

Need another word that means the same as “nasty”? Find 98 synonyms and 30 related words for “nasty” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Nasty” are: awful, tight, filthy, foul, cruddy, smutty, unpleasant, disagreeable, disgusting, distasteful, dreadful, horrible, terrible, vile, abominable, frightful, loathsome, revolting, repulsive, odious, sickening, nauseating, nauseous, repellent, repugnant, horrendous, hideous, appalling, atrocious, offensive, objectionable, obnoxious, unpalatable, unsavoury, unappetizing, off-putting, uninviting, dirty, squalid, serious, dangerous, bad, critical, severe, grave, alarming, worrying, concerning, inclement, hateful, detestable, abhorrent, despicable, contemptible, reprehensible, execrable, damnable, unkind, unfriendly, inconsiderate, uncharitable, rude, churlish, spiteful, malicious, mean, ill-tempered, ill-natured, ill-humoured, bad-tempered, hostile, vicious, malevolent, evil-minded, surly, poisonous, venomous, vindictive, malign, malignant, cantankerous, hurtful, cruel, wounding, abusive, annoying, irritating, infuriating, unwelcome, unfortunate, maddening, exasperating, irksome, vexing, vexatious, toxic, deadly, virulent**

## Nasty as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Nasty" as an adjective

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

- *(of the weather) unpleasantly cold or wet.*
- *Repugnant to the mind.*
- *Offensive or even (of persons) malicious.*
- *Characterized by obscenity.*

- *Disgustingly dirty; filled or smeared with offensive matter.*
- *Annoying or unwelcome.*
- *Exasperatingly difficult to handle or circumvent.*
- *Very bad or unpleasant.*
- *Behaving in an unpleasant or spiteful way.*
- *Offensive or even (of persons) malicious- Ezra Pound.*
- *Damaging or harmful.*



## Synonyms of "Nasty" as an adjective (98 Words)

**abhorrent** Offensive to the mind.  
*Racism was **abhorrent** to us all.*

**abominable** Exceptionally bad or displeasing.  
*The uprising was suppressed with **abominable** cruelty.*

<b>abusive</b>	Expressing offensive reproach. <i>Abusive parents.</i>
<b><u>alarming</u></b>	Frightening because of an awareness of danger. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
<b>annoying</b>	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>Tapping an <b>annoying</b> rhythm on his glass with his fork.</i>
<b><u>appalling</u></b>	Causing shock or dismay; horrific. <i>Appalling conditions.</i>
<b><u>atrocious</u></b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>Atrocious taste.</i>
<b>awful</b>	Inspiring awe or admiration or wonder. <i>An <b>awful</b> voice.</i>
<b>bad</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>Bad luck.</i>
<b>bad-tempered</b>	Annoyed and irritable.
<b><u>cantankerous</u></b>	Stubbornly obstructive and unwilling to cooperate- Spectator. <i>A <b>cantankerous</b> and venomous tongued old lady.</i>
<b>churlish</b>	Having a bad disposition; surly. <i>Churlish as a bear.</i>
<b><u>concerning</u></b>	Causing anxiety; worrying. <i>A <b>concerning</b> breach of security.</i>
<b>contemptible</b>	Deserving of contempt or scorn. <i>A display of <b>contemptible</b> cowardice.</i>
<b>critical</b>	Expressing adverse or disapproving comments or judgements. <i>A <b>critical</b> reading.</i>
<b>cruddy</b>	Characterized by obscenity.
<b>cruel</b>	(of persons or their actions) able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>The winters are long hard and <b>cruel</b>.</i>
<b>damnable</b>	Subject to or worthy of divine condemnation. <i>Her <b>damnable</b> pride.</i>
<b>dangerous</b>	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>A <b>dangerous</b> criminal.</i>
<b>deadly</b>	Extremely accurate, effective, or skilful. <i>A series of <b>deadly</b> attacks.</i>
<b>despicable</b>	Morally reprehensible. <i>Would do something as <b>despicable</b> as murder.</i>

