

Need another word that means the same as “devastating”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “devastating” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Devastating” are: crushing, annihilating, withering, annihilative, destructive, ruinous, disastrous, catastrophic, calamitous, cataclysmic, shattering, shocking, traumatic, overwhelming, distressing, severe, savage, terrible, very great, gorgeous, stunning, glamorous, dazzling, ravishing, striking, beautiful, lovely, captivating, bewitching, beguiling, engaging, charming, charismatic, enchanting, appealing, arresting, delightful, irresistible, desirable, luscious, sexy, sexually attractive, seductive, alluring, incisive, penetrating, cutting, mordant, trenchant**

## Devastating as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Devastating" as an adjective

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

- *Highly destructive or damaging.*
- *Wreaking or capable of wreaking complete destruction.*
- *Extremely impressive or effective.*
- *Making light of- W.S.Gilbert.*
- *Physically or spiritually devastating; often used in combination.*
- *Causing severe shock, distress, or grief.*
- *Making light of.*



## Synonyms of "Devastating" as an adjective (49 Words)

<b>alluring</b>	Powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating; seductive. <i>Her <b>alluring</b> smile.</i>
<b>annihilating</b>	Making light of. <i>Afire with <b>annihilating</b> invective.</i>
<b>annihilative</b>	Wreaking or capable of wreaking complete destruction. <i>Possessing <b>annihilative</b> power.</i>
<b>appealing</b>	(of characters in literature or drama) evoking empathic or sympathetic feelings. <i>The idea of having enough money to retire at fifty is very <b>appealing</b>.</i>
<b>arresting</b>	Denoting a person or agency that seizes and detains someone by legal authority. <i>The <b>arresting</b> officer.</i>
<b>beautiful</b>	Pleasing the senses or mind aesthetically. <i><b>Beautiful</b> poetry.</i>

<b><u>beguiling</u></b>	Highly attractive and able to arouse hope or desire. <i>Taken in by <b>beguiling</b> tales of overnight fortunes.</i>
<b>bewitching</b>	Capturing interest as if by a spell. <i><b>Bewitching</b> smile.</i>
<b>calamitous</b>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>A <b>calamitous</b> defeat.</i>
<b>captivating</b>	Capturing interest as if by a spell. <i>A <b>captivating</b> smile.</i>
<b>cataclysmic</b>	(of a natural event) large-scale and violent. <i><b>Cataclysmic</b> nuclear war.</i>
<b><u>catastrophic</u></b>	Involving a sudden and large-scale alteration in state. <i>The body undergoes <b>catastrophic</b> collapse towards the state of a black hole.</i>
<b><u>charismatic</u></b>	Relating to the charismatic movement in the Christian Church. <i>He was a <b>charismatic</b> figure with great appeal to the public.</i>
<b><u>charming</u></b>	Possessing or using or characteristic of or appropriate to supernatural powers. <i>A <b>charming</b> little cottage.</i>
<b>crushing</b>	Physically or spiritually devastating; often used in combination. <i>A <b>crushing</b> blow.</i>
<b>cutting</b>	Capable of cutting something. <i><b>Cutting</b> winter winds.</i>
<b><u>dazzling</u></b>	Amazingly impressive; suggestive of the flashing of lightning. <i>A <b>dazzling</b> display of football.</i>
<b><u>delightful</u></b>	Causing delight; charming. <i>The comedy was <b>delightful</b>.</i>
<b><u>desirable</u></b>	(of a person) arousing sexual desire. <i>A <b>desirable</b> job.</i>
<b><u>destructive</u></b>	Causing destruction or much damage. <i><b>Destructive</b> criticism.</i>
<b><u>disastrous</u></b>	Highly unsuccessful. <i>The battle was a <b>disastrous</b> end to a <b>disastrous</b> campaign.</i>
<b>distressing</b>	Bad; unfortunate. <i>Some very <b>distressing</b> news.</i>
<b><u>enchanted</u></b>	Delightfully charming or attractive. <i><b>Enchanting</b> views.</i>

<b>engaging</b>	Charming and attractive. <i>An <b>engaging</b> smile.</i>
<b>glamorous</b>	(of a person) having a beauty or charm that is sexually attractive. <i>Being a singer must be such a <b>glamorous</b> lifestyle.</i>
<b>gorgeous</b>	Very pleasant or enjoyable. <i><b>Gorgeous</b> colours and exquisite decoration.</i>
<b>incisive</b>	(of a person or mental process) intelligently analytical and clear-thinking. <i><b>Incisive</b> teeth.</i>
<b><u>irresistible</u></b>	Impossible to resist; overpowering. <i>She felt an <b>irresistible</b> urge to object.</i>
<b>lovely</b>	Very pleasant or enjoyable; delightful. <i>She looked <b>lovely</b>.</i>
<b><u>luscious</u></b>	Very sexually attractive. <i>The <b>luscious</b> brush strokes and warm colours of these late masterpieces.</i>
<b>mordant</b>	Harshly ironic or sinister. <i>A <b>mordant</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b><u>overwhelming</u></b>	Very great in amount. <i>The temptation to despair may become <b>overwhelming</b>.</i>
<b>penetrating</b>	Having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions. <i>Her scream was sudden and <b>penetrating</b>.</i>
<b><u>ravishing</u></b>	Delightful; entrancing. <i>She looked <b>ravishing</b>.</i>
<b>ruinous</b>	Causing injury or blight; especially affecting with sudden violence or plague or ruin. <i>The castle is <b>ruinous</b>.</i>
<b>savage</b>	Able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>A <b>savage</b> race.</i>
<b><u>seductive</u></b>	Tending to entice into a desired action or state. <i>A <b>seductive</b> voice.</i>
<b><u>severe</u></b>	Severely simple. <i>A <b>hefty</b> six footer with a rather <b>severe</b> mien.</i>
<b>sexually attractive</b>	Having the properties of a magnet; the ability to draw or pull.
<b>shattering</b>	Seemingly loud enough to break something; violently rattling or clattering. <i>The <b>shattering</b> peal of artillery.</i>

