

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.*

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

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

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

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

<b>triumvirate</b>	(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 <b>triumvirate</b> of three executive vice presidents.</i>
<b>untold</b>	(of a story or event) not narrated or recounted. <i>No event however boring is left <b>untold</b>.</i>
<b>unusually</b>	To a remarkable or unusual extent; exceptionally. <i>The name is spelt <b>unusually</b>.</i>
<b>unwieldy</b>	Difficult to use or handle or manage because of size or weight or shape. <i>Heaved his <b>unwieldy</b> figure out of his chair.</i>
<b>upstream</b>	In the direction against a stream's current. <i>A lone motor cruiser rumbled <b>upstream</b>.</i>
<b>vast</b>	Unusually great in size or amount or degree or especially extent or scope. <i>The <b>vast</b> reaches of outer space.</i>
<b>voluminous</b>	Marked by repeated turns and bends. <i>A <b>voluminous</b> purple cloak.</i>

