

Need another word that means the same as “grim”? Find 71 synonyms and 30 related words for “grim” in this overview.

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Grim as an Adjective

Definitions of "Grim" as an adjective

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

- *Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty.*
- *Harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance.*
- *Filled with melancholy and despondency.*
- *Causing dejection.*
- *Depressing or worrying to consider.*
- *Harshly ironic or sinister.*
- *Very serious or gloomy.*
- *Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror.*
- *(especially of a place) unattractive or forbidding.*

- *Harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance- J.M.Barrie.*
- *Unrelentingly harsh.*
- *(of humour) lacking genuine levity; black.*



Synonyms of "Grim" as an adjective (71 Words)

aloof

Remote in manner.

*They were courteous but faintly **aloof**.*

<u>appalling</u>	Causing shock or dismay; horrific. <i>Appalling conditions.</i>
<u>atrocious</u>	Horrifyingly wicked. <i>Atrocious cruelties.</i>
awful	Used to emphasize the extent of something, especially something unpleasant or negative. <i>You look awful you should go and lie down.</i>
black	Relating to black people. <i>The entire cast is black.</i>
<u>bleak</u>	(of a situation) not hopeful or encouraging; unlikely to have a favourable outcome. <i>A bleak midwinter s day.</i>
blue	Of a ski run of the second lowest level of difficulty as indicated by blue markers positioned along it. <i>Blue jokes.</i>
brutal	Disagreeably direct and precise. <i>The brutal honesty of his observations.</i>
cheerless	Gloomy; depressing. <i>Something cheerless about the room.</i>
comfortless	Having or offering nothing that serves to ease feelings or grief or distress. <i>A comfortless room.</i>
cruel	Causing pain or suffering. <i>People who are cruel to animals.</i>
<u>cynical</u>	Believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity. <i>Her cynical attitude.</i>
dark	Of a person having dark skin hair or eyes. <i>Dark as the inside of a black cat.</i>
depressed	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>Depressed by the loss of his job.</i>
depressing	Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy. <i>The economic outlook is depressing.</i>
<u>dingy</u>	Gloomy and drab. <i>A dingy room.</i>
<u>dire</u>	Fraught with extreme danger; nearly hopeless- G.C.Marshall. <i>Dire news.</i>

disconsolate	Sad beyond comforting; incapable of being consoled. <i>She left Fritz looking disconsolate.</i>
<u>disheartening</u>	Causing someone to lose determination or confidence; discouraging or dispiriting. <i>Her death is particularly disheartening because it was preventable.</i>
dismal	Causing dejection. <i>The first dismal dispiriting days of November.</i>
dispirited	Having lost enthusiasm and hope; disheartened. <i>She was determined to appear unworried in front of her dispirited family.</i>
<u>distant</u>	Remote or far apart in resemblance or relationship. <i>A distant cousin of the King.</i>
dour	Showing a brooding ill humor. <i>A dour self sacrificing life.</i>
<u>down</u>	Denoting a flavour variety of stable quark having relatively low mass and an electric charge of $-\frac{1}{3}$. In the Standard Model protons and neutrons are composed of up and down quarks. <i>You going to the movies Yo I m down.</i>
down in the mouth	Extending or moving from a higher to a lower place.
downcast	Directed downward. <i>Her modestly downcast eyes.</i>
downhearted	Discouraged; in low spirits. <i>Feeling discouraged and downhearted.</i>
<u>drab</u>	Lacking in liveliness or charm or surprise. <i>Her drab suburban existence.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Very unpleasant. <i>A dreadful storm.</i>
drear	Causing dejection.
dreary	Lacking in liveliness or charm or surprise. <i>A series of dreary dinner parties.</i>
fatalistic	Relating to or characteristic of the belief that all events are predetermined and therefore inevitable. <i>He gives a fatalistic shrug at the bleak future.</i>
forbidding	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>A grim and forbidding building.</i>
frightful	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>A frightful crime of decapitation.</i>

ghastly	Gruesomely indicative of death or the dead. <i>One of the most ghastly crimes ever committed.</i>
gloomy	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>A dark gloomy day.</i>
grisly	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>The town was shaken by a series of grisly crimes.</i>
gruesome	Extremely unpleasant. <i>The most gruesome murder.</i>
harrowing	Acutely distressing. <i>It was a harrowing experience.</i>
harsh	Severe. <i>The harsh white light makes you screw up your eyes.</i>
horrendous	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>She suffered horrendous injuries.</i>
horrible	Very unpleasant. <i>A horrible massacre.</i>
horrid	Grossly offensive to decency or morality; causing horror. <i>When she was bad she was horrid.</i>
inexorable	Impossible to stop or prevent. <i>The seemingly inexorable march of new technology.</i>
joyless	Not experiencing or inspiring joy. <i>A joyless occasion.</i>
low	Below average in amount extent or intensity. <i>A low bow.</i>
low-spirited	Filled with melancholy and despondency.
macabre	Disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death. <i>A macabre series of murders.</i>
merciless	Showing no mercy. <i>A merciless critic.</i>
mirthless	Lacking mirth. <i>He gave a short mirthless laugh.</i>
miserable	Pitiably small or inadequate. <i>Miserable victims of war.</i>
mordant	Of a substance, especially a strong acid; capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action. <i>A mordant sense of humour.</i>

