

Need another word that means the same as “fatal”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “fatal” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Fatal” are: black, calamitous, disastrous, fateful, deadly, lethal, mortal, killing, devastating, ruinous, catastrophic, cataclysmic, destructive, grievous, dire, crippling, crushing, injurious, harmful, costly**

## Fatal as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Fatal" as an adjective

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

- *Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.*
- *Leading to failure or disaster.*
- *Having momentous consequences; of decisive importance- Saturday Rev.*
- *(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.*
- *Controlled or decreed by fate; predetermined.*
- *Bringing death.*
- *Causing death.*
- *Having momentous consequences; of decisive importance.*



## Synonyms of "Fatal" as an adjective (20 Words)

- black** Made black especially as with suffused blood.  
*Through the pitch **black** woods.*
- calamitous** Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.  
*A **calamitous** defeat.*
- cataclysmic** Used to emphasize the extent of something bad or unwelcome.  
*A **cataclysmic** earthquake.*
- catastrophic** Involving or causing sudden great damage or suffering.  
***Catastrophic** illness.*
- costly** Having a high price.  
*The government's biggest and most **costly** mistake.*
- crippling** That cripples or disables or incapacitates.  
*Interest rates rose to a **crippling** 13 per cent.*
- crushing** Causing overwhelming disappointment or embarrassment.  
*The news came as a **crushing** blow.*

<b>deadly</b>	Exceedingly harmful. <i>A <b>deadly</b> weapon.</i>
<b><u>destructive</u></b>	Causing destruction or much damage. <i>The <b>destructive</b> power of weapons.</i>
<b><u>devastating</u></b>	Physically or spiritually devastating often used in combination. <i>A <b>devastating</b> cyclone.</i>
<b><u>dire</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>Misuse of drugs can have <b>dire</b> consequences.</i>
<b><u>disastrous</u></b>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>United made a <b>disastrous</b> start to the season.</i>
<b>fateful</b>	Having momentous consequences; of decisive importance. <i>A <b>fateful</b> error.</i>
<b>grievous</b>	(of something bad) very severe or serious. <i>A <b>grievous</b> loss.</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>injurious</b>	Harmful to living things. <i>Food which is <b>injurious</b> to health.</i>
<b>killing</b>	Very funny. <i>A <b>killing</b> disease.</i>
<b><u>lethal</u></b>	Very harmful or destructive. <i>A <b>lethal</b> injection.</i>
<b>mortal</b>	Unrelenting and deadly. <i>A <b>mortal</b> foe.</i>
<b>ruinous</b>	Extremely harmful; bringing physical or financial ruin. <i>A <b>ruinous</b> war.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Fatal" as an adjective

- *Such doctrines, if true, would be absolutely fatal to my theory.*
- *A fatal series of events.*
- *A fatal accident.*
- *The fatal day of the election finally arrived.*
- *There were three fatal flaws in the strategy.*
- *It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.*





## Associations of "Fatal" (30 Words)

- antidote** A medicine taken or given to counteract a particular poison.  
*There is no known **antidote** to the poison of the pufferfish.*
- calamitous** Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.  
*A **calamitous** defeat.*
- catastrophic** Extremely harmful; bringing physical or financial ruin.  
*A **catastrophic** depression.*
- crushing** Physically or spiritually devastating; often used in combination.  
*The news came as a **crushing** blow.*
- damaging** Causing physical damage.  
*New cars are less **damaging** to the environment.*
- deadly** As if dead.  
*Her skin was **deadly** pale.*

<b><u>destructive</u></b>	Causing great and irreparable damage. <i>A policy that is <b>destructive</b> to the economy.</i>
<b><u>detrimental</u></b>	Tending to cause harm. <i>Recent policies have been <b>detrimental</b> to the interests of many old people.</i>
<b><u>devastating</u></b>	Physically or spiritually devastating often used in combination. <i>A <b>devastating</b> cyclone.</i>
<b><u>disastrous</u></b>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>United made a <b>disastrous</b> start to the season.</i>
<b>exotoxin</b>	A toxin released by a living bacterial cell into its surroundings.
<b><u>harm</u></b>	Cause or do harm to. <i>I can't see any <b>harm</b> in it.</i>
<b><u>harmful</u></b>	Causing or capable of causing harm. <i>Sugars which can be <b>harmful</b> to the teeth.</i>
<b>injurious</b>	Harmful to living things. <i>Food which is <b>injurious</b> to health.</i>
<b><u>lethal</u></b>	(in a sporting context) very accurate or skilful. <i><b>Lethal</b> weapon.</i>
<b>mortal</b>	Denoting a grave sin that is regarded as depriving the soul of divine grace. <i>Capacities only possible of God rather than <b>mortals</b>.</i>
<b>noxious</b>	Injurious to physical or mental health. <i>They were overcome by the <b>noxious</b> fumes.</i>
<b><u>pernicious</u></b>	Exceedingly harmful. <i>The <b>pernicious</b> influences of the mass media.</i>
<b>poison</b>	Add poison to. <i>Someone had tried to <b>poison</b> me.</i>
<b>poisoning</b>	The act of giving poison to a person or animal with the intent to kill. <i>Symptoms of <b>poisoning</b> may include nausea diarrhoea and vomiting.</i>
<b>poisonous</b>	(of a substance or plant) causing or capable of causing death or illness if taken into the body. <i><b>Poisonous</b> hate.</i>
<b>pollutant</b>	A substance that pollutes something, especially water or the atmosphere. <i>Chemical <b>pollutants</b>.</i>
<b>prejudicial</b>	Causing harm or injury. <i>The presence of discriminatory or <b>prejudicial</b> attitudes in the white population.</i>
<b>ruinous</b>	Disastrous or destructive. <i>A <b>ruinous</b> war.</i>

- toxic** Denoting securities that are based on toxic debt and for which there is not a healthy or functioning market.  
*Suffering from exposure to **toxic** substances.*
- toxicity** The quality of being toxic or poisonous.  
*That was how I protected my partner from my family's **toxicity**.*
- toxin** A poisonous substance produced during the metabolism and growth of certain microorganisms and some higher plant and animal species.
- tragic** A boring or socially inept person, typically having an obsessive and solitary interest.  
*A **tragic** accident.*
- venom** Extreme malice and bitterness shown in someone's attitudes, speech, or actions.  
*Her true **venom** seems reserved for the media itself.*
- virulent** Bitterly hostile.  
*Staphylococcus aureus is a common organism whose **virulent** strains are causing problems.*

