

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)

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| 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)

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| <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> |

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| <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> |

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| <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> |

