

Need another word that means the same as “ghastly”? Find 56 synonyms and 30 related words for “ghastly” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ghastly” are: charnel, sepulchral, grim, grisly, gruesome, macabre, sick, terrible, frightful, horrible, awful, dire, serious, severe, grave, very bad, grievous, dreadful, ill, unwell, peaky, pale, white, pallid, pasty, wan, colourless, anaemic, bloodless, peakish, ashen, ashy, chalky, grey, whitish, waxen, waxy, blanched, drained, pinched, green, sickly, sallow, cadaverous, ghostlike, spectral, unpleasant, objectionable, offensive, disagreeable, distasteful, displeasing, unacceptable, off-putting, undesirable, obnoxious**

## Ghastly as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Ghastly" as an adjective

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

- *Gruesomely indicative of death or the dead.*
- *Deathly white.*
- *Very objectionable, bad, or unpleasant.*
- *Extremely unwell.*
- *Causing great horror or fear.*
- *Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror.*



## Synonyms of "Ghastly" as an adjective (56 Words)

- anaemic** Lacking vigor or energy.  
*An **anaemic** patient.*
- ashen** (of a person's face) very pale with shock, fear, or illness.  
*Eleanor's **ashen** face.*
- ashy** Of a pale greyish colour; ashen.  
*An **ashy** sediment.*
- awful** Offensive or even (of persons) malicious- Ezra Pound.  
***Awful** bloody images.*
- blanched** Anemic looking from illness or emotion.  
*Add the garlic spices and **blanched** cauliflower to the fried onion and continue to cook until soft.*
- bloodless** (of the skin) drained of colour.  
*A **bloodless** coup.*

<b>cadaverous</b>	Very pale, thin, or bony. <i>He was gaunt and <b>cadaverous</b>.</i>
<b>chalky</b>	Of something having the color of chalk. <i>She turned <b>chalky</b> white.</i>
<b>charnel</b>	Associated with death. <i>I gagged on the <b>charnel</b> stench of the place.</i>
<b>colourless</b>	(especially of a gas or liquid) without colour. <i><b>Colourless</b> nail varnish.</i>
<b><u>dire</u></b>	Fraught with extreme danger; nearly hopeless. <i>He was in <b>dire</b> need of help.</i>
<b><u>disagreeable</u></b>	Unfriendly and bad-tempered. <i>Henry was always a very <b>disagreeable</b> boy.</i>
<b>displeasing</b>	Causing displeasure or lacking pleasing qualities. <i>It was not entirely <b>displeasing</b> to be the centre of such a drama.</i>
<b>distasteful</b>	Causing dislike or aversion; disagreeable or unpleasant. <i>He found such cynicism <b>distasteful</b>.</i>
<b><u>drained</u></b>	Drained of electric charge discharged. <i>Left the lights on and came back to find the battery <b>drained</b>.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Extremely disagreeable and unpleasant. <i>This was all a <b>dreadful</b> mistake.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>A <b>frightful</b> crime of decapitation.</i>
<b>ghostlike</b>	Resembling or characteristic of a phantom.
<b><u>grave</u></b>	Of great gravity or crucial import; requiring serious thought. <i>A <b>grave</b> God fearing man.</i>
<b>green</b>	Of a ski run of the lowest level of difficulty as indicated by green markers on the run. <i>Are you all right You look absolutely <b>green</b>.</i>
<b>grey</b>	Used to signify the Confederate forces in the American Civil War who wore grey uniforms. <i>His hair was <b>grey</b> and wispy.</i>
<b>grievous</b>	Causing or marked by grief or anguish. <i>The American fleet suffered <b>grievous</b> losses.</i>
<b><u>grim</u></b>	Harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance. <i>His <b>grim</b> expression.</i>
<b>grisly</b>	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>The town was shaken by a series of <b>grisly</b> crimes.</i>

<b>gruesome</b>	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>The most <b>gruesome</b> murder.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Very unpleasant. <i>War is beyond all words <b>horrible</b>.</i>
<b>ill</b>	Suffering from an illness or disease or feeling unwell. <i><b>Ill</b> from the monotony of his suffering.</i>
<b>macabre</b>	Disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death. <i><b>Macabre</b> tales of war and plague in the Middle ages.</i>
<b>objectionable</b>	Arousing distaste or opposition; unpleasant or offensive. <i>I find his theory <b>objectionable</b> in its racist undertones.</i>
<b>obnoxious</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>He found her son somewhat <b>obnoxious</b>.</i>
<b>off-putting</b>	Causing annoyance or repugnance.
<b>offensive</b>	Morally offensive. <i>The allegations made are deeply <b>offensive</b> to us.</i>
<b>pale</b>	Not full or rich. <i>She looked <b>pale</b> and drawn.</i>
<b>pallid</b>	Lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble. <i>A <b>pallid</b> sky.</i>
<b>pasty</b>	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>He looked <b>pasty</b> and red eyed.</i>
<b>peakish</b>	Somewhat peaked or pointed; characterized by peaks.
<b>peaky</b>	Pale from illness or fatigue; sickly. <i>Absence of <b>peaky</b> highs and beefed up bass.</i>
<b>pinched</b>	Sounding as if the nose were pinched. <i>Her <b>pinched</b> sallow face.</i>
<b>sallow</b>	Unhealthy looking. <i><b>Sallow</b> faced addicts.</i>
<b>sepulchral</b>	Relating to a tomb or interment. <i>The <b>sepulchral</b> darkness of the catacombs.</i>
<b>serious</b>	Appealing to the mind. <i>A <b>serious</b> student of history.</i>
<b>severe</b>	Severely simple. <i>A hefty six footer with a rather <b>severe</b> mien.</i>
<b>sick</b>	Having a strong distaste from surfeit. <i>He looked pretty <b>sick</b> at that but he eventually agreed.</i>

