

Need another word that means the same as “overbearing”? Find 34 synonyms and 30 related words for “overbearing” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Overbearing” are: disdainful, haughty, imperious, lordly, prideful, sniffy, supercilious, swaggering, authoritarian, dictatorial, domineering, dominating, autocratic, tyrannical, despotic, heavy-handed, oppressive, high-handed, bullying, high and mighty, officious, masterful, bossy, pontifical, pompous, peremptory, arrogant, cocksure, proud, overproud, overweening, presumptuous, opinionated, dogmatic**

## Overbearing as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Overbearing" as an adjective

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

- *Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy.*
- *Unpleasantly overpowering.*
- *Expecting unquestioning obedience.*

### Synonyms of "Overbearing" as an adjective (34 Words)

<b><a href="#">arrogant</a></b>	Having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one’s own importance or abilities. <i><b>Arrogant</b> claims.</i>
<b>authoritarian</b>	Expecting unquestioning obedience. <i>The timid child of <b>authoritarian</b> parents.</i>

<b>autocratic</b>	Taking no account of other people's wishes or opinions; domineering. <i><b>Autocratic</b> behavior.</i>
<b>bossy</b>	Offensively self-assured or given to exercising usually unwarranted power. <i>A <b>bossy</b> way of ordering others around.</i>
<b>bullying</b>	Noisily domineering; tending to browbeat others.
<b>cocksure</b>	Marked by excessive confidence. <i>The <b>cocksure</b> golf prodigy from California.</i>
<b>despotic</b>	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i>His administration was arrogant and <b>despotic</b>.</i>
<b>dictatorial</b>	Expecting unquestioning obedience. <i>A <b>dictatorial</b> rule that lasted for the duration of the war.</i>
<b>disdainful</b>	Expressing extreme contempt. <i>Some economists are <b>disdainful</b> of their colleagues in other social disciplines.</i>
<b>dogmatic</b>	Relating to or involving dogma. <i>She was not tempted to be <b>dogmatic</b> about what she believed.</i>
<b>dominating</b>	Used of a height or viewpoint. <i>Looked up at the castle <b>dominating</b> the countryside.</i>
<b>domineering</b>	Tending to domineer. <i>How can I do my job with a <b>domineering</b> boss yelling in my ear.</i>
<b>haughty</b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>A look of <b>haughty</b> disdain.</i>
<b>heavy-handed</b>	Lacking physical movement skills, especially with the hands- Mary H.
<b>high and mighty</b>	Being at or having a relatively great or specific elevation or upward extension (sometimes used in combinations like `knee-high.
<b>high-handed</b>	Given to haughty disregard of others.
<b>imperious</b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>His <b>imperious</b> demands.</i>
<b>lordly</b>	Of, characteristic of, or suitable for a lord. <i>Heir to a <b>lordly</b> fortune.</i>
<b>masterful</b>	Having or revealing supreme mastery or skill. <i>A <b>masterful</b> assessment of the difficulties.</i>

<b>officious</b>	Assertive of authority in a domineering way, especially with regard to trivial matters. <i>An <b>officious</b> bystander.</i>
<b>opinionated</b>	Obstinate in your opinions. <i>An arrogant and <b>opinionated</b> man.</i>
<b><u>oppressive</u></b>	Weighing heavily on the senses or spirit. <i><b>Oppressive</b> sorrows.</i>
<b>overproud</b>	Excessively proud. <i>Some of the independent artists were <b>overproud</b> of their independence.</i>
<b>overweening</b>	Showing excessive confidence or pride. <i><b>Overweening</b> ambition.</i>
<b>peremptory</b>	Putting an end to all debate or action. <i>A <b>peremptory</b> decree.</i>
<b>pompous</b>	Characterized by pomp and ceremony and stately display. <i>A <b>pompous</b> speech.</i>
<b>pontifical</b>	Puffed up with vanity. <i>Such explanations were greeted with <b>pontifical</b> disdain.</i>
<b><u>presumptuous</u></b>	Excessively forward. <i>I hope I won't be considered <b>presumptuous</b> if I offer some advice.</i>
<b><u>prideful</u></b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>Walked with a <b>prideful</b> swagger.</i>
<b>proud</b>	Of an event achievement etc causing someone to feel proud. <i>A <b>proud</b> moment.</i>
<b>sniffy</b>	Scornful; contemptuous. <i>Very <b>sniffy</b> about breaches of etiquette.</i>
<b>supercilious</b>	Expressive of contempt. <i>His mother eyed my clothes with a <b>supercilious</b> air.</i>
<b>swaggering</b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>A <b>swaggering</b> bully.</i>
<b><u>tyrannical</u></b>	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i>A <b>tyrannical</b> parent.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Overbearing" as an adjective

