

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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