

Need another word that means the same as “merciless”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “merciless” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Merciless” are: unmerciful, ruthless, remorseless, pitiless, unforgiving, uncharitable, unsparing, unpitying, implacable, inexorable, relentless, inflexible, barbarous, inhumane, inhuman, cold-blooded, heartless, harsh, callous, cruel, brutal, unsympathetic, unfeeling, illiberal, intolerant, rigid, severe, stern**

## Merciless as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Merciless" as an adjective

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

- *Showing no mercy.*
- *Having or showing no mercy.*

### Synonyms of "Merciless" as an adjective (28 Words)

<b>barbarous</b>	(of language) coarse and unrefined. <i>A remote and <b>barbarous</b> country.</i>
<b>brutal</b>	Savagely violent. <i>A <b>brutal</b> winter.</i>
<b>callous</b>	Having calluses; having skin made tough and thick through wear. <i>With a workman s <b>callous</b> hands.</i>
<b>cold-blooded</b>	Without compunction or human feeling.
<b>cruel</b>	Able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>A <b>cruel</b> remark.</i>

<b>harsh</b>	Sharply disagreeable; rigorous. <i>The <b>harsh</b> facts of court delays.</i>
<b><u>heartless</u></b>	Devoid of courage or enthusiasm. <i><b>Heartless</b> thieves stole the pushchair of a two year old boy.</i>
<b>illiberal</b>	Not generous; mean. <i><b>Illiberal</b> and anti democratic policies.</i>
<b>implacable</b>	Unable to be appeased or placated. <i>The <b>implacable</b> advance of the enemy.</i>
<b>inexorable</b>	Impossible to stop or prevent. <i>Russia s final hour it seemed approached with <b>inexorable</b> certainty.</i>
<b>inflexible</b>	Unwilling to change or compromise. <i>An <b>inflexible</b> iron bar.</i>
<b>inhuman</b>	Lacking human qualities of compassion and mercy; cruel and barbaric. <i>A babel of <b>inhuman</b> noises.</i>
<b>inhumane</b>	Lacking and reflecting lack of pity or compassion. <i>Confining wild horses is <b>inhumane</b>.</i>
<b><u>intolerant</u></b>	Unwilling to tolerate difference of opinion. <i>Some people are <b>intolerant</b> of aspirin.</i>
<b>pitiless</b>	Deficient in humane and kindly feelings. <i>A night of <b>pitiless</b> rain.</i>
<b><u>relentless</u></b>	Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i>The <b>relentless</b> heat of the desert.</i>
<b>remorseless</b>	Without regret or guilt. <i>A <b>remorseless</b> killer.</i>
<b>rigid</b>	Not able to be changed or adapted. <i>Beatrice was <b>rigid</b> with terror.</i>
<b><u>ruthless</u></b>	Having or showing no pity or compassion for others. <i>A <b>ruthless</b> manipulator.</i>
<b><u>severe</u></b>	Severely simple. <i>A hefty six footer with a rather <b>severe</b> mien.</i>
<b>stern</b>	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i>A <b>stern</b> face.</i>
<b>uncharitable</b>	Lacking love and generosity. <i>All pious words and <b>uncharitable</b> deeds.</i>
<b>unfeeling</b>	Devoid of feeling for others. <i>My mother is a cold <b>unfeeling</b> woman.</i>

<b>unforgiving</b>	(of a place or situation) harsh or hostile. <i>A surly <b>unforgiving</b> old woman.</i>
<b>unmerciful</b>	Having or showing no mercy. <i>Deceptively inflated incomes expose many couples to <b>unmerciful</b> taxes.</i>
<b>unpitying</b>	Not feeling or showing pity. <i>A flat <b>unpitying</b> voice.</i>
<b>unsparing</b>	Merciless; severe. <i><b>Unsparing</b> generosity.</i>
<b>unsympathetic</b>	(of characters in literature or drama) tending to evoke antipathetic feelings. <i>They were initially <b>unsympathetic</b> towards the cause of Irish freedom.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Merciless" as an adjective

