

Need another word that means the same as “heinous”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “heinous” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Heinous” are: flagitious, odious, wicked, evil, atrocious, monstrous, disgraceful, abominable, detestable, contemptible, reprehensible, despicable, horrible, horrific, horrifying, terrible, awful, abhorrent, loathsome, outrageous, shocking, shameful, hateful, hideous, unspeakable, unpardonable, unforgivable, inexcusable, execrable, ghastly, iniquitous, villainous, nefarious**

## Heinous as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Heinous" as an adjective

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

- *(of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.*
- *Extremely wicked, deeply criminal.*

### Synonyms of "Heinous" as an adjective (33 Words)

<b><a href="#">abhorrent</a></b>	Offensive to the mind. <i>Racism was <b>abhorrent</b> to us all.</i>
<b>abominable</b>	Unequivocally detestable- Edmund Burke. <i><b>Abominable</b> workmanship.</i>
<b><a href="#">atrocious</a></b>	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>He attempted an <b>atrocious</b> imitation of my English accent.</i>
<b>awful</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>An <b>awful</b> voice.</i>

<b>contemptible</b>	Deserving of contempt or scorn. <i>A display of <b>contemptible</b> cowardice.</i>
<b>despicable</b>	Morally reprehensible. <i>A <b>despicable</b> crime.</i>
<b>detestable</b>	Unequivocally detestable Edmund Burke. <i>I found the film s violence <b>detestable</b>.</i>
<b><u>disgraceful</u></b>	Shockingly unacceptable. <i>It is <b>disgraceful</b> that they should be denied unemployment benefits.</i>
<b>evil</b>	Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil. <i>A bathroom with an ineradicably <b>evil</b> smell.</i>
<b>execrable</b>	Deserving a curse. <i><b>Execrable</b> cheap wine.</i>
<b>flagitious</b>	(of a person or their actions) criminal; villainous. <i>A <b>flagitious</b> crime.</i>
<b><u>ghastly</u></b>	Deathly white. <i>One of the most <b>ghastly</b> crimes ever committed.</i>
<b>hateful</b>	Arousing, deserving of, or filled with hatred. <i>No vice is universally as <b>hateful</b> as ingratitude.</i>
<b>hideous</b>	So extremely ugly as to be terrifying. <i>A <b>hideous</b> pattern of injustice.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Causing or likely to cause horror; shocking. <i>War is beyond all words <b>horrible</b>.</i>
<b><u>horrific</u></b>	Causing horror. <i><b>Horrific</b> conditions in the mining industry.</i>
<b><u>horrifying</u></b>	Causing horror; extremely shocking. <i>An alarming even <b>horrifying</b> picture.</i>
<b>inexcusable</b>	Not excusable. <i>Matt s behaviour was <b>inexcusable</b>.</i>
<b>iniquitous</b>	Grossly unfair and morally wrong. <i>An <b>iniquitous</b> tax.</i>
<b>loathsome</b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>This <b>loathsome</b> little swine.</i>
<b>monstrous</b>	Inhumanly or outrageously evil or wrong. <i>He wasn t lovable he was <b>monstrous</b> and violent.</i>
<b>nefarious</b>	Extremely wicked. <i>The <b>nefarious</b> activities of the organized crime syndicates.</i>

