

Need another word that means the same as “gaunt”? Find 41 synonyms and 30 related words for “gaunt” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Gaunt” are: cadaverous, emaciated, haggard, pinched, skeletal, wasted, drawn, skin-and-bones, skinny, spindly, thin, spare, bony, angular, lank, lean, hollow-eyed, lantern-jawed, scrawny, scraggy, shrivelled, withered, raddled, bleak, stark, barren, bare, drab, desolate, dreary, dismal, gloomy, sombre, forlorn, grim, stern, harsh, forbidding, uninviting, unwelcoming, cheerless

## Gaunt as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Gaunt" as an adjective

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

- *(of a building or place) grim or desolate in appearance.*
- *Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold.*
- *(of a person) lean and haggard, especially because of suffering, hunger, or age.*

### Synonyms of "Gaunt" as an adjective (41 Words)

<b>angular</b>	Having angles or an angular shape. <i>Her <b>angular</b> face.</i>
<b><a href="#">bare</a></b>	Just barely adequate or within a lower limit. <i>Leaf fall had left the trees <b>bare</b>.</i>
<b>barren</b>	(of a tree or plant) not producing fruit or seed. <i><b>Barren</b> lands.</i>

<b><u>bleak</u></b>	(of a situation) not hopeful or encouraging; unlikely to have a favourable outcome. <i>A <b>bleak</b> midwinter's day.</i>
<b><u>bony</u></b>	Composed of or containing bone. <i>He held up his <b>bony</b> fingers.</i>
<b>cadaverous</b>	Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold. <i>He was gaunt and <b>cadaverous</b>.</i>
<b>cheerless</b>	Gloomy; depressing. <i>Something <b>cheerless</b> about the room.</i>
<b>desolate</b>	(of a place) uninhabited and giving an impression of bleak emptiness. <i>A low <b>desolate</b> wail.</i>
<b>dismal</b>	Causing a mood of gloom or depression. <i>The <b>dismal</b> weather made the late afternoon seem like evening.</i>
<b><u>drab</u></b>	Lacking brightness or interest; drearily dull. <i><b>Drab</b> faded curtains.</i>
<b>drawn</b>	(of a person) looking strained from illness, exhaustion, anxiety, or pain. <i>Cathy was pale and <b>drawn</b> and she looked tired out.</i>
<b>dreary</b>	Depressingly dull and bleak or repetitive. <i>The <b>dreary</b> round of working eating and trying to sleep.</i>
<b><u>emaciated</u></b>	Abnormally thin or weak, especially because of illness or a lack of food. <i>She was so <b>emaciated</b> she could hardly stand.</i>
<b>forbidding</b>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>A <b>forbidding</b> scowl.</i>
<b><u>forlorn</u></b>	Pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely. <i>A <b>forlorn</b> cause.</i>
<b><u>gloomy</u></b>	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i><b>Gloomy</b> at the thought of what he had to face.</i>
<b><u>grim</u></b>	Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i>She was looking <b>grim</b>.</i>
<b>haggard</b>	Showing the wearing effects of overwork or care or suffering. <i>Her face was drawn and <b>haggard</b> from sleeplessness.</i>
<b>harsh</b>	Of textures that are rough to the touch or substances consisting of relatively large particles. <i>Had <b>harsh</b> words.</i>
<b>hollow-eyed</b>	Characteristic of the bony face of a cadaver.
<b>lank</b>	Of a person lanky. <i>The man had <b>lank</b> brown greasy hair.</i>

<b>lantern-jawed</b>	Having a protruding jaw giving the face a gaunt appearance.
<b>lean</b>	Lacking excess flesh. <i>A <b>lean</b> budget.</i>
<b>pinched</b>	Sounding as if the nose were pinched. <i>Her <b>pinched</b> toes in her pointed shoes were killing her.</i>
<b>raddled</b>	Used until no longer useful. <i>She s beginning to look quite <b>raddled</b>.</i>
<b>scraggy</b>	Being very thin. <i><b>Scraggy</b> cliffs.</i>
<b>scrawny</b>	Inferior in size or quality. <i><b>Scrawny</b> cattle.</i>
<b>shrivelled</b>	Wrinkled and shrunken, especially as a result of loss of moisture or old age. <i>A handful of <b>shrivelled</b> leaves.</i>
<b>skeletal</b>	Of or relating to or forming or attached to a skeleton. <i>A small <b>skeletal</b> boy clothed in rags.</i>
<b>skin-and-bones</b>	Consisting of or made up of bone.
<b>skinny</b>	Giving or spending with reluctance. <i>A child with <b>skinny</b> freckled legs.</i>
<b>sombre</b>	Grave or even gloomy in character. <i>He looked at her with a <b>sombre</b> expression.</i>
<b>spare</b>	Additional to what is required for ordinary use. <i>A <b>spare</b> diet.</i>
<b>spindly</b>	Long or tall and thin. <i><b>Spindly</b> arms and legs.</i>
<b>stark</b>	Unpleasantly or sharply clear. <i>He came running back in <b>stark</b> terror.</i>
<b>stern</b>	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i><b>Stern</b> measures to restrict vehicle growth.</i>
<b>thin</b>	Relatively thin in consistency or low in density not viscous. <i>The <b>thin</b> cold air of the mountains.</i>
<b>uninviting</b>	Not tempting. <i>The house was dark and <b>uninviting</b>.</i>
<b>unwelcoming</b>	(of a person or their expression) not friendly towards a guest or new arrival. <i>Jean crept into her cold and <b>unwelcoming</b> bed.</i>

