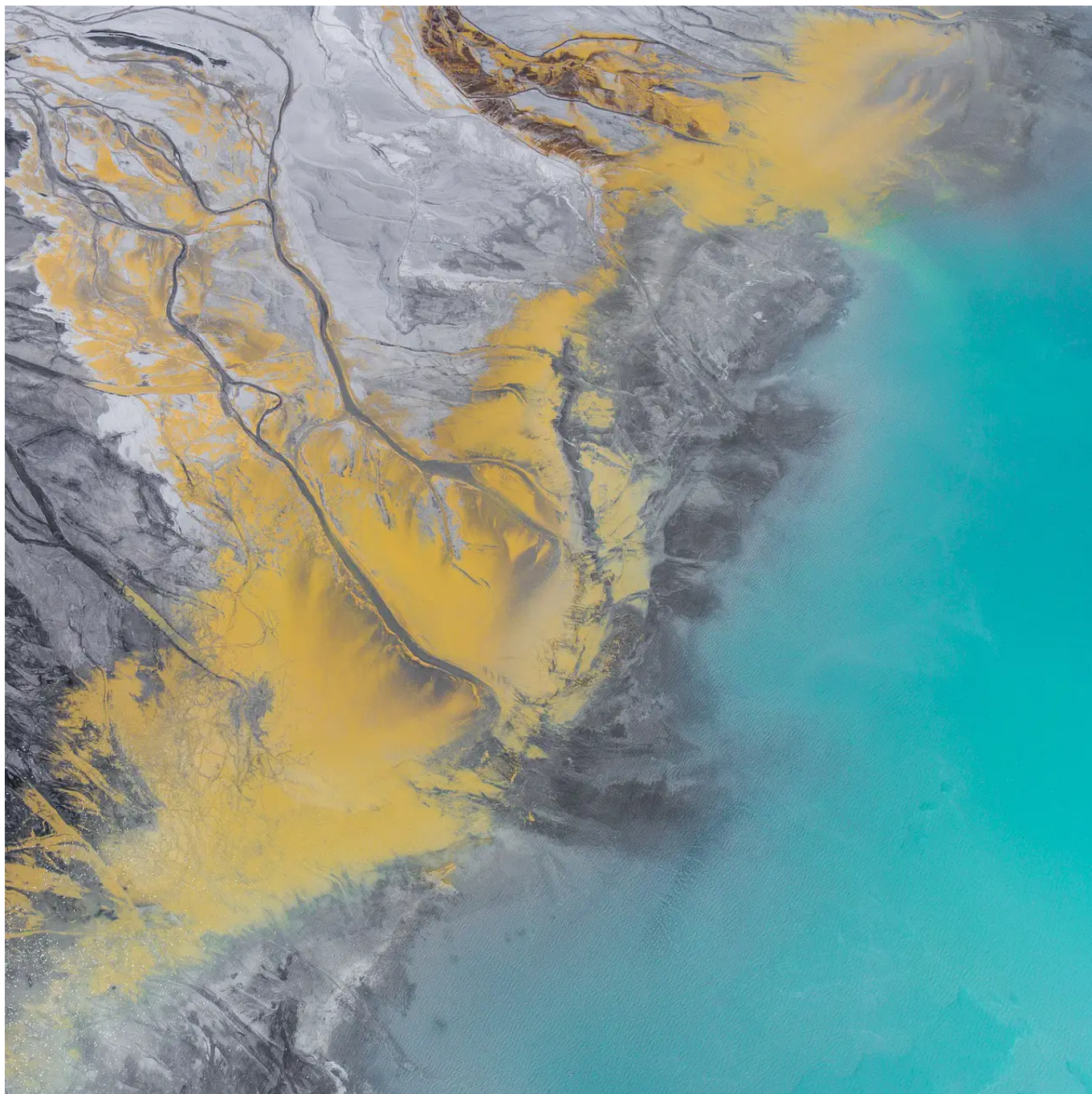
**The synonyms of “Degrading” are: debasing, corrupting, humiliating, demeaning, shameful, mortifying, abject, lowering, ignominious, undignified, inglorious, wretched**

## 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.

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



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

**slanderous**

(of a spoken statement) false and malicious.  
***Slanderous** allegations.*

**vilify**

Speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner.  
*He has been vilified in the press.*

