

Need another word that means the same as “haunting”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “haunting” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Haunting” are: persistent, evocative, affecting, moving, touching, emotive, expressive, powerful, stirring, atmospheric, soul-stirring

Haunting as an Adjective

Definitions of "Haunting" as an adjective

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

- *Continually recurring to the mind- Claudia Cassidy.*
- *Poignant; evocative.*
- *Having a deeply disquieting or disturbing effect.*
- *Continually recurring to the mind.*
- *Having a deeply disquieting or disturbing effect-Charles Lee.*



Synonyms of "Haunting" as an adjective (11 Words)

- affecting** Arousing affect.
*The homecoming of the released hostages was an **affecting** scene.*
- atmospheric** Creating a distinctive mood, typically of romance or nostalgia.
***Atmospheric** tests.*
- emotive** Arousing or able to arouse intense feeling.
*The comparisons are **emotive** rather than analytic.*
- evocative** Serving to bring to mind- Wilder Hobson.
*The building's cramped interiors are highly **evocative** of past centuries.*
- expressive** Conveying (a specified quality or idea).
*A very **expressive** face.*
- moving** Arousing or capable of arousing deep emotion- N. Hawthorne.
*She laid her case of destitution before him in a very **moving** letter.*
- persistent** Continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.
***Persistent** rain will affect many areas.*
- powerful** Possessing physical strength and weight rugged and powerful.
*His photomontages are **powerful** anti war images.*

soul-stirring Exciting strong but not unpleasant emotions.

stirring Exciting strong but not unpleasant emotions.
Stirring events such as wars and rescues.

touching Arousing feelings of sympathy or gratitude.
His gratitude was simple and touching.



Usage Examples of "Haunting" as an adjective

- *The cathedral organ and the distant voices have a haunting beauty.*
- *Haunting memories.*
- *The sweet haunting sound of pan pipes.*
- *From two handsome and talented young men to two haunting horrors of disintegration.*



Associations of "Haunting" (30 Words)

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| astound | Affect with wonder. <i>Her bluntness astounded him.</i> |
| <u>astounding</u> | Surprisingly impressive or notable. <i>An astounding achievement.</i> |
| concern | Relate to; be about. <i>The roof of the barn concerns me because eventually it will fall in.</i> |
| distressing | Causing anxiety, sorrow or pain; upsetting. <i>Some very distressing news.</i> |
| disturbing | Causing distress or worry or anxiety. <i>A disturbing amount of crime.</i> |

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| eerie | Strange and frightening. <i>An eerie midnight howl.</i> |
| <u>evoked</u> | Evoke or provoke to appear or occur. <i>Evoke sympathy.</i> |
| implore | Call upon in supplication; entreat. <i>He implored her to change her mind.</i> |
| impressed | Feeling or showing admiration or respect for someone or something. <i>The saddle was handsomely decorated with an impressed design of leaves and flowers.</i> |
| <u>invoke</u> | Summon (a spirit) by charms or incantation. <i>She invoked an ancient law.</i> |
| memory | An electronic memory device. <i>He searched his memory frantically for an answer.</i> |
| moving | Used of a series of photographs presented so as to create the illusion of motion. <i>Her ambition was to be in moving pictures or the movies.</i> |
| <u>outrageous</u> | Shockingly bad or excessive. <i>Spends an outrageous amount on entertainment.</i> |
| <u>poignant</u> | Evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret. <i>The poignant scent of her powder.</i> |
| remember | Recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection. <i>He remembered her in his will.</i> |
| <u>retroactive</u> | Affecting things past. <i>Retroactive tax increase.</i> |
| <u>retrospect</u> | A survey or review of a past course of events or period of time. <i>In retrospect.</i> |
| retrospective | (of a statute or legal decision) taking effect from a date in the past. <i>Our survey was retrospective.</i> |
| saintliness | The quality of resembling a saint. <i>Her selfless behaviour borders on saintliness.</i> |
| scandalize | Shock or horrify (someone) by a real or imagined violation of propriety or morality. <i>Their lack of manners scandalized their hosts.</i> |
| <u>sensational</u> | Relating to or concerned in sensation. <i>A sensational concert one never to be forgotten.</i> |
| shock | Subject to electrical shocks. <i>He died of shock due to massive abdominal haemorrhage.</i> |

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| <u>shocking</u> | Causing a feeling of surprise and dismay. <i>She brought shocking news.</i> |
| <u>sorry</u> | Without merit. <i>He said he was sorry he had upset me.</i> |
| <u>spectacular</u> | Characteristic of spectacles or drama. <i>A spectacular display of northern lights.</i> |
| <u>staggering</u> | Deeply shocking; astonishing. <i>The amount of money required was staggering.</i> |
| stupefy | Make senseless or dizzy by or as if by a blow. <i>The amount they spend on clothes would appal their parents and stupefy their grandparents.</i> |
| surprised | Taken unawares or suddenly and feeling wonder or astonishment. <i>A surprised expression.</i> |
| worrisome | Causing distress or worry or anxiety. <i>A worrisome problem.</i> |
| worrying | The act of harassing someone. <i>A worrying health risk.</i> |

