

Need another word that means the same as “perilous”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “perilous” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Perilous” are: parlous, precarious, touch-and-go, dangerous, fraught with danger, hazardous, risky, unsafe, treacherous, life-threatening, high-risk, insecure, unsound, vulnerable, exposed, defenceless

Perilous as an Adjective

Definitions of "Perilous" as an adjective

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

- *Exposed to imminent risk of disaster or ruin.*
- *Full of danger or risk.*
- *Fraught with danger.*



Synonyms of "Perilous" as an adjective (16 Words)

dangerous	Involving or causing danger or risk; liable to hurt or harm. <i>A dangerous animal.</i>
defenceless	Without defence or protection; totally vulnerable. <i>Attacks on defenceless civilians.</i>
exposed	With no protection or shield. <i>The venue featured beautiful hardwood floors and exposed brick walls.</i>
fraught with danger	Marked by distress.
<u>hazardous</u>	Involving risk or danger. <i>It is hazardous to personal safety.</i>
high-risk	Not financially safe or secure.
<u>insecure</u>	(of a person) uncertain or anxious about oneself; not confident. <i>An insecure computer system.</i>
life-threatening	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm.
parlous	Full of danger or uncertainty; precarious. <i>The General's position was parlous.</i>
<u>precarious</u>	Not secure; beset with difficulties. <i>The precarious life of an undersea diver.</i>
<u>risky</u>	Involving risk or danger. <i>Extremely risky going out in the tide and fog.</i>
touch-and-go	Functioning correctly and ready for action.
treacherous	Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>The fiercest and most treacherous of foes.</i>
unsafe	Not safe; dangerous. <i>Drinking water in some areas may be unsafe.</i>
<u>unsound</u>	Physically unsound or diseased. <i>Activities deemed to be environmentally unsound.</i>
<u>vulnerable</u>	(of a partnership) liable to higher penalties, either by convention or through having won one game towards a rubber. <i>Vulnerable to bribery.</i>



Usage Examples of "Perilous" as an adjective

- *A perilous voyage across the Atlantic in a small boat.*
- *The economy is in a perilous state.*
- *A perilous journey south.*



Associations of "Perilous" (30 Words)

<u>crisis</u>	A crucial stage or turning point in the course of something. <i>They went bankrupt during the economic crisis.</i>
danger	A dangerous place. <i>He feared the dangers of traveling by air.</i>
dangerous	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>A dangerous operation.</i>
deadly	Extremely. <i>Deadly dull.</i>
dicey	Of uncertain outcome; especially fraught with risk- New Yorker. <i>Democracy is a dicey business.</i>
<u>hazardous</u>	Risky; dangerous. <i>We work in hazardous conditions.</i>
incinerate	Cause to undergo combustion. <i>Waste packaging is to be incinerated rather than buried in landfills.</i>
<u>insecure</u>	Not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way. <i>An insecure footbridge.</i>

<u>insidious</u>	Beguiling but harmful. <i>Insidious pleasures.</i>
irradiate	Expose (someone or something) to radiation. <i>Irradiate food.</i>
neurotoxin	A poison which acts on the nervous system.
parlous	Full of danger or uncertainty; precarious. <i>She is parlous handsome.</i>
peril	The dangers or difficulties that arise from a particular situation or activity. <i>The movement is in peril of dying.</i>
perilously	In a dangerous manner. <i>Houses perched perilously on craggy outposts.</i>
<u>pitfall</u>	An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty. <i>The pitfalls of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
<u>precarious</u>	Not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse. <i>A precarious ladder.</i>
radioactivity	The spontaneous emission of a stream of particles or electromagnetic rays in nuclear decay. <i>An escape of radioactivity.</i>
radium	The chemical element of atomic number 88, a rare radioactive metal of the alkaline earth series. It was formerly used as a source of radiation for radiotherapy.
risk	Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome. <i>All risks insurance for professional photographers.</i>
<u>risky</u>	Full of the possibility of danger, failure, or loss. <i>It was much too risky to try to disarm him.</i>
<u>shaky</u>	Not secure; beset with difficulties. <i>After a shaky start the Scottish team made superb efforts.</i>
shivering	A sensation of cold that often marks the start of an infection and the development of a fever. <i>Sparkling light from the shivering crystals of the chandelier.</i>
spineless	Lacking thorns. <i>Spineless forms of prickly pear have been selected.</i>
stunt	Perform a stunt or stunts. <i>Some weeds produce chemicals that stunt the plant's growth.</i>
threatened	Likely in the near future to become endangered. <i>The spotted owl is a threatened species not yet an endangered one.</i>

<u>toxicity</u>	The degree to which something is poisonous. <i>That was how I protected my partner from my family's toxicity.</i>
unsafe	Not safe from attack. <i>Drinking water in some areas may be unsafe.</i>
volatility	Liability to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse. <i>A week of historic stock market volatility.</i>
<u>vulnerable</u>	Susceptible to attack. <i>A vulnerable bridge.</i>
weakly	Sickly; not robust. <i>If the lambs were weakly we had to feed them by hand.</i>