pitiless	(especially of weather) unrelentingly harsh or severe. <i>A night of pitiless rain.</i>
relentless	Unceasingly intense. <i>A patient but relentless taskmaster.</i>
ruthless	Having or showing no pity or compassion for others. <i>An act of ruthless ferocity.</i>
savage	Cruel and vicious; aggressively hostile. <i>The decision was a savage blow for the town.</i>
severe	Severely simple. <i>A severe test of stamina.</i>
shocking	Very bad. <i>I ve got a shocking cold.</i>
sick	Intensely annoyed with or bored by (someone or something) as a result of having had too much of them. <i>Gossip that makes one sick.</i>
sombre	Dark or dull in colour or tone. <i>The night skies were sombre and starless.</i>
sorry	Without merit; of little or no value or use. <i>I m sorry you were saying.</i>
stern	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i>The stern demands of parenthood.</i>
terrible	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>A terrible crime.</i>
unappeasable	Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i>What began as an aspiration turned soon to an unappeasable hunger.</i>
unapproachable	Discouraging intimacies; reserved. <i>An unapproachable executive.</i>
unforgiving	Unwilling or unable to forgive or show mercy. <i>He was always a proud and unforgiving man.</i>
uninviting	Not tempting. <i>The house was dark and uninviting.</i>
unrelenting	Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i>Unrelenting opponents.</i>
unspeakable	Too sacred to be uttered. <i>I felt an unspeakable tenderness towards her.</i>

vicious	Bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure. <i>The dog was vicious and likely to bite.</i>
wretched	(of a person) in a very unhappy or unfortunate state. <i>The wretched conditions of the slums.</i>



Usage Examples of "Grim" as an adjective

- *His grim expression.*
- *Few creatures thrive in this grim and hostile land.*
- *Grim rainy weather.*
- *The grim aftermath of the bombing.*
- *Grim determination.*
- *A grim goalless draw in appalling weather.*
- *The grim task of burying the victims.*
- *Undoubtedly the grimmest part of him was his iron claw.*
- *She was looking grim.*
- *Grim laughter.*

- *The outlook's pretty grim.*
- *Took a grim view of the economy.*
- *The grim news of the murder.*
- *Some moments of grim humour.*
- *Rows of grim, dark housing developments.*
- *A grim man loving duty more than humanity.*
- *A grim joke.*
- *Grim necessity.*



Associations of "Grim" (30 Words)

blue

Blue colour or pigment.
Blued paper.

cheerless	Gloomy; depressing. <i>The corridors were ill lit and cheerless.</i>
<u>contemplative</u>	A person devoted to the contemplative life. <i>Contemplative knowledge of God.</i>
dejected	Sad and depressed; dispirited. <i>Is dejected but trying to look cheerful.</i>
depressed	(of a place or economic activity) suffering the damaging effects of a lack of demand or employment. <i>A depressed fracture of the skull.</i>
depression	A period during the 1930s when there was a worldwide economic depression and mass unemployment. <i>Depression of the space bar on the typewriter.</i>
despair	The complete loss or absence of hope. <i>She despaired of finding a good restaurant nearby.</i>
despondent	In low spirits from loss of hope or courage. <i>Despondent about his failure.</i>
<u>dingy</u>	Causing dejection. <i>A dirty or dingy white.</i>
disconsolate	Sad beyond comforting; incapable of being consoled. <i>A disconsolate winter landscape.</i>
dismal	(of a person or their mood) gloomy. <i>His dismal mood was not dispelled by finding the house empty.</i>
dour	Stubbornly unyielding. <i>A hard dour humourless fanatic.</i>
downcast	A ventilation shaft through which air enters a mine. <i>Downcast after his defeat.</i>
<u>drab</u>	Clothes especially trousers made of drab. <i>Drab camouflage uniforms.</i>
dreary	Lacking in liveliness or charm or surprise. <i>A series of dreary dinner parties.</i>
gloom	Be or look depressed or despondent. <i>His gloom deepened.</i>
<u>gloomy</u>	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>Gloomy at the thought of what he had to face.</i>
heartsick	Full of sorrow. <i>Too heartsick to fight back.</i>

<u>melancholy</u>	A humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and melancholy. <i>We acquainted him with the melancholy truth.</i>
mourning	The expression of sorrow for someone's death. <i>She s still in mourning after the death of her husband.</i>
pensive	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A pensive mood.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>He told her the sad story of his life.</i>
sadness	The state of being sad. <i>It is one of life s sadnesses.</i>
<u>somber</u>	Grave or even gloomy in character. <i>Children in somber brown clothes.</i>
<u>sorrowful</u>	Causing grief. <i>A sorrowful tale of death and despair.</i>
<u>sorry</u>	Causing dejection. <i>A sorry excuse.</i>
stern	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i>A stern disciplinarian.</i>
sullen	A sulky or depressed mood. <i>A sullen sunless sky.</i>
unhappy	Not satisfied or pleased with (a situation). <i>Unhappy with her raise.</i>
<u>wistful</u>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A wistful smile.</i>

