

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)

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

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

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

