

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)

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>

eerie	Strange and frightening. <i>An eerie midnight howl.</i>
<u>evoke</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>

<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>