- *The merciless enemy.*
- *The merciless summer heat.*
- *A merciless critic.*
- *A merciless attack with a blunt instrument.*
- *Gave him a merciless beating.*

## Associations of "Merciless" (30 Words)

<b>brutal</b>	Punishingly harsh. <i>A <b>brutal</b> winter.</i>
<b>cruel</b>	Wilfully causing pain or suffering to others, or feeling no concern about it. <i>Ernie nearly <b>cruelled</b> the whole thing by laughing.</i>
<b>cruelly</b>	With cruelty. <i>Their hopes were <b>cruelly</b> dashed.</i>
<b>denouncement</b>	A public act of denouncing.
<b>denunciation</b>	Public condemnation of someone or something. <i><b>Denunciation</b> of his reckless methods.</i>
<b>draconian</b>	(of laws or their application) excessively harsh and severe. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of <b>draconian</b> laws.</i>
<b>ferocious</b>	Marked by extreme and violent energy. <i>A <b>ferocious</b> beating.</i>

<b>harsh</b>	Unkind or cruel or uncivil. <i>A time of <b>harsh</b> military discipline.</i>
<b>implacable</b>	Incapable of being placated. <i>An <b>implacable</b> enemy.</i>
<b>inclement</b>	(of weather or climate) severe. <i>The harsh sentence of an <b>inclement</b> judge.</i>
<b>inexorable</b>	Impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason. <i>Cynthia was <b>inexorable</b> she would have none of him.</i>
<b>munificent</b>	Very generous. <i>A <b>munificent</b> patron of the arts.</i>
<b>notorious</b>	Known widely and usually unfavorably. <i>Los Angeles is <b>notorious</b> for its smog.</i>
<b>parricide</b>	A person who commits parricide.
<b>persecute</b>	Harass or annoy (someone) persistently. <i>His followers were <b>persecuted</b> by the authorities.</i>
<b>persecutor</b>	A person who harasses or annoys someone persistently. <i>A well known curmudgeon and <b>persecutor</b> of buskers.</i>
<b>pitiless</b>	(especially of weather) unrelentingly harsh or severe. <i>A night of <b>pitiless</b> rain.</i>
<b>relentless</b>	Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i>The <b>relentless</b> heat of the desert.</i>
<b>relentlessly</b>	In a relentless manner. <i>The songs are <b>relentlessly</b> upbeat.</i>
<b>remorseless</b>	(of something unpleasant) never ending or improving; relentless. <i>A <b>remorseless</b> killer.</i>
<b>repression</b>	The action of subduing someone or something by force. <i>The tsarist <b>repressions</b>.</i>
<b>ruthless</b>	Having or showing no pity or compassion for others. <i>An act of <b>ruthless</b> ferocity.</i>
<b>ruthlessly</b>	Without pity or compassion for others. <i>They fell prey to money lenders who <b>ruthlessly</b> exploited them.</i>
<b>sadistic</b>	Deriving pleasure or sexual gratification from inflicting pain on another. <i>She took a <b>sadistic</b> pleasure in tormenting him.</i>
<b>sanguinary</b>	Marked by eagerness to resort to violence and bloodshed-G.W.Johnson. <i>They lost heavily in the <b>sanguinary</b> campaigns that followed.</i>
<b>truculence</b>	Obstreperous and defiant aggressiveness.

<b><u>unkind</u></b>	Deficient in humane and kindly feelings. <i>It was <b>unkind</b> of her to criticize.</i>
<b><u>unrelenting</u></b>	Harsh. <i><b>Unrelenting</b> opponents.</i>
<b>unsparing</b>	Merciless; severe. <i>An <b>unsparing</b> critic.</i>
<b>unstinting</b>	Given or giving without restraint; unsparing. <i>Called for <b>unstinting</b> aid to Britain.</i>