

Need another word that means the same as “gruesome”? Find 46 synonyms and 30 related words for “gruesome” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Gruesome” are: ghastly, grim, grisly, macabre, sick, frightful, horrid, horrifying, fearful, hideous, horrible, horrendous, awful, dire, dreadful, terrible, horrific, unpleasant, disagreeable, disgusting, distasteful, vile, foul, abominable, loathsome, revolting, repulsive, odious, sickening, nauseating, nauseous, repellent, repugnant, appalling, atrocious, offensive, objectionable, obnoxious, unpalatable, unsavoury, unappetizing, off-putting, uninviting, dirty, filthy, squalid

Gruesome as an Adjective

Definitions of "Gruesome" as an adjective

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

- *Extremely unpleasant.*
- *Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror.*
- *Causing repulsion or horror; grisly.*

Synonyms of "Gruesome" as an adjective (46 Words)

abominable	Very bad; terrible. <i>What an abominable mess.</i>
appalling	Causing shock or dismay; horrific. <i>His conduct was appalling.</i>

<u>atrocious</u>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>An atrocious automobile accident.</i>
awful	Inspiring awe or admiration or wonder. <i>An awful voice.</i>
<u>dire</u>	(of a warning or threat) presaging disaster. <i>Dire news.</i>
<u>disagreeable</u>	Unpleasant or unenjoyable. <i>Aspects of his work are disagreeable to him.</i>
disgusting	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>A disgusting smell.</i>
distasteful	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>He found such cynicism distasteful.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Very unpleasant. <i>There s been a dreadful accident.</i>
fearful	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A fearful howling.</i>
<u>filthy</u>	Obscene and offensive. <i>A filthy traitor.</i>
foul	Of a baseball not hit between the foul lines. <i>His foul breath.</i>
frightful	Extremely distressing. <i>A frightful crime of decapitation.</i>
<u>ghastly</u>	Very objectionable, bad, or unpleasant. <i>The weather was ghastly.</i>
<u>grim</u>	Very serious or gloomy. <i>She was looking grim.</i>
grisly	Causing horror or disgust. <i>A grisly murder.</i>
hideous	Extremely unpleasant. <i>A hideous pattern of injustice.</i>
<u>horrendous</u>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>Horrendous explosions shook the city.</i>
horrible	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>A horrible massacre.</i>
horrid	Exceedingly bad. <i>When she was bad she was horrid.</i>

horrific	Grossly offensive to decency or morality; causing horror. <i>Horrific injuries.</i>
horrifying	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>A horrifying incident.</i>
loathsome	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>This loathsome little swine.</i>
macabre	Disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death. <i>Macabre tales of war and plague in the Middle ages.</i>
nauseating	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>A nauseating smell.</i>
nauseous	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>This nauseous account of a court case.</i>
objectionable	Liable to objection or debate; used of something one might take exception to. <i>Found the politician s views objectionable.</i>
obnoxious	Causing disapproval or protest. <i>Obnoxious odours.</i>
odious	Extremely unpleasant; repulsive. <i>Consequences odious to those you govern.</i>
off-putting	Tending to repel- Elizabeth Hess.
offensive	Morally offensive. <i>The allegations made are deeply offensive to us.</i>
repellent	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>A water repellent fabric.</i>
repugnant	Given to stubborn resistance. <i>Cannibalism seems repugnant to us.</i>
repulsive	So extremely ugly as to be terrifying. <i>A repulsive force.</i>
revolting	Causing intense disgust; disgusting. <i>There was a revolting smell that lingered in the air.</i>
sick	(of an organization, system, or society) suffering from serious problems. <i>Visiting the sick and the elderly.</i>
sickening	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>A sickening stench of blood.</i>
squalid	Showing or involving a contemptible lack of moral standards. <i>The squalid atmosphere of intrigue and betrayal.</i>

terrible	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>A terrible crime.</i>
unappetizing	Not appetizing in appearance, aroma, or taste. <i>An unappetizing leg of chicken.</i>
<u>uninviting</u>	(especially of a place or prospect) not attractive. <i>The house was dark and uninviting.</i>
<u>unpalatable</u>	Not pleasant or acceptable to the taste or mind. <i>Scraps of unpalatable food.</i>
<u>unpleasant</u>	Disagreeable to the senses, to the mind, or feelings. <i>Unpleasant odors.</i>
unsavoury	Not pleasing in odor or taste. <i>An unsavoury reputation.</i>
vile	Morally bad; wicked. <i>As vile a rogue as ever lived.</i>

Usage Examples of "Gruesome" as an adjective

- *The most gruesome murder.*
- *Gruesome catering.*
- *Gruesome evidence of human sacrifice.*

Associations of "Gruesome" (30 Words)

abomination	Hate coupled with disgust. <i>A Calvinist abomination of indulgence.</i>
<u>alarming</u>	Frightening because of an awareness of danger. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an alarming rate.</i>
<u>appalling</u>	Causing consternation. <i>The cat suffered appalling injuries during the attack.</i>
<u>astounding</u>	Surprisingly impressive or notable. <i>The summit offers astounding views.</i>
<u>atrocious</u>	Provoking horror. <i>Atrocious taste.</i>
awful	Awfully very. <i>The awful war.</i>
beastly	In a beastly manner. <i>Beastly desires.</i>

diabolical	Extremely evil or cruel; expressive of cruelty or befitting hell. <i>Diabolical sorcerers under the influence of devils.</i>
disgusting	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>He had the most disgusting rotten teeth.</i>
fiendish	Extremely cruel or unpleasant. <i>Fiendish methods of torture.</i>
frightening	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A frightening experience.</i>
frightful	Used for emphasis, especially of something bad. <i>Spent a frightful amount of money.</i>
ghastly	Gruesomely indicative of death or the dead. <i>A ghastly pallor.</i>
grisly	Causing horror or disgust. <i>The town was shaken by a series of grisly crimes.</i>
hate	Used politely to express one's regret or embarrassment at doing something. <i>I d hate to live there.</i>
hellish	Very unpleasant. <i>It was hellish expensive.</i>
hideous	So extremely ugly as to be terrifying. <i>A hideous scar.</i>
horrible	Very unpleasant. <i>War is beyond all words horrible.</i>
horrific	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>Horrific conditions in the mining industry.</i>
horrifying	Provoking horror. <i>An alarming even horrifying picture.</i>
infernal	Being of the underworld. <i>Infernal instruments of war.</i>
loathing	A feeling of intense dislike or disgust; hatred. <i>The thought filled him with loathing.</i>
macabre	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>A macabre series of murders.</i>
odious	Extremely unpleasant; repulsive. <i>Odious hypocrisy.</i>
scary	Frightening; causing fear. <i>A scary movie.</i>

sepulchral	Gloomy; dismal. <i>The sepulchral darkness of the catacombs.</i>
<u>spooky</u>	Easily frightened; nervous. <i>Some horses are more spooky by nature than others.</i>
terrible	Causing or likely to cause terror; sinister. <i>A terrible cough.</i>
unsightly	Unpleasant to look at; ugly. <i>Unsightly billboards.</i>