

Need another word that means the same as “destructive”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “destructive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Destructive” are: devastating, ruinous, disastrous, catastrophic, calamitous, cataclysmic, negative, hostile, antagonistic

Destructive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Destructive" as an adjective

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

- *Causing destruction or much damage.*
- *Negative and unhelpful.*
- *Causing great and irreparable damage.*



Synonyms of "Destructive" as an adjective (9 Words)

- antagonistic** Indicating opposition or resistance.
*Slaves **antagonistic** to their masters.*
- calamitous** (of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.
*Such **calamitous** events as fires hurricanes and floods.*
- cataclysmic** (of a natural event) large-scale and violent.
*A novel about a **cataclysmic** world war.*
- catastrophic** Involving or causing sudden great damage or suffering.
*The body undergoes **catastrophic** collapse towards the state of a black hole.*
- devastating** Physically or spiritually devastating often used in combination.
*She had a **devastating** wit.*
- disastrous** Causing great damage.
*A **disastrous** fire swept through the museum.*

- hostile** Unsolicited and resisted by the management of the target company (used of attempts to buy or take control of a business.
*A **hostile** nation.*
- negative** Having a negative charge.
*A **negative** reaction to an advertising campaign.*
- ruinous** Disastrous or destructive.
*A **ruinous** effect on the environment.*



Usage Examples of "Destructive" as an adjective

- *A policy that is destructive to the economy.*
- *Destructive criticism.*
- *The destructive power of weapons.*



Associations of "Destructive" (30 Words)

- abrasive** A substance that abrades or wears down.
*The refrigerator is easily damaged by **abrasives**.*
- brittle** A brittle sweet made from nuts and set melted sugar.
*Glass is **brittle**.*
- calamitous** Involving calamity; catastrophic or disastrous.
*A **calamitous** defeat.*
- catastrophic** Relating to geological catastrophism.
*The body undergoes **catastrophic** collapse towards the state of a black hole.*

caustic	A caustic substance. <i>Caustic jokes about political assassination talk show hosts and medical ethics.</i>
conflagration	An extensive fire which destroys a great deal of land or property. <i>Tinder dry conditions sparked fears of a conflagration in many drought devastated communities.</i>
corrode	Destroy or damage (metal, stone, or other materials) slowly by chemical action. <i>Acid rain poisons fish and corrodes buildings.</i>
corrosive	A corrosive substance. <i>Corrosive criticism.</i>
crushing	Physically or spiritually devastating; often used in combination. <i>Bone crushing.</i>
damage	Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>She was awarded 284 000 in damages.</i>
deadly	In a way resembling or suggesting death; as if dead. <i>A deadly weapon.</i>
deconstruct	Interpret a text or an artwork by the method of deconstructing. <i>She likes to deconstruct the texts to uncover what they are not saying.</i>
destroy	Destroy completely damage irreparably. <i>He has been determined to destroy her.</i>
destruction	A final state. <i>The avalanche left a trail of destruction.</i>
devastate	Destroy or ruin. <i>She was devastated by the loss of Damian.</i>
devastating	Physically or spiritually devastating often used in combination. <i>She had a devastating wit.</i>
earthquake	A disturbance that is extremely disruptive. <i>Selling the company caused an earthquake among the employees.</i>
erosive	Wearing away by friction. <i>The erosive effects of waves on the shoreline.</i>
fatal	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>A fatal series of events.</i>
harmful	Causing or likely to cause harm. <i>Too much sun is harmful to the skin.</i>
iconoclasm	The orientation of an iconoclast.

iconoclastic	Destructive of images used in religious worship; said of religions, such as Islam, in which the representation of living things is prohibited. <i>An iconoclastic filmmaker who has pushed the boundaries with every film he s made.</i>
lethal	(in a sporting context) very accurate or skilful. <i>A lethal injection.</i>
ruinous	In ruins; dilapidated. <i>The cost of their ransom might be ruinous.</i>
stifling	(of heat, air, or a room) very hot and causing difficulties in breathing; suffocating. <i>The stifling atmosphere.</i>
suppression	The cancelling of the effect of one mutation by a second mutation. <i>A suppression of the newspaper.</i>
tragic	A boring or socially inept person, typically having an obsessive and solitary interest. <i>The shooting was a tragic accident.</i>
unfortunate	Having or marked by bad fortune; unlucky. <i>Those unfortunates whose lives are marred by poverty.</i>
vitriolic	Harsh or corrosive in tone. <i>Vitriolic outbursts.</i>
withering	Any weakening or degeneration (especially through lack of use). <i>The guns opened a withering fire.</i>