<b>detestable</b>	Unequivocally detestable. <i>I found the film s violence <b>detestable</b>.</i>
<b><u>disagreeable</u></b>	Not agreeing with your tastes or expectations. <i>A <b>disagreeable</b> thought.</i>
<b>disgusting</b>	Arousing revulsion or strong indignation. <i>I think the decision is <b>disgusting</b>.</i>
<b>distasteful</b>	Not pleasing in odor or taste. <i><b>Distasteful</b> language.</i>
<b><u>dreadful</u></b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>You re a <b>dreadful</b> flirt.</i>
<b>evil-minded</b>	Having evil thoughts or intentions.
<b>exasperating</b>	Making worse. <i>His cavalier curtness of manner was <b>exasperating</b>.</i>
<b>execrable</b>	Unequivocally detestable. <i><b>Execrable</b> cheap wine.</i>
<b><u>filthy</u></b>	Disgustingly dirty; filled or smeared with offensive matter. <i><b>Filthy</b> language.</i>
<b>foul</b>	Not hit between the foul lines. <i><b>Foul</b> swampy water.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Provoking horror. <i>There s been a most <b>frightful</b> accident.</i>
<b><u>grave</u></b>	Of great gravity or crucial import; requiring serious thought. <i>A <b>grave</b> situation.</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>	Extremely unpleasant. <i><b>Hideous</b> lizard like creatures.</i>
<b><u>horrendous</u></b>	Extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible. <i>She suffered <b>horrendous</b> injuries.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Very unpleasant. <i>War is beyond all words <b>horrible</b>.</i>
<b><u>hostile</u></b>	Showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly. <i>A <b>hostile</b> remark.</i>
<b>hurtful</b>	Harmful to living things. <i>Her <b>hurtful</b> unconsidered words.</i>
<b>ill-humoured</b>	Brusque and surly and forbidding.
<b>ill-natured</b>	Having an irritable and unpleasant disposition.

<b>ill-tempered</b>	Annoyed and irritable.
<b>inclement</b>	(of weather or climate) severe. <i>Walkers should be prepared for <b>inclement</b> weather.</i>
<b><u>inconsiderate</u></b>	Lacking regard for the rights or feelings of others. <i>Shockingly <b>inconsiderate</b> behavior.</i>
<b><u>infuriating</u></b>	Extremely annoying or displeasing. <i>That <b>infuriating</b> half smile on his face.</i>
<b>irksome</b>	So lacking in interest as to cause mental weariness. <i>What an <b>irksome</b> task the writing of long letters is.</i>
<b>irritating</b>	Causing irritation to a body part. <i>An <b>irritating</b> child.</i>
<b>loathsome</b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>A <b>loathsome</b> disease.</i>
<b>maddening</b>	Extremely annoying or displeasing. <i>The ceaseless tumult of the jukebox was <b>maddening</b>.</i>
<b>malevolent</b>	Having or showing a wish to do evil to others. <i><b>Malevolent</b> stars.</i>
<b><u>malicious</u></b>	Characterized by malice; intending or intended to do harm. <i><b>Malicious</b> gossip.</i>
<b>malign</b>	Having or exerting a malignant influence. <i>Prompted by <b>malign</b> motives.</i>
<b>malignant</b>	Evil in nature or effect; malevolent. <i>In the hands of <b>malignant</b> fate.</i>
<b>mean</b>	Characterized by malice. <i>The <b>mean</b> annual rainfall.</i>
<b>nauseating</b>	Causing or liable to cause a feeling of nausea or disgust; disgusting. <i>The stench was <b>nauseating</b>.</i>
<b>nauseous</b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>The smell was <b>nauseous</b>.</i>
<b>objectionable</b>	Arousing distaste or opposition; unpleasant or offensive. <i>Found the politician's views <b>objectionable</b>.</i>
<b><u>obnoxious</u></b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i><b>Obnoxious</b> odours.</i>
<b>odious</b>	Unequivocally detestable. <i>Consequences <b>odious</b> to those you govern.</i>
<b>off-putting</b>	Tending to repel- Elizabeth Hess.