<b>sickly</b>	Somewhat ill or prone to illness. <i>The walls were painted a <b>sickly</b> green.</i>
<b>spectral</b>	Of or like a ghost. <i><b>Spectral</b> emanations.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Causing or likely to cause terror; sinister. <i>I was <b>terrible</b> at basketball.</i>
<b>unacceptable</b>	Used of persons or their behavior. <i>The coach told his players that defeat was <b>unacceptable</b>.</i>
<b>undesirable</b>	Not wanted. <i>The drug s <b>undesirable</b> side effects.</i>
<b>unpleasant</b>	(of a person or their manner) unfriendly and inconsiderate; rude. <i>An <b>unpleasant</b> smell.</i>
<b>unwell</b>	Ill. <i>Is <b>unwell</b> and can t come to work.</i>
<b>very bad</b>	Being the exact same one; not any other.
<b>wan</b>	(of light) pale; weak. <i>She was looking <b>wan</b> and bleary eyed.</i>
<b>waxen</b>	Having the paleness of wax- Bram Stoker. <i>The poor face with the same awful <b>waxen</b> pallor.</i>
<b>waxy</b>	Capable of being bent or flexed or twisted without breaking. <i>A thin face with a <b>waxy</b> paleness.</i>
<b>white</b>	Of wine made from white grapes or dark grapes with the skins removed and having a yellowish colour. <i>A <b>white</b> hot center of the fire.</i>
<b>whitish</b>	Resembling milk in color; not clear.

## Usage Examples of "Ghastly" as an adjective

- *One of the most ghastly crimes ever committed.*
- *Ghastly shrieks.*
- *She had sobered up but she felt ghastly.*
- *Ghastly wounds.*
- *The weather was ghastly.*
- *A ghastly pallor.*

## Associations of "Ghastly" (30 Words)

<b>abominable</b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i><b>Abominable</b> workmanship.</i>
<b><u>alarming</u></b>	Frightening because of an awareness of danger. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
<b><u>appalling</u></b>	Causing consternation. <i>The cat suffered <b>appalling</b> injuries during the attack.</i>
<b><u>atrocious</u></b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>Murder is an <b>atrocious</b> crime.</i>
<b>awful</b>	Awfully very. <i><b>Awful</b> worshippers with bowed heads.</i>
<b><u>deformed</u></b>	So badly formed or out of shape as to be ugly. <i><b>Deformed</b> thalidomide babies.</i>
<b><u>diabolical</u></b>	Disgracefully bad or unpleasant. <i><b>Diabolical</b> sorcerers under the influence of devils.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Used to emphasize the degree to which something is the case, especially something regarded with sadness or disapproval. <i>She looked quite <b>dreadful</b> and she was struggling for breath.</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>	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Provoking horror. <i>A <b>frightful</b> mistake.</i>
<b>grisly</b>	Causing horror or disgust. <i>A <b>grisly</b> murder.</i>
<b><u>gruesome</u></b>	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i><b>Gruesome</b> catering.</i>
<b><u>hellish</u></b>	Extremely (used for emphasis). <i><b>Hellish</b> weather.</i>
<b>hideous</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i><b>Hideous</b> lizard like creatures.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Provoking horror. <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> conditions in the mining industry.</i>

<b>horrifying</b>	Causing horror; extremely shocking. A <b>horrifying</b> incident.
<b>infernal</b>	Characteristic of or resembling Hell. His roar made the <b>infernals</b> quake.
<b>macabre</b>	Disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death. <b>Macabre</b> tortures conceived by madmen.
<b>monster</b>	(medicine) a grossly malformed and usually nonviable fetus. A <b>monster</b> with the head of a hyena and hindquarters of a wolf.
<b>monstrosity</b>	A thing, especially a building, which is very large and unsightly. They regarded the atom bomb as a <b>monstrosity</b> .
<b>sadly</b>	In a sad manner. <b>Sadly</b> he died before he could see his grandchild.
<b>scary</b>	Frightening; causing fear. It was <b>scary</b> the way they bonded with each other.
<b>sepulchral</b>	Gruesomely indicative of death or the dead. Hollow <b>sepulchral</b> tones.
<b>spooky</b>	Easily frightened; nervous. Some horses are more <b>spooky</b> by nature than others.
<b>terrible</b>	Very unwell or troubled. I was <b>terrible</b> at basketball.
<b>unlovely</b>	Not attractive; ugly. <b>Unlovely</b> tower blocks.
<b>unsightly</b>	Unpleasant to look at. An <b>unsightly</b> rubbish tip.