

Need another word that means the same as “drastic”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “drastic” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Drastic” are: extreme, serious, forceful, desperate, dire, radical, momentous, substantial**

## **Drastic as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Drastic" as an adjective**

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

- *Likely to have a strong or far-reaching effect; radical and extreme.*
- *Forceful and extreme and rigorous.*



## Synonyms of "Drastic" as an adjective (8 Words)

- desperate** Desperately determined.  
*There is a **desperate** shortage of teachers.*
- dire** Fraught with extreme danger; nearly hopeless.  
*A career or vengeance so **direful** that London was shocked.*
- extreme** (of a person or their opinions) far from moderate, especially politically.  
***Extreme** opinions.*
- forceful** Forceful and definite in expression or action.  
***Forceful** measures.*
- momentous** Of great importance or significance, especially in having a bearing on future events.  
*A **momentous** decision.*
- radical** Markedly new or introducing radical change.  
*A **radical** American activist.*

- serious** Completely lacking in playfulness.  
*A **serious** wound.*
- substantial** Of or relating to the real nature or essential elements of something.  
*There was **substantial** agreement on changing policies.*

## Usage Examples of "Drastic" as an adjective

- *Drastic measures.*
- *A drastic reduction of staffing levels.*

## Associations of "Drastic" (30 Words)

- activist** A militant reformer.  
***Activist** groups around the world are organizing solidarity events.*
- aggressive** Ready or likely to attack or confront; characterized by or resulting from aggression.  
*An **aggressive** businessman.*
- aggressively** In a determined and forceful way.  
*Foreign owned banks are **aggressively** marketing credit cards.*
- barbaric** Savagely cruel.  
***Barbaric** use of color or ornament.*
- basic** Serving as a base or starting point.  
*A set of **basic** tools.*
- bellicose** Having or showing a ready disposition to fight.  
*A mood of **bellicose** jingoism.*
- confrontational** Of or relating to confrontation.  
*He distanced himself from the **confrontational** approach adopted by his predecessor.*
- crusader** A fighter in the medieval Crusades.  
***Crusaders** for early detection and treatment of mental illnesses.*
- desperate** Desperately determined.  
*There is a **desperate** shortage of teachers.*
- drastically** In a way that is likely to have a strong or far-reaching effect.  
*Now her fortunes have changed **drastically**.*
- extreme** The highest or most extreme degree of something.  
***Extreme** caution.*

<b><u>extremist</u></b>	A person who holds extreme political or religious views, especially one who advocates illegal, violent, or other extreme action. <i><b>Extremist</b> groups.</i>
<b>feminism</b>	The movement aimed at equal rights for women.
<b>forceful</b>	Forceful and definite in expression or action. <i>A <b>forceful</b> plan for peace.</i>
<b>fundamental</b>	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>Two courses cover the <b>fundamentals</b> of microbiology.</i>
<b>furious</b>	Extremely angry. <i>A <b>furious</b> scowl.</i>
<b><u>menacing</u></b>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>His tone became <b>menacing</b>.</i>
<b><u>militant</u></b>	A militant person. <i><b>Militant</b> in fighting for better wages for workers.</i>
<b>movement</b>	A campaign undertaken by a political social or artistic movement. <i>Your <b>movements</b> and telephone conversations are recorded.</i>
<b>polemic</b>	A writer who argues in opposition to others (especially in theology). <i>A writer of feminist <b>polemic</b>.</i>
<b><u>radical</u></b>	A radical sign. <i>A <b>radical</b> flaw in the plan.</i>
<b>radically</b>	In a radical manner. <i>The two situations are <b>radically</b> different.</i>
<b>reformer</b>	A disputant who advocates reform. <i>A catalytic <b>reformer</b>.</i>
<b>reformist</b>	A person who advocates gradual reform rather than abolition or revolution. <i>The <b>reformist</b> policies of the government.</i>
<b><u>revolutionary</u></b>	Involving or causing a complete or dramatic change. <i>The <b>revolutionary</b> army.</i>
<b>scrappy</b>	Consisting of disorganized, untidy, or incomplete parts. <i>He had a <b>scrappy</b> New York temperament.</i>
<b><u>truculent</u></b>	Eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant. <i>The <b>truculent</b> attitude of farmers to cheaper imports.</i>
<b><u>vehement</u></b>	Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions; inclined to react violently; fervid. <i>A <b>vehement</b> defense.</i>

**vengeful**

Seeking to harm someone in return for a perceived injury.  
A **vengeful** *ex con.*

**violent**

Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions inclined to react violently fervid.  
A **violent** *attack.*