

Need another word that means the same as “dreadful”? Find 35 synonyms and 30 related words for “dreadful” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Dreadful” are: awful, dire, direful, dread, dreaded, fearful, fearsome, frightening, horrendous, horrific, terrible, abominable, atrocious, painful, unspeakable, frightful, horrible, grim, unpleasant, disagreeable, nasty, unwell, ill, poorly, bad, indisposed, sick, queasy, nauseous, nauseated, peaky, liverish, green around the gills, outrageous, shocking**

## Dreadful as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Dreadful" as an adjective

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

- *Causing or involving great suffering, fear, or unhappiness; extremely bad or serious.*
- *(of a person) unwell or troubled.*
- *Exceptionally bad or displeasing.*
- *Used to emphasize the degree to which something is the case, especially something regarded with sadness or disapproval.*
- *Causing fear or dread or terror.*
- *Very unpleasant.*
- *Extremely disagreeable and unpleasant.*
- *Extremely disagreeable.*



## Synonyms of "Dreadful" as an adjective (35 Words)

<b>abominable</b>	Causing moral revulsion. <i>The uprising was suppressed with <b>abominable</b> cruelty.</i>
<b>atrocious</b>	Provoking horror. <i>Murder is an <b>atrocious</b> crime.</i>
<b>awful</b>	Inspiring awe or admiration or wonder. <i>I look <b>awful</b> in a swimsuit.</i>
<b>bad</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>A <b>bad</b> mistake.</i>
<b>dire</b>	Of a very poor quality. <i>A <b>dire</b> emergency.</i>
<b>direful</b>	Extremely bad; dreadful. <i>A career or vengeance so <b>direful</b> that London was shocked.</i>

<b><u>disagreeable</u></b>	Unfriendly and bad-tempered. <i>Found the task <b>disagreeable</b> and decided to abandon it.</i>
<b><u>dread</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>He was stricken with the <b>dread</b> disease and died.</i>
<b><u>dreaded</u></b>	Regarded with great fear or apprehension. <i>The <b>dreaded</b> news came that Joe had been wounded.</i>
<b>fearful</b>	Experiencing or showing fear. <i>He s <b>fearful</b> that his career is over.</i>
<b>fearsome</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The cat mewed displaying a <b>fearsome</b> set of teeth.</i>
<b><u>frightening</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>Her hair was a <b>frightful</b> mess.</i>
<b>green around the gills</b>	Naive and easily deceived or tricked.
<b><u>grim</u></b>	Depressing or worrying to consider. <i>The <b>grim</b> aftermath of the bombing.</i>
<b><u>horrendous</u></b>	Extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible. <i>She suffered <b>horrendous</b> injuries.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Very unpleasant. <i>War is beyond all words <b>horrible</b>.</i>
<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i><b>Horrific</b> injuries.</i>
<b><u>ill</u></b>	Presaging ill fortune P B Shelley. <i><b>Ill</b> predictions.</i>
<b>indisposed</b>	Averse; unwilling. <i>Clearly <b>indisposed</b> to grant their request.</i>
<b>liverish</b>	Slightly ill, as though having a disordered liver. <i>A <b>liverish</b> red.</i>
<b><u>nasty</u></b>	Disgustingly dirty; filled or smeared with offensive matter. <i>A <b>nasty</b> pigsty of a room.</i>
<b>nauseated</b>	Feeling nausea; feeling about to vomit.
<b>nauseous</b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>A rancid odour that made him <b>nauseous</b>.</i>
<b><u>outrageous</u></b>	Shockingly bad or excessive. <i>Subjected to <b>outrageous</b> cruelty.</i>

