

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)

[arrogant](#)

Having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one’s own importance or abilities.

Arrogant claims.

authoritarian

Expecting unquestioning obedience.

The timid child of **authoritarian** parents.

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

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

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

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