

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)

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

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