<b>offensive</b>	Morally offensive. <i>Considered such depravity <b>offensive</b> against all laws of humanity.</i>
<b>poisonous</b>	Extremely unpleasant or malicious. <i><b>Poisonous</b> hate.</i>
<b>repellent</b>	Serving or tending to repel. <i>The idea of eating meat is <b>repellent</b> to me.</i>
<b>reprehensible</b>	Bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure. <i>His complacency and <b>reprehensible</b> laxity.</i>
<b>repugnant</b>	Extremely distasteful; unacceptable. <i>Cannibalism seems <b>repugnant</b> to us.</i>
<b>repulsive</b>	Relating to repulsion between physical objects. <i>A <b>repulsive</b> smell.</i>
<b>revolting</b>	Causing intense disgust; disgusting. <i>There was a <b>revolting</b> smell that lingered in the air.</i>
<b>rude</b>	Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness. <i>She had been <b>rude</b> to her boss.</i>
<b>serious</b>	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>Her face grew <b>serious</b>.</i>
<b>severe</b>	Severely simple. <i>The damage is not too <b>severe</b>.</i>
<b>sickening</b>	Causing great annoyance or disappointment. <i>She hit the ground with a <b>sickening</b> thud.</i>
<b>spiteful</b>	Showing malicious ill will and a desire to hurt; motivated by spite. <i>A truly <b>spiteful</b> child.</i>
<b>squalid</b>	Showing or involving a contemptible lack of moral standards. <i>The <b>squalid</b> atmosphere of intrigue and betrayal.</i>
<b>surly</b>	Inclined to anger or bad feelings with overtones of menace. <i>A <b>surly</b> waiter.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>The stranger gave a <b>terrible</b> smile.</i>
<b>tight</b>	Pulled or drawn tight. <i>She released her <b>tight</b> hold on the dog.</i>
<b>toxic</b>	Denoting securities that are based on toxic debt and for which there is not a healthy or functioning market. <i>The dumping of <b>toxic</b> waste.</i>

<b>unappetizing</b>	Not appetizing in appearance, aroma, or taste. <i>One of the <b>unappetizing</b> features of politics.</i>
<b>uncharitable</b>	(of a person's behaviour or attitude towards others) unkind; unsympathetic. <i>All pious words and <b>uncharitable</b> deeds.</i>
<b>unfortunate</b>	Not indicating a good chance of success; inauspicious. <i>There d been an <b>unfortunate</b> accident.</i>
<b>unfriendly</b>	Not friendly. <i>She shot him an <b>unfriendly</b> glance.</i>
<b>uninviting</b>	(especially of a place or prospect) not attractive. <i>The house was dark and <b>uninviting</b>.</i>
<b>unkind</b>	Deficient in humane and kindly feelings. <i>You were terribly <b>unkind</b> to her.</i>
<b>unpalatable</b>	Not pleasant to taste. <i>Scraps of <b>unpalatable</b> food.</i>
<b>unpleasant</b>	Disagreeable to the senses, to the mind, or feelings. <i>When drunk he could become very <b>unpleasant</b>.</i>
<b>unsavoury</b>	Morally offensive. <i>They looked at the scanty <b>unsavoury</b> portions of food doled out to them.</i>
<b>unwelcome</b>	Not welcome; not giving pleasure or received with pleasure. <i><b>Unwelcome</b> interruptions.</i>
<b>venomous</b>	Marked by deep ill will; deliberately harmful. <i>The critics weren t just harsh they were <b>venomous</b>.</i>
<b>vexatious</b>	Denoting an action or the bringer of an action that is brought without sufficient grounds for winning, purely to cause annoyance to the defendant. <i>A frivolous or <b>vexatious</b> litigant.</i>
<b>vexing</b>	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>It is <b>vexing</b> to have to admit you are wrong.</i>
<b>vicious</b>	Able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>Every soul on earth virtuous or <b>vicious</b> shall perish.</i>
<b>vile</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>As <b>vile</b> a rogue as ever lived.</i>
<b>vindictive</b>	Having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge. <i>The criticism was both <b>vindictive</b> and personalized.</i>
<b>virulent</b>	Extremely poisonous or injurious; producing venom. <i>The poison is so <b>virulent</b> that it kills a fish instantly.</i>