<b><u>shocking</u></b>	Causing a feeling of surprise and dismay. <i>The most <b>shocking</b> book of its time.</i>
<b><u>striking</u></b>	(of an employee) on strike. <i>A <b>striking</b> thing about Picadilly Circus is the statue of Eros in the center.</i>
<b>stunning</b>	Causing or capable of causing bewilderment or shock or insensibility. <i>A <b>stunning</b> detonation with volumes of black smoke.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>What a <b>terrible</b> mess.</i>
<b><u>traumatic</u></b>	Psychologically painful. <i>She is remembering some deeply <b>traumatic</b> incident in her past.</i>
<b><u>trenchant</u></b>	Having keenness and forcefulness and penetration in thought, expression, or intellect. <i>A <b>trenchant</b> argument.</i>
<b>very great</b>	Precisely as stated.
<b>withering</b>	(of heat) intense; scorching. <i>Protective cover to escape <b>withering</b> heat.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Devastating" as an adjective

- *A devastating cyclone.*
- *She had a devastating wit.*
- *The news came as a devastating blow.*
- *A devastating portrait of human folly.*
- *A devastating hurricane.*



## Associations of "Devastating" (30 Words)

- aftershock** A tremor (or one of a series of tremors) occurring after the main shock of an earthquake.
- avalanche** Engulf or carry off by an avalanche.  
*We have had an **avalanche** of applications for the post.*
- calamitous** Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.  
*Such **calamitous** events as fires hurricanes and floods.*
- catastrophic** Involving a sudden and large-scale alteration in state.  
***Catastrophic** mismanagement of the economy.*
- conflagration** A very intense and uncontrolled fire.  
*Tinder dry conditions sparked fears of a **conflagration** in many drought devastated communities.*
- crushing** Physically or spiritually devastating; often used in combination.  
*A **crushing** blow.*



<b>damage</b>	Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>The <b>damage</b> to his reputation was considerable.</i>
<b>deadly</b>	As if dead. <i><b>Deadly</b> poisons.</i>
<b><u>destructive</u></b>	Negative and unhelpful. <i>The <b>destructive</b> power of weapons.</i>
<b><u>detrimental</u></b>	Causing harm or injury. <i>Recent policies have been <b>detrimental</b> to the interests of many old people.</i>
<b>devastate</b>	Overwhelm or overpower. <i>He was <b>devastated</b> by his grief when his son died.</i>
<b><u>earthquake</u></b>	Shaking and vibration at the surface of the earth resulting from underground movement along a fault plane or from volcanic activity. <i>Selling the company caused an <b>earthquake</b> among the employees.</i>
<b><u>epicenter</u></b>	The point on the Earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake.
<b><u>fatal</u></b>	Having momentous consequences; of decisive importance. <i>The <b>fatal</b> day of the election finally arrived.</i>
<b><u>harmful</u></b>	Causing or likely to cause harm. <i>Too much sun is <b>harmful</b> to the skin.</i>
<b><u>hazard</u></b>	Say (something) in a tentative way. <i>We can form no calculation concerning the laws of <b>hazard</b>.</i>
<b>incapacitate</b>	Injure permanently. <i>He was <b>incapacitated</b> by a heart attack.</i>
<b>injurious</b>	(of language) maliciously insulting; libellous. <i>Food which is <b>injurious</b> to health.</i>
<b>landslide</b>	An overwhelming majority of votes for one party or candidate in an election. <i>Roosevelt defeated Hoover in a <b>landslide</b>.</i>
<b><u>lethal</u></b>	Sufficient to cause death. <i>The Krakatoa eruption was the most <b>lethal</b> on record.</i>
<b>mortal</b>	Involving loss of divine grace or spiritual death. <i>Capacities only possible of God rather than <b>mortals</b>.</i>
<b><u>pernicious</u></b>	Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way. <i>The <b>pernicious</b> influences of the mass media.</i>
<b>ruinous</b>	Disastrous or destructive. <i>A <b>ruinous</b> course of action.</i>
<b>seismograph</b>	An instrument that measures and records details of earthquakes, such as force and duration.



**slayer** Someone who kills a person or animal in a violent way.  
*David the **slayer** of Goliath.*

**stifling** Making one feel constrained or oppressed.  
*The **stifling** atmosphere.*

**suppression** The failure to develop some part or organ.  
*The heavy handed **suppression** of political dissent.*

**toxicity** Grave harmfulness or deadliness.  
*She went public with allegations of workplace **toxicity** and sexism.*

**tsunami** An arrival or occurrence of something in overwhelming quantities or amounts.  
*A **tsunami** of data pours into the CNBC newsroom every minute of every trading day.*

**withering** Making light of.  
*Protective cover to escape **withering** heat.*

