

Need another word that means the same as “harshly”? Find 2 synonyms and 30 related words for “harshly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Harshly” are: **gratingly, raspingly**

## Harshly as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Harshly" as an adverb

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

- *With an undesirably strong effect.*
- *In a manner that is unpleasantly rough or jarring to the senses.*
- *In a harsh and grating manner.*
- *In a cruel or severe manner.*

### Synonyms of "Harshly" as an adverb (2 Words)

**gratingly** In a harsh and grating manner.  
*Her voice fell **gratingly** on our ears.*

**raspingly** In a harsh and grating manner.

### Usage Examples of "Harshly" as an adverb

- *I felt I was harshly treated by the court.*
- *The fierce wind blew harshly on to my face.*
- *The offices are harshly lit by fluorescent lights.*
- *The pilot applied the brakes too harshly.*

## Associations of "Harshly" (30 Words)

<b>asperity</b>	Something hard to endure. <i>The <b>asperity</b> of northern winters.</i>
<b><u>austere</u></b>	(of living conditions or a way of life) having no comforts or luxuries. <i>A desert nomad s <b>austere</b> life.</i>
<b>draconian</b>	Of or relating to Draco or his harsh code of laws. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of <b>draconian</b> laws.</i>
<b>implacable</b>	Unable to be stopped; relentless. <i>An <b>implacable</b> enemy.</i>
<b>inexorable</b>	Impossible to stop or prevent. <i>The doctors were <b>inexorable</b> and there was nothing to be done.</i>
<b>inflexible</b>	Resistant to being bent. <i>Heavy <b>inflexible</b> armour.</i>
<b>martinet</b>	Someone who demands exact conformity to rules and forms. <i>The woman in charge was a <b>martinet</b> who treated all those beneath her like children.</i>
<b><u>merciless</u></b>	Showing no mercy. <i>The <b>merciless</b> enemy.</i>
<b>obduracy</b>	Resoluteness by virtue of being unyielding and inflexible.
<b>persecutor</b>	Someone who torments. <i>He became known as a <b>persecutor</b> of dissidents.</i>
<b>pitiless</b>	Showing no pity; cruel. <i>A <b>pitiless</b> executioner.</i>
<b><u>relentless</u></b>	Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i><b>Relentless</b> persecution.</i>
<b>remorseless</b>	Without mercy or pity. <i>A <b>remorseless</b> killer.</i>
<b>rigid</b>	Not adaptable in outlook, belief, or response. <i>A <b>rigid</b> strip of metal.</i>
<b>rigor</b>	The quality of being valid and rigorous. <i>The <b>rigors</b> of boot camp.</i>
<b><u>rigorous</u></b>	(of a rule, system, etc.) strictly applied or adhered to. <i>The <b>rigorous</b> testing of consumer products.</i>
<b>rigour</b>	Excessive sternness. <i>His analysis is lacking in <b>rigour</b>.</i>

<b><u>ruthless</u></b>	Having or showing no pity or compassion for others. <i>An act of <b>ruthless</b> ferocity.</i>
<b><u>severe</u></b>	Severely simple. <i>The damage is not too <b>severe</b>.</i>
<b>severity</b>	The fact or condition of being severe. <i>Hay fever symptoms vary in <b>severity</b>.</i>
<b>spartan</b>	Of or relating to or characteristic of Sparta or its people. <i><b>Spartan</b> courage.</i>
<b>stern</b>	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i>The past year has been a <b>stern</b> test of the ability of British industry.</i>
<b>strict</b>	Characterized by strictness severity or restraint. <i><b>Strict</b> standards.</i>
<b>stringency</b>	A state occasioned by scarcity of money and a shortage of credit.
<b><u>stringent</u></b>	Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures. <i><b>Stringent</b> safety measures.</i>
<b>stringently</b>	In a stringent manner. <i><b>Stringently</b> controlled.</i>
<b>unbending</b>	Incapable of adapting or changing to meet circumstances. <i>He was so <b>unbending</b> and uncompromising.</i>
<b><u>unkind</u></b>	Deficient in humane and kindly feelings. <i>A thoughtless and <b>unkind</b> remark.</i>
<b><u>unrelenting</u></b>	Not yielding in strength, severity, or determination. <i><b>Unrelenting</b> opponents.</i>
<b>unyielding</b>	Stubbornly unyielding T S Eliot. <i>An <b>unyielding</b> head support.</i>