<b><u>painful</u></b>	Very bad. <i>The <b>painful</b> process of growing up.</i>
<b>peaky</b>	Having or as if having especially high-pitched spots. <i>Absence of <b>peaky</b> highs and beefed up bass.</i>
<b><u>poorly</u></b>	Somewhat ill or prone to illness. <i>She looked <b>poorly</b>.</i>
<b>queasy</b>	Feeling nausea; feeling about to vomit. <i>In the morning he was still pale and <b>queasy</b>.</i>
<b><u>shocking</u></b>	Glaringly vivid and graphic; marked by sensationalism. <i>I ve got a <b>shocking</b> cold.</i>
<b>sick</b>	Lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble. <i><b>Sick</b> to death of flattery.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Used to emphasize the extent of something unpleasant or bad. <i>A <b>terrible</b> crime.</i>
<b><u>unpleasant</u></b>	(of a person or their manner) unfriendly and inconsiderate; rude. <i>The symptoms are extremely <b>unpleasant</b>.</i>
<b><u>unspeakable</u></b>	Not able to be expressed in words. <i>A piece of <b>unspeakable</b> abuse.</i>
<b>unwell</b>	Somewhat ill or prone to illness. <i>Is <b>unwell</b> and can t come to work.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Dreadful" as an adjective

- *This was all a dreadful mistake.*
- *You're a dreadful flirt.*
- *The weather was dreadful.*
- *There's been a dreadful accident.*
- *Don't go out, the weather is dreadful.*
- *She looked quite dreadful and she was struggling for breath.*
- *A dreadful storm.*
- *Dreadful manners.*
- *I feel dreadful—I hate myself.*



## Associations of "Dreadful" (30 Words)

<b><u>alarming</u></b>	Worrying or disturbing. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
<b>appall</b>	Strike with disgust or revulsion.
<b><u>appalling</u></b>	Causing consternation. <i>Is it better to view the <b>appalling</b> or merely hear of it.</i>
<b><u>atrocious</u></b>	Horrifyingly wicked. <i>An <b>atrocious</b> automobile accident.</i>
<b>awful</b>	Awfully very. <i>I felt <b>awful</b> for being so angry with him.</i>
<b>beastly</b>	In a beastly manner. <i>Don't be <b>beastly</b> to him.</i>
<b><u>chilling</u></b>	Horrifying or frightening. <i>A <b>chilling</b> account of the prisoners fate.</i>



<b>fearful</b>	Causing or likely to cause people to be afraid; horrifying. <i>He s <b>fearful</b> that his career is over.</i>
<b>fearsome</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The cat mewed displaying a <b>fearsome</b> set of teeth.</i>
<b><u>formidable</u></b>	Inspiring fear- G.H.Johnston. <i>Had a <b>formidable</b> array of compositions to his credit.</i>
<b><u>frightening</u></b>	The act of inspiring with fear. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Provoking horror. <i>In a <b>frightful</b> hurry.</i>
<b><u>ghastly</u></b>	Very objectionable, bad, or unpleasant. <i>One of the most <b>ghastly</b> crimes ever committed.</i>
<b><u>hellish</u></b>	Extremely (used for emphasis). <i>An unearthly <b>hellish</b> landscape.</i>
<b>hideous</b>	Grossly offensive to decency or morality; causing horror. <i>The whole <b>hideous</b> story.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>A <b>horrible</b> massacre.</i>
<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Causing horror. <i><b>Horrific</b> injuries.</i>
<b><u>horrifying</u></b>	Provoking horror. <i>An alarming even <b>horrifying</b> picture.</i>
<b><u>horror</u></b>	A literary or film genre concerned with arousing feelings of horror. <i>A <b>horror</b> film.</i>
<b><u>indescribable</u></b>	Too unusual, extreme, or indefinite to be adequately described. <i><b>Indescribable</b> beauty.</i>
<b>ineffable</b>	Too sacred to be uttered. <i>The <b>ineffable</b> Hebrew name that gentiles write as Jehovah.</i>
<b>inexpressible</b>	(of a feeling) too strong to be described or conveyed in words. <i>A mood of <b>inexpressible</b> longing.</i>
<b><u>nasty</u></b>	An unpleasant or harmful person or thing. <i>A <b>nasty</b> vicious looking hatchet.</i>
<b>scared</b>	Fearful; frightened. <i>We re both <b>scared</b> of spiders.</i>
<b>scary</b>	Frightening; causing fear. <i>It was <b>scary</b> the way they bonded with each other.</i>

- terrible** Extremely unpleasant or disagreeable.  
*I was sick all night and felt **terrible** for two days.*
- terrifying** Causing extreme terror.  
*A **terrifying** wail.*
- unspeakable** Defying expression or description.  
*I felt an **unspeakable** tenderness towards her.*
- unutterable** Very difficult to pronounce correctly.  
*I felt an **unutterable** fool.*

