

Need another word that means the same as “grotesque”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “grotesque” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Grotesque” are: antic, fantastic, fantastical, monstrous, malformed, deformed, misshapen, misproportioned, distorted, twisted, gnarled, mangled, mutilated, outrageous, shocking, astonishing, preposterous, ridiculous, ludicrous, farcical, unbelievable, unthinkable, incredible

Grotesque as an Adjective

Definitions of "Grotesque" as an adjective

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

- *Distorted and unnatural in shape or size; abnormal and hideous.*
- *Incongruous or inappropriate to a shocking degree.*
- *Ludicrously odd.*
- *Comically or repulsively ugly or distorted.*



Synonyms of "Grotesque" as an adjective (23 Words)

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| antic | Ludicrously odd. <i>Hamlet s assumed antic disposition.</i> |
| <u>astonishing</u> | Extremely surprising or impressive; amazing. <i>An astonishing achievement.</i> |
| <u>deformed</u> | (of a person or part of the body) not having the normal or natural shape or form; misshapen. <i>Deformed thalidomide babies.</i> |
| <u>distorted</u> | Affected by electrical distortion. <i>Distorted guitars.</i> |
| fantastic | Extraordinarily good or attractive. <i>The film was fantastic.</i> |
| fantastical | Existing in fancy only- Nathaniel Hawthorne. <i>A big fantastical popcorn movie.</i> |
| farcical | Broadly or extravagantly humorous; resembling farce. <i>The wild farcical exuberance of a clown.</i> |
| gnarled | Used of old persons or old trees; covered with knobs or knots. <i>Gnarled and knotted hands.</i> |
| incredible | Impossible to believe. <i>At incredible speed.</i> |
| <u>ludicrous</u> | Broadly or extravagantly humorous; resembling farce. <i>Ludicrous green hair.</i> |
| malformed | So badly formed or out of shape as to be ugly. <i>A limp caused by a malformed foot.</i> |
| <u>mangled</u> | Having edges that are jagged from injury. |
| misproportioned | Badly or wrongly proportioned. |
| misshapen | Not having the normal or natural shape or form. <i>Misshapen old fingers.</i> |
| monstrous | Abnormally large. <i>Monstrous bug eyed fish.</i> |
| mutilated | Having a part of the body crippled or disabled. |
| <u>outrageous</u> | Wildly exaggerated or improbable. <i>Spends an outrageous amount on entertainment.</i> |
| preposterous | Contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous. <i>A preposterous attempt to turn back the pages of history.</i> |

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| ridiculous | Inspiring scornful pity- Dashiell Hammett. <i>It seems absolutely ridiculous that anyone would try to pull a stunt like this.</i> |
| <u>shocking</u> | Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation- Thackeray. Shocking behaviour. |
| <u>twisted</u> | Having an intended meaning altered or misrepresented. <i>Many of the facts seemed twisted out of any semblance to reality.</i> |
| <u>unbelievable</u> | Beyond belief or understanding. <i>Your audacity is unbelievable.</i> |
| <u>unthinkable</u> | Incapable of being conceived or considered. <i>It was unthinkable that John could be dead.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Grotesque" as an adjective

- *Tales of grotesque serpents eight fathoms long that churned the seas.*
- *A grotesque reflection in the mirror.*
- *A figure wearing a grotesque mask.*
- *A lifestyle of grotesque luxury.*



Associations of "Grotesque" (30 Words)

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| abnormal | Much greater than the normal. <i>Abnormal profits.</i> |
| <u>anomaly</u> | Position of a planet as defined by its angular distance from its perihelion (as observed from the sun). <i>The position abounds in anomaly.</i> |
| <u>appalling</u> | Very bad; awful. <i>The cat suffered appalling injuries during the attack.</i> |

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| bizarre | Conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual. <i>His behaviour became more and more bizarre.</i> |
| <u>eccentric</u> | A disc or wheel mounted eccentrically on a revolving shaft in order to transform rotation into backward and forward motion e g a cam in an internal combustion engine. <i>He noted her eccentric appearance.</i> |
| exceptional | Deviating widely from a norm of physical or mental ability; used especially of children below normal in intelligence. <i>Special educational provisions for exceptional children.</i> |
| <u>gigantic</u> | Of very great size or extent; huge or enormous. <i>A gigantic concrete tower.</i> |
| hideous | Grossly offensive to decency or morality; causing horror. <i>A hideous scar.</i> |
| irregularity | Behavior that breaches the rule or etiquette or custom or morality. <i>The irregularity of his breathing.</i> |
| maverick | Unorthodox. <i>He s the maverick of the senate.</i> |
| monstrous | Having the ugly or frightening appearance of a monster. <i>No excess was too monstrous for them to commit.</i> |
| <u>odd</u> | Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected. <i>An odd glove.</i> |
| oddity | A strange or peculiar person or thing. <i>Realizing the oddity of the remark he retracted it.</i> |
| outlandish | Looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar. <i>The outlandish clothes of teenagers.</i> |
| peculiar | Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected. <i>Some languages are peculiar to one region.</i> |
| quaint | Strange in an interesting or pleasing way. <i>A quaint old custom.</i> |
| <u>quirk</u> | A narrow groove beside a beading. <i>She quirked her head in a peculiar way.</i> |
| remarkable | Worthy of notice. <i>A remarkable coincidence.</i> |
| remarkably | Used to express surprise at an event or situation. <i>You have performed remarkably.</i> |

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| stilted | (of an arch) with pieces of upright masonry between the imposts and the springers. <i>Villages of stilted houses.</i> |
| strange | Unusual or surprising; difficult to understand or explain. <i>What a strange sense of humor she has.</i> Very great in amount, scale, or intensity. |
| tremendous | A tremendous fact in human experience that a whole civilization should be dependent on technology. |
| uncanny | Surpassing the ordinary or normal – George Will. <i>An uncanny feeling that she was being watched.</i> |
| uncommon | Marked by an uncommon quality especially superlative or extreme of its kind. <i>An uncommon amount of noise.</i> |
| unearthly | Unreasonably early or inconvenient. <i>He could hear the unearthly scream of some curlew piercing the din.</i> |
| unusual | Being definitely out of the ordinary and unexpected; slightly odd or even a bit weird. <i>An unusual meteorite.</i> |
| unwieldy | Lacking grace in movement or posture. <i>Heaved his unwieldy figure out of his chair.</i> |
| vainglory | Excessive pride in oneself or one's achievements; excessive vanity. <i>His vainglory put the Republic at risk.</i> |
| weird | Suggesting the operation of supernatural influences- John Galsworthy. <i>Blue eyes weirded him out and Ivan s were especially creepy.</i> |

