

Need another word that means the same as “detrimental”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “detrimental” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Detrimental” are: damaging, prejudicial, prejudicious, harmful, injurious, hurtful, inimical, deleterious, dangerous, destructive, ruinous, calamitous, disastrous, pernicious, ill, bad, evil, baleful, malign, corrupting, malignant, adverse, undesirable, unfavourable, unfortunate, counterproductive**

## Detrimental as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Detrimental" as an adjective

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

- *Causing harm or injury.*
- *Tending to cause harm.*
- *(sometimes followed by `to') causing harm or injury.*

### Synonyms of "Detrimental" as an adjective (26 Words)

<b><a href="#">adverse</a></b>	Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavourable. <i><b>Adverse</b> weather conditions.</i>
<b>bad</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>So called <b>bad</b> grammar.</i>
<b>baleful</b>	Threatening harm; menacing. <i>The Florida eagles have a fierce <b>baleful</b> look.</i>

<b>calamitous</b>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>Such <b>calamitous</b> events as fires hurricanes and floods.</i>
<b>corrupting</b>	Not straight; dishonest or immoral or evasive. <i>Corrupt judges and their <b>corrupting</b> influence.</i>
<b>counterproductive</b>	Tending to hinder the achievement of a goal. <i>Child experts fear the Executive s plans may prove <b>counterproductive</b>.</i>
<b>damaging</b>	Having a detrimental effect on someone or something. <i><b>Damaging</b> allegations of corruption.</i>
<b>dangerous</b>	Likely to cause problems or to have adverse consequences. <i>A <b>dangerous</b> bridge.</i>
<b>deleterious</b>	Causing harm or damage. <i>Divorce is assumed to have <b>deleterious</b> effects on children.</i>
<b>destructive</b>	Causing destruction or much damage. <i>The <b>destructive</b> power of weapons.</i>
<b>disastrous</b>	Causing great damage. <i>A <b>disastrous</b> fire swept through the museum.</i>
<b>evil</b>	Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil. <i><b>Evil</b> purposes.</i>
<b>harmful</b>	Causing or capable of causing harm. <i>Sugars which can be <b>harmful</b> to the teeth.</i>
<b>hurtful</b>	Causing distress to someone's feelings. <i>Her <b>hurtful</b> unconsidered words.</i>
<b>ill</b>	Presaging ill fortune. <i>Even the seriously <b>ill</b> cannot get tests done immediately.</i>
<b>inimical</b>	Unfriendly; hostile. <i>An <b>inimical</b> alien power.</i>
<b>injurious</b>	Causing or likely to cause damage or harm. <i>Food which is <b>injurious</b> to health.</i>
<b>malign</b>	Of a disease malignant. <i>Prompted by <b>malign</b> motives.</i>
<b>malignant</b>	(of a disease) very virulent or infectious. <i>In the hands of <b>malignant</b> fate.</i>
<b>pernicious</b>	Exceedingly harmful. <i>The <b>pernicious</b> influences of the mass media.</i>

<b>prejudicial</b>	Harmful to someone or something; detrimental. <i>The presence of discriminatory or <b>prejudicial</b> attitudes in the white population.</i>
<b>prejudicious</b>	Causing harm or injury. <i>The conclusions in the annual report of the commission are <b>prejudicious</b>.</i>
<b>ruinous</b>	Extremely harmful; bringing physical or financial ruin. <i>A <b>ruinous</b> effect on the environment.</i>
<b>undesirable</b>	Not worthy of being chosen (especially as a spouse). <i>The drug s <b>undesirable</b> side effects.</i>
<b>unfavourable</b>	(of winds or weather) tending to hinder or oppose. <i>Single mothers are often the target of <b>unfavourable</b> press attention.</i>
<b>unfortunate</b>	Having or marked by bad fortune; unlucky. <i>An <b>unfortunate</b> decision.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Detrimental" as an adjective

- *Recent policies have been detrimental to the interests of many old people.*
- *Moving her could have a detrimental effect on her health.*

## Associations of "Detrimental" (30 Words)

<b>antidote</b>	A remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison. <i>Laughter is a good <b>antidote</b> to stress.</i>
<b>catastrophic</b>	Relating to geological catastrophism. <i><b>Catastrophic</b> illness.</i>
<b>damage</b>	Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>How much is the <b>damage</b>.</i>
<b>damaging</b>	Having a detrimental effect on someone or something. <i><b>Damaging</b> allegations of corruption.</i>
<b>deadly</b>	As if dead. <i>It s a great town and the pubs are <b>deadly</b>.</i>
<b>deleterious</b>	Causing harm or damage. <i>Divorce is assumed to have <b>deleterious</b> effects on children.</i>
<b>destructive</b>	Causing destruction or much damage. <i>A policy that is <b>destructive</b> to the economy.</i>

<b>devastating</b>	Physically or spiritually devastating often used in combination. <i>A <b>devastating</b> portrait of human folly.</i>
<b>exotoxin</b>	A toxin that is secreted by microorganisms into the surrounding medium.
<b>fatal</b>	Causing death. <i>A <b>fatal</b> accident.</i>
<b>harm</b>	Cause or do harm to. <i>I can't see any <b>harm</b> in it.</i>
<b>harmful</b>	Causing or capable of causing harm. <i>The ozone layer blocks the <b>harmful</b> rays from the sun.</i>
<b>incapacitate</b>	Deprive (someone) of their legal capacity. <i>He was <b>incapacitated</b> by a heart attack.</i>
<b>injurious</b>	Causing or likely to cause damage or harm. <i>Food which is <b>injurious</b> to health.</i>
<b>injury</b>	An act that causes someone or something to receive physical damage. <i>She suffered an <b>injury</b> to her back.</i>
<b>lethal</b>	(in a sporting context) very accurate or skilful. <i>The Krakatoa eruption was the most <b>lethal</b> on record.</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>neurotoxin</b>	A poison which acts on the nervous system.
<b>noxious</b>	Injurious to physical or mental health. <i>They were overcome by the <b>noxious</b> fumes.</i>
<b>pernicious</b>	Exceedingly harmful. <i>The <b>pernicious</b> influences of the mass media.</i>
<b>poison</b>	Smear a weapon or missile with poison. <i>Her husband <b>poisoned</b> her drink in order to kill her.</i>
<b>poisoning</b>	The fact of being affected by or contaminated with poison. <i>Symptoms of <b>poisoning</b> may include nausea diarrhoea and vomiting.</i>
<b>poisonous</b>	Extremely unpleasant or malicious. <i>There was a <b>poisonous</b> atmosphere at the office.</i>
<b>prejudicial</b>	Tending to favor preconceived ideas. <i>The proposals were considered <b>prejudicial</b> to the city centre.</i>
<b>ruinous</b>	Causing injury or blight; especially affecting with sudden violence or plague or ruin. <i>A <b>ruinous</b> course of action.</i>

<b>toxin</b>	A poisonous substance produced during the metabolism and growth of certain microorganisms and some higher plant and animal species.
<b>venom</b>	Feeling a need to see others suffer. <i>His voice was full of <b>venom</b>.</i>
<b>virulent</b>	Bitterly hostile. <i>The poison is so <b>virulent</b> that it kills a fish instantly.</i>
<u><b>wound</b></u>	Inflict a wound on. <i>The right reader of a good poem can tell the moment it strikes him that he has taken an immortal <b>wound</b> that he will never get over it.</i>