

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)

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

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

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

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

