

Need another word that means the same as “radical”? Find 75 synonyms and 30 related words for “radical” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Radical” are: extremist, ultra, basal, revolutionary, thoroughgoing, thorough, complete, total, entire, absolute, utter, comprehensive, exhaustive, sweeping, wide-ranging, extensive, profound, drastic, severe, serious, major, desperate, stringent, violent, forceful, rigorous, draconian, fundamental, basic, essential, quintessential, progressive, reformist, revisionist, unusual, irregular, unorthodox, unfamiliar, uncommon, uncustomary, unwonted, rare, out of the ordinary, atypical, singular, distinctive, individual, individualistic, alternative, different, excellent, wonderful, marvellous, magnificent, superb, splendid, glorious, sublime, lovely, delightful, first-class, first-rate, outstanding, free radical, base, root, root word, stem, theme, chemical group, group, reformer**

## Radical as a Noun

### Definitions of "Radical" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “radical” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *An atom or group of atoms with at least one unpaired electron; in the body it is usually an oxygen molecule that has lost an electron and will stabilize itself by stealing an electron from a nearby molecule.*
- *The root or base form of a word.*

- *Two or more atoms bound together as a single unit and forming part of a molecule.*
- *The form of a word after all affixes are removed.*
- *A quantity forming or expressed as the root of another.*
- *(mathematics) a quantity expressed as the root of another quantity.*
- *(linguistics) the form of a word after all affixes are removed.*
- *A character conveying the lexical meaning of a logogram.*
- *A person who has radical ideas or opinions.*
- *Any of the basic set of approximately 214 Chinese characters constituting semantically or functionally significant elements in the composition of other characters and used as a means of classifying characters in dictionaries.*
- *A person who advocates thorough or complete political or social change, or a member of a political party or section of a party pursuing such aims.*
- *A group of atoms behaving as a unit in a number of compounds.*
- *(chemistry) two or more atoms bound together as a single unit and forming part of a molecule.*
- *A quantity expressed as the root of another quantity.*
- *A radical sign.*



## Synonyms of "Radical" as a noun (12 Words)

<b><u>base</u></b>	A known line used as a geometrical base for trigonometry. <i>She sat down at the <b>base</b> of a tree.</i>
<b>chemical group</b>	Material produced by or used in a reaction involving changes in atoms or molecules.
<b>free radical</b>	People who are free.
<b>group</b>	A combination of atoms having a recognizable identity in a number of compounds. <i>I ve always been a fan of the guitarists in the <b>group</b>.</i>
<b><u>progressive</u></b>	A progressive tense or aspect. <i>The present <b>progressive</b>.</i>
<b>reformer</b>	An apparatus that reforms the molecular structure of hydrocarbons to produce richer fuel. <i>A catalytic <b>reformer</b>.</i>
<b>revisionist</b>	A person with a revised attitude to a previously accepted situation or point of view. <i>The <b>revisionists</b> who sought to replace it were long denied.</i>
<b><u>revolutionary</u></b>	A person who advocates or engages in political revolution.
<b><u>root</u></b>	Any plant grown for its root. <i>In the sequence the <b>roots</b> of the chords drop by fifths.</i>
<b>root word</b>	A number that, when multiplied by itself some number of times, equals a given number.
<b><u>stem</u></b>	Cylinder forming a long narrow part of something. <i>The Hellenic tribes were derived from the Aryan <b>stem</b>.</i>
<b>theme</b>	(linguistics) the form of a word after all affixes are removed. <i>His letters were always on the <b>theme</b> of love.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Radical" as a noun

- *In the body free radicals are high-energy particles that ricochet wildly and damage cells.*



## Radical as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Radical" as an adjective

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

- *Very good; excellent.*
- *Relating to or forming the root of a number or quantity.*
- *Arising from or going to the root or source.*
- *Advocating or based on thorough or complete political or social change; representing or supporting an extreme or progressive section of a political party.*
- *Denoting or relating to the roots of a word.*
- *Characterized by independence of or departure from tradition; innovative or unorthodox.*
- *Of, or springing direct from, the root or stem base of a plant.*
- *Belonging to an extreme section of the Liberal party during the 19th century.*
- *Of or relating to or constituting a linguistic root.*
- *(used of opinions and actions) far beyond the norm.*

- *Far beyond the norm.*
- *Especially of leaves; located at the base of a plant or stem; especially arising directly from the root or rootstock or a root-like stem.*
- *Markedly new or introducing radical change.*
- *Belonging to the root of a chord.*
- *(especially of change or action) relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough.*
- *(of surgery or medical treatment) thorough and intended to be completely curative.*
- *Forming an inherent or fundamental part of the nature of someone or something.*



## Synonyms of "Radical" as an adjective (63 Words)

[absolute](#)

(of a construction) syntactically independent of the rest of the sentence, as in dinner being over, we left the table.

***Absolute*** secrecy.

<b>alternative</b>	(of one or more things) available as another possibility or choice. <i>Alternative possibilities were neutrality or war.</i>
<b>atypical</b>	Deviating from normal expectations; somewhat odd, strange, or abnormal. <i>Atypical pneumonia.</i>
<b>basal</b>	Of primary importance. <i>The plant grows huge <b>basal</b> leaves.</i>
<b>basic</b>	(of rock, especially lava) relatively poor in silica. <i>A <b>basic</b> fact.</i>
<b>complete</b>	Perfect and complete in every respect having all necessary qualities. <i>The harvesting was <b>complete</b>.</i>
<b>comprehensive</b>	(of motor-vehicle insurance) providing cover for most risks, including damage to the policyholder's own vehicle. <i>A <b>comprehensive</b> school.</i>
<b>delightful</b>	Causing delight; charming. <i>A <b>delightful</b> surprise.</i>
<b>desperate</b>	Desperately determined. <i>A <b>desperate</b> need for recognition.</i>
<b>different</b>	Marked by dissimilarity. <i>Each interviewed <b>different</b> members of the community.</i>
<b>distinctive</b>	Of a feature that helps to distinguish a person or thing. <i>Juniper berries give gin its <b>distinctive</b> flavour.</i>
<b>draconian</b>	(of laws or their application) excessively harsh and severe. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of <b>draconian</b> laws.</i>
<b>drastic</b>	Forceful and extreme and rigorous. <i>A <b>drastic</b> reduction of staffing levels.</i>
<b>entire</b>	Constituting the undiminished entirety lacking nothing essential especially not damaged Bacon. <i>An <b>entire</b> town devastated by an earthquake.</i>
<b>essential</b>	Absolutely necessary; vitally necessary. <i>It is <b>essential</b> to keep up to date records.</i>
<b>excellent</b>	Extremely good; outstanding. <i>Their results are <b>excellent</b>.</i>
<b>exhaustive</b>	Including or considering all elements or aspects; fully comprehensive. <i>An <b>exhaustive</b> study.</i>

<b>extensive</b>	Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner. <i>An <b>extensive</b> collection of silver.</i>
<b><u>extremist</u></b>	Far beyond the norm. <i><b>Extremist</b> political views.</i>
<b>first-class</b>	Very good;of the highest quality.
<b>first-rate</b>	Of the highest quality.
<b>forceful</b>	Forceful and definite in expression or action. <i><b>Forceful</b> measures.</i>
<b>fundamental</b>	Affecting or relating to the essential nature of something or the crucial point about an issue. <i>Interpretation of evidence is <b>fundamental</b> to the historian