<b>odious</b>	Extremely unpleasant; repulsive. <i>Consequences <b>odious</b> to those you govern.</i>
<b>outrageous</b>	Wildly exaggerated or improbable. <i>An <b>outrageous</b> act of bribery.</i>
<b>reprehensible</b>	Deserving censure or condemnation. <i>His complacency and <b>reprehensible</b> laxity.</i>
<b>shameful</b>	Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation. <i>The wicked rascally <b>shameful</b> conduct of the bankrupt.</i>
<b>shocking</b>	Causing a feeling of surprise and dismay. <i>She brought <b>shocking</b> news.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Very unskilful. <i>A <b>terrible</b> cough.</i>
<b>unforgivable</b>	Not excusable. <i>Losing your temper with him was <b>unforgivable</b>.</i>
<b>unpardonable</b>	(of a fault or offence) too severe to be pardoned; unforgivable. <i>An <b>unpardonable</b> sin.</i>
<b>unspeakable</b>	Too sacred to be uttered. <i>A piece of <b>unspeakable</b> abuse.</i>
<b>villainous</b>	Relating to, constituting, or guilty of wicked or criminal behaviour. <i>A <b>villainous</b> band of thieves.</i>
<b>wicked</b>	Morally bad in principle or practice. <i>A <b>wicked</b> sense of humour.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Heinous" as an adjective

- *A battery of heinous crimes.*
- *Heinous accusations.*

## Associations of "Heinous" (30 Words)

<b>aggravating</b>	Causing annoyance or exasperation. <i>She found him thoroughly <b>aggravating</b> and unprofessional.</i>
<b>barbarism</b>	A brutal barbarous savage act. <i>She called the execution an act of <b>barbarism</b>.</i>
<b>barbarous</b>	Able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>Avoiding <b>barbarous</b> sentences or ambiguities.</i>

<b>beastly</b>	In a beastly manner. A <b>beastly</b> dull wedding party.
<b>bloodthirsty</b>	Marked by eagerness to resort to violence and bloodshed-G.W.Johnson. A <b>bloodthirsty</b> dictator.
<b>brutal</b>	Able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. A <b>brutal</b> murder.
<b>brutish</b>	Resembling or characteristic of a brute. A dull and <b>brutish</b> man.
<b>cruel</b>	Wilfully causing pain or suffering to others, or feeling no concern about it. People who are <b>cruel</b> to animals.
<b>detestable</b>	Unequivocally detestable. <b>Detestable</b> vices.
<b>devilry</b>	Wicked and cruel behavior. Some <b>devilry</b> was afoot.
<b>diabolic</b>	Showing the cunning or ingenuity or wickedness typical of a devil. The cold calculation and <b>diabolic</b> art of some statesmen.
<b>execrable</b>	Unequivocally detestable. <b>Execrable</b> cheap wine.
<b>execrate</b>	Find repugnant. They were <b>execrated</b> as dangerous and corrupt.
<b>ferocious</b>	Very great; extreme. A <b>ferocious</b> beating.
<b>fiendish</b>	Extremely cruel or unpleasant. <b>Fiendish</b> methods of torture.
<b>gory</b>	Accompanied by bloodshed. A <b>gory</b> horror film.
<b>hateful</b>	Arousing, deserving of, or filled with hatred. A <b>hateful</b> thing to do.
<b>hellish</b>	(informal) very unpleasant. It was <b>hellish</b> expensive.
<b>inhuman</b>	Not human in nature or character. The <b>inhuman</b> treatment meted out to political prisoners.
<b>inhumane</b>	Without compassion for misery or suffering; cruel. Confining wild horses is <b>inhumane</b> .
<b>loathsome</b>	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. A <b>loathsome</b> disease.

<b>nauseating</b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>The stench was <b>nauseating</b>.</i>
<b>odious</b>	Unequivocally detestable- Edmund Burke. <i>Consequences <b>odious</b> to those you govern.</i>
<b>pitiless</b>	Showing no pity; cruel. <i>A <b>pitiless</b> executioner.</i>
<b><u>ruthless</u></b>	Without mercy or pity. <i>An act of <b>ruthless</b> ferocity.</i>
<b>sanguinary</b>	Involving or causing much bloodshed. <i>Went after the collaborators with a <b>sanguinary</b> fury that drenched the land with blood.</i>
<b>savage</b>	(of an animal or force of nature) fierce, violent, and uncontrolled. <i>The decision was a <b>savage</b> blow for the town.</i>
<b>wicked</b>	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i>A <b>wicked</b> and unscrupulous politician.</i>