

Need another word that means the same as “horrendous”? Find 28 synonyms for “horrendous” in this overview.

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Horrendous as an Adjective

Definitions of "Horrendous" as an adjective

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

- *Extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible.*
- *Causing fear or dread or terror.*

Synonyms of "Horrendous" as an adjective (28 Words)

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| appalling | Very bad; awful. <i>Appalling</i> conditions. |
| awful | Offensive or even (of persons) malicious. An <i>awful</i> voice. |
| dire | (of a warning or threat) presaging disaster. There were <i>dire</i> warnings from the traffic organizations. |
| direful | Extremely bad; dreadful. A career or vengeance so <i>direful</i> that London was shocked. |
| dread | Greatly feared dreadful. The <i>dread</i> presence of the headmaster. |

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| <u>dreaded</u> | Regarded with great fear or apprehension. <i>The dreaded news came that Joe had been wounded.</i> |
| <u>dreadful</u> | Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>Dreadful manners.</i> |
| fearful | Lacking courage; ignobly timid and faint-hearted. <i>Fearful slum conditions.</i> |
| fearsome | Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The cat mewed displaying a fearsome set of teeth.</i> |
| <u>frightening</u> | Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A frightening experience.</i> |
| frightful | Used for emphasis, especially of something bad. <i>In a frightful hurry.</i> |
| <u>ghastly</u> | Gruesomely indicative of death or the dead. <i>Ghastly shrieks.</i> |
| <u>grim</u> | Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i>The grim task of burying the victims.</i> |
| grisly | Causing horror or disgust. <i>A grisly murder.</i> |
| <u>gruesome</u> | Causing repulsion or horror; grisly. <i>The most gruesome murder.</i> |
| hair-raising | Extremely alarming. |
| harrowing | Acutely distressing. <i>A harrowing film about racism and violence.</i> |
| <u>heinous</u> | Extremely wicked, deeply criminal. <i>Heinous accusations.</i> |
| hideous | Extremely ugly. <i>Hideous lizard like creatures.</i> |
| horrible | Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>A horrible massacre.</i> |
| <u>horrific</u> | Grossly offensive to decency or morality; causing horror. <i>Horrific conditions in the mining industry.</i> |
| <u>horrifying</u> | Causing horror; extremely shocking. <i>An alarming even horrifying picture.</i> |
| <u>macabre</u> | Disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death. <i>Macabre tales of war and plague in the Middle ages.</i> |
| nightmarish | Extremely alarming. <i>A nightmarish vision of the future.</i> |

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| <u>shocking</u> | Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation. <i>She brought shocking news.</i> |
| terrible | Causing or likely to cause terror; sinister. <i>I was terrible at basketball.</i> |
| <u>unspeakable</u> | Too bad or horrific to express in words. <i>Unspeakable happiness.</i> |
| vile | Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>As vile a rogue as ever lived.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Horrendous" as an adjective

- *Horrendous explosions shook the city.*
- *She suffered horrendous injuries.*