<b>worrying</b>	Causing anxiety about actual or potential problems; alarming. <i>A <b>worrying</b> health risk.</i>
<b>wounding</b>	Causing physical or especially psychological injury. <i>Most <b>wounding</b> to her was the loss of her independence.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Nasty" as an adjective

- *Harry was a nasty, foul-mouthed old devil.*
- *A nasty problem.*
- *It's a nasty old night.*
- *Life has a nasty habit of repeating itself.*
- *A nasty, vicious-looking hatchet.*
- *A nasty smell.*
- *Dad's had a nasty accident.*
- *A nasty trick to pull.*
- *A nasty pigsty of a room.*
- *Plastic bags burn with a nasty, acrid smell.*



- *In a nasty mood.*
- *A nasty accident.*
- *Will he say nasty things at my funeral?*
- *Her stories are very nasty, full of murder and violence.*
- *A nasty shock.*



## Associations of "Nasty" (30 Words)

- abominable** Exceptionally bad or displeasing.  
*What an **abominable** mess.*
- atrocious** Shockingly brutal or cruel.  
*An **atrocious** automobile accident.*
- awful** Awfully very.  
*You look **awful** you should go and lie down.*
- boy** A youthful male person.  
*A four year old **boy**.*

<b>disgusting</b>	Arousing revulsion or strong indignation. <i>He had the most <b>disgusting</b> rotten teeth.</i>
<b>dreadful</b>	(of a person) unwell or troubled. <i>You re a <b>dreadful</b> flirt.</i>
<b>fearsome</b>	Frightening, especially in appearance. <i>The cat mewed displaying a <b>fearsome</b> set of teeth.</i>
<b>filthy</b>	Disgustingly dirty. <i>As <b>filthy</b> as a pigsty.</i>
<b>foul</b>	Make foul or dirty pollute. <i><b>Foul</b> language.</i>
<b>frightening</b>	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>A <b>frightful</b> mistake.</i>
<b>ghastly</b>	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>She had sobered up but she felt <b>ghastly</b>.</i>
<b>grimy</b>	Covered with or characterized by grime. <i>The <b>grimy</b> industrial city.</i>
<b>horrible</b>	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>The tea tasted <b>horrible</b>.</i>
<b>horrific</b>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i><b>Horrific</b> conditions in the mining industry.</i>
<b>horrifying</b>	Causing horror; extremely shocking. <i>A <b>horrifying</b> incident.</i>
<b>mischievous</b>	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i>A <b>mischievous</b> allegation for which there is not a shred of evidence.</i>
<b>naughty</b>	Suggestive of sexual impropriety. <i>A <b>naughty</b> boy.</i>
<b>playful</b>	Giving or expressing pleasure and amusement. <i>He gave me a <b>playful</b> punch on the arm.</i>
<b>puckish</b>	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i>A <b>puckish</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b>ragged</b>	Having an irregular or uneven surface, edge, or outline. <i>A <b>ragged</b> coastline.</i>
<b>rampant</b>	Unrestrained in action or performance. <i>A rich soil soon becomes home to <b>rampant</b> weeds.</i>

- risque** Suggestive of sexual impropriety.  
*A **risque** story.*
- spank** Give a spanking to subject to a spanking.  
*When his father caught him he got a **spank**.*
- terrible** Intensely or extremely bad or unpleasant in degree or quality.  
*The stranger gave a **terrible** smile.*
- unclean** Dirty.  
***Unclean** thoughts.*
- unsightly** Unpleasant to look at.  
*An **unsightly** rubbish tip.*

