

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

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The synonyms of “Overwhelming” are: consuming, overpowering, very large, profuse, enormous, immense, inordinate, massive, huge, formidable, stupendous, prodigious, fantastic, staggering, shattering, devastating, sweeping, very strong, forceful, profound, uncontrollable, irrepressible, irresistible, unbearable, oppressive, unutterable, compelling, irrefutable

Overwhelming as an Adjective

Definitions of "Overwhelming" as an adjective

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

- *(especially of an emotion) very strong.*
- *Very strong; urgently felt.*
- *Very intense.*
- *Very great in amount.*
- *So strong as to be irresistible.*



Synonyms of "Overwhelming" as an adjective (28 Words)

- compelling** Evoking interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way.
*There is **compelling** evidence that the recession is ending.*
- consuming** (of a feeling) completely filling one's mind and attention; absorbing.
*Politics is his **consuming** passion.*
- devastating** Physically or spiritually devastating often used in combination.
*A **devastating** cyclone.*
- enormous** Very large in size, quantity, or extent.
*The possibilities are **enormous**.*
- fantastic** Existing in fancy only- Nathaniel Hawthorne.
*Visions of a **fantastic** maze like building.*
- forceful** Forceful and definite in expression or action.
*She was a **forceful** personality.*
- formidable** Inspiring fear- G.H. Johnston.
*Had a **formidable** array of compositions to his credit.*

huge	Unusually great in size or amount or degree or especially extent or scope. <i>Huge country estates.</i>
immense	Extremely large or great, especially in scale or degree. <i>Immense numbers of birds.</i>
<u>inordinate</u>	Beyond normal limits. <i>A book of inordinate length.</i>
irrefutable	Impossible to deny or disprove. <i>An irrefutable argument.</i>
irrepressible	Impossible to repress or control. <i>An irrepressible rogue.</i>
<u>irresistible</u>	Impossible to resist; overpowering. <i>He found the delicious looking cakes irresistible.</i>
massive	Consisting of great mass; containing a great quantity of matter. <i>A massive limestone without bedding planes.</i>
<u>oppressive</u>	Inflicting harsh and authoritarian treatment. <i>The oppressive government.</i>
overpowering	So strong as to be irresistible. <i>An overpowering need for solitude.</i>
prodigious	Of momentous or ominous significance. <i>Her memory was prodigious.</i>
profound	Showing intellectual penetration or emotional depth. <i>A profound silence.</i>
<u>profuse</u>	(especially of something offered or discharged) very plentiful; abundant. <i>They are profuse in hospitality.</i>
shattering	Very shocking or upsetting. <i>The shattering tones of the enormous carillon.</i>
<u>staggering</u>	So surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm. <i>The amount of money required was staggering.</i>
stupendous	Extremely impressive. <i>A stupendous field of grass.</i>
<u>sweeping</u>	(of a statement) taking no account of particular cases or exceptions; too general. <i>A sweeping assertion.</i>
<u>unbearable</u>	Not able to be endured or tolerated. <i>The heat was getting unbearable.</i>
<u>uncontrollable</u>	Impossible to repress or control. <i>Uncontrollable laughter.</i>

unutterable	Too great or awful to describe. <i>Unutterable consonant clusters.</i>
very large	Being the exact same one; not any other.
very strong	Being the exact same one; not any other.



Usage Examples of "Overwhelming" as an adjective

- *She felt an overwhelming desire to giggle.*
- *His party won overwhelming support.*
- *Overwhelming joy.*
- *The temptation to despair may become overwhelming.*
- *An overwhelming majority.*



Associations of "Overwhelming" (30 Words)

big	On an ambitiously large scale. <i>Big talk.</i>
bulk	The property possessed by a large mass. <i>The parcel bulked in the sack.</i>
bulky	Taking up much space; large and unwieldy. <i>A bulky overcoat clad figure.</i>
dominance	The predominance of one or more species in a plant or animal community. <i>Some plants produce structures to outcompete other species for dominance in a given habitat.</i>
enormous	Very large in size, quantity, or extent. <i>The possibilities are enormous.</i>
expanded	Increased in extent or size or bulk or scope. <i>The expanded fins of the ray.</i>

<u>gigantic</u>	So exceedingly large or extensive as to suggest a giant or mammoth. <i>A gigantic concrete tower.</i>
gladness	Experiencing joy and pleasure.
hulking	(of a person or object) very large, heavy, or clumsy. <i>A hulking figure of a man.</i>
incalculable	Not able to be computed or enumerated. <i>The odds against such an event are incalculable.</i>
intense	Extremely sharp or intense. <i>An intense young woman passionate about her art.</i>
<u>irresistible</u>	Overpoweringly attractive. <i>What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object.</i>
large	A garment size for a large person. <i>The concert attracted large crowds.</i>
lot	The choice resulting from deciding something by lot. <i>They were an angry lot.</i>
<u>majority</u>	The age at which persons are considered competent to manage their own affairs. <i>Labour retained the seat with a majority of 9 830.</i>
massive	Being the same substance throughout. <i>A massive limestone without bedding planes.</i>
<u>most</u>	Almost. <i>A most welcome relief.</i>
much	(degree adverb used before a noun phrase) for all practical purposes but not completely. <i>Much grain is in storage.</i>
personage	A character in a play or other work. <i>It was no less a personage than the bishop.</i>
preeminence	High status importance owing to marked superiority.
preponderance	The quality or fact of being greater in number, quantity, or importance. <i>The preponderance of women among older people.</i>
prodigious	Of momentous or ominous significance. <i>A prodigious storm.</i>
<u>tremendous</u>	Inspiring awe or dread. <i>Penny put in a tremendous amount of time.</i>

triumvirate	(in ancient Rome) a group of three men holding power, in particular (the First Triumvirate) the unofficial coalition of Julius Caesar, Pompey, and Crassus in 60 BC and (the Second Triumvirate) a coalition formed by Antony, Lepidus, and Octavian in 43 BC. <i>A triumvirate of three executive vice presidents.</i>
untold	(of a story or event) not narrated or recounted. <i>No event however boring is left untold.</i>
unusually	To a remarkable or unusual extent; exceptionally. <i>The name is spelt unusually.</i>
unwieldy	Difficult to use or handle or manage because of size or weight or shape. <i>Heaved his unwieldy figure out of his chair.</i>
upstream	In the direction against a stream's current. <i>A lone motor cruiser rumbled upstream.</i>
vast	Unusually great in size or amount or degree or especially extent or scope. <i>The vast reaches of outer space.</i>
voluminous	Marked by repeated turns and bends. <i>A voluminous purple cloak.</i>