- *An overbearing, ill-tempered brute.*

- *Insufferably overbearing behavior toward the waiter.*

## Associations of "Overbearing" (30 Words)

<a href="#">arrogant</a>	Having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's own importance or abilities. <i>He s <b>arrogant</b> and opinionated.</i>
<b>arty</b>	Making a strong, affected, or pretentious display of being artistic or interested in the arts. <i>Television people and <b>arty</b> types.</i>
<b>blowhard</b>	A very boastful and talkative person. <i><b>Blowhard</b> politicians.</i>
<b>boastful</b>	Exhibiting self-importance. <i>A <b>boastful</b> letter.</i>
<a href="#">braggadocio</a>	Vain and empty boasting.
<b>braggart</b>	A person who boasts about their achievements or possessions. <i><b>Braggart</b> men.</i>
<b>bragging</b>	Exhibiting or characterized by excessive pride or boastfulness. <i>She interrupted their endless <b>bragging</b>.</i>
<b>brash</b>	Self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way. <i>He was <b>brash</b> cocky and arrogant.</i>
<b>conceit</b>	The trait of being unduly vain and conceited false pride. <i>The idea of the wind s singing is a prime romantic <b>conceit</b>.</i>
<b>conceited</b>	Characteristic of false pride; having an exaggerated sense of self-importance. <i>A <b>conceited</b> fool.</i>
<b>content</b>	Make content. <i>The greater part of the century was a time of <b>content</b>.</i>
<a href="#">haughty</a>	Arrogantly superior and disdainful. <i>A <b>haughty</b> British aristocrat.</i>
<b>immodest</b>	Offending against sexual mores in conduct or appearance. <i>Brash <b>immodest</b> boasting.</i>
<b>impenitent</b>	Not penitent or remorseful. <i><b>Impenitent</b> elitists.</i>
<b>imperious</b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>His <b>imperious</b> demands.</i>

<b>insolently</b>	In an insolent manner.
<b>lordly</b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>They were putting on <b>lordly</b> airs.</i>
<b>overweening</b>	Presumptuously arrogant- S.V.Benet- NY Times. <i>Had a witty but <b>overweening</b> manner.</i>
<b>pomposity</b>	The quality of being pompous; self-importance. <i>His reputation for arrogance and <b>pomposity</b>.</i>
<b>poseur</b>	A person who habitually pretends to be something he is not.
<b>presumptuous</b>	(of a person or their behaviour) failing to observe the limits of what is permitted or appropriate. <i>The duchess would not put up with <b>presumptuous</b> servants.</i>
<b>pride</b>	A feeling of self-respect and personal worth. <i>The team was bursting with <b>pride</b> after recording a sensational victory.</i>
<b>proud</b>	Of an event achievement etc causing someone to feel proud. <i>A <b>proud</b> name.</i>
<b>snob</b>	A person who believes that their tastes in a particular area are superior to those of other people. <i>Extra <b>snob</b> appeal.</i>
<b>snobbish</b>	Befitting or characteristic of those who incline to social exclusiveness and who rebuff the advances of people considered inferior. <i>The writer takes a rather <b>snobbish</b> tone.</i>
<b>supercilious</b>	Behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others. <i>Curled his lip in a <b>supercilious</b> smile.</i>
<b>superciliousness</b>	The trait of displaying arrogance by patronizing those considered inferior.
<b>vainglorious</b>	Excessively proud of oneself or one's achievements; overly vain. <i>This <b>vainglorious</b> boast of personal infallibility.</i>
<b>vainglory</b>	Outspoken conceit. <i>His <b>vainglory</b> put the Republic at risk.</i>
<b>vaunt</b>	Show off. <i>An autobiographer is simultaneously <b>vaunted</b> and castigated for revealing more than is deemed proper.</i>