<b>wasted</b>	(of an organ or body part) diminished in size or strength as a result of disease or injury or lack of use. <i>Kept life in his <b>wasted</b> frame only by grim concentration.</i>
<b>withered</b>	(used especially of vegetation) having lost all moisture. <i><b>Withered</b> vines.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Gaunt" as an adjective

- *A nightmare population of gaunt men and skeletal boys.*
- *A tall, gaunt woman in black.*
- *Gaunt tenement blocks.*

## Associations of "Gaunt" (30 Words)

<b>bony</b>	Of or like bone. <i>A <b>bony</b> shad fillet.</i>
<b>cadaverous</b>	Of or relating to a cadaver or corpse. <i>He was gaunt and <b>cadaverous</b>.</i>
<b>careworn</b>	Showing the wearing effects of overwork or care or suffering. <i>A <b>careworn</b> expression.</i>
<b>drawn</b>	(of a person) looking strained from illness, exhaustion, anxiety, or pain. <i>Her face was <b>drawn</b> and haggard from sleeplessness.</i>
<b>drooping</b>	Having branches or flower heads that bend downward. <i>Lilacs with <b>drooping</b> panicles of fragrant flowers.</i>
<b>drowse</b>	Be sluggish or inactive. <i>Any birds which the heat has not utterly <b>drowsed</b>.</i>
<b>drowsy</b>	Sleepy and lethargic; half asleep. <i>Made <b>drowsy</b> by the long ride.</i>
<b>effete</b>	Affected, overrefined, and effeminate. <i><b>Effete</b> trendies from art college.</i>
<b>emaciated</b>	Abnormally thin or weak, especially because of illness or a lack of food. <i>She was so <b>emaciated</b> she could hardly stand.</i>
<b>ennui</b>	The feeling of being bored by something tedious. <i>He succumbed to <b>ennui</b> and despair.</i>
<b>exhausted</b>	Drained of energy or effectiveness extremely tired completely exhausted. <i>The <b>exhausted</b> food sources.</i>
<b>fatigued</b>	Drained of energy or effectiveness; extremely tired; completely exhausted.

<b>feeble</b>	Lacking strength. <i>Her <b>feeble</b> cries of pain.</i>
<b>flagging</b>	A walk of flagstones. <i>The <b>flagging</b> in the garden was quite imaginative.</i>
<b>frail</b>	The weight of a frail basket full of raisins or figs between 50 and 75 pounds. <i>The balcony is <b>frail</b>.</i>
<b>haggard</b>	A haggard hawk. <i>She was pale and <b>haggard</b>.</i>
<b>indolence</b>	Inactivity resulting from a dislike of work. <i>My failure is probably due to my own <b>indolence</b>.</i>
<b>irresistibly</b>	In a way that is too powerful or convincing to be resisted. <i>I am <b>irresistibly</b> reminded of the advice of a friend of mine.</i>
<b>jaded</b>	Exhausted. <i>Meals to tempt the most <b>jaded</b> appetites.</i>
<b>languid</b>	(of a person, manner, or gesture) having or showing a disinclination for physical exertion or effort. <i>His <b>languid</b> demeanour irritated her.</i>
<b>limp</b>	A tendency to limp a gait impeded by injury or stiffness. <i>He <b>limped</b> heavily as he moved.</i>
<b>listless</b>	Lacking zest or vivacity. <i>Bouts of <b>listless</b> depression.</i>
<b>pendulous</b>	Hanging down loosely. <i><b>Pendulous</b> branches.</i>
<b>skeletal</b>	Existing only in outline or as a framework of something. <i>A nightmare population of gaunt men and <b>skeletal</b> boys.</i>
<b>sleepy</b>	Ready to fall asleep. <i>The one time <b>sleepy</b> world of pensions.</i>
<b>spent</b>	Having no power or energy left. <i>The movement has become a <b>spent</b> force.</i>
<b>tired</b>	Bored or impatient with. <i><b>Tired</b> clichés like the information revolution.</i>
<b>weak</b>	Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin. <i>A cup of <b>weak</b> coffee.</i>
<b>wearied</b>	Exhausted.

weary

Be distressed; fret.

The **weary** journey began again.