

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)

[adverse](#)

Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavourable.
Adverse weather conditions.

bad

Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad.
So called **bad** grammar.

baleful

Threatening harm; menacing.
The Florida eagles have a fierce **baleful** look.

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

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

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

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

toxin	A poisonous substance produced during the metabolism and growth of certain microorganisms and some higher plant and animal species.
venom	Feeling a need to see others suffer. <i>His voice was full of venom.</i>
virulent	Bitterly hostile. <i>The poison is so virulent that it kills a fish instantly.</i>
<u>wound</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 wound that he will never get over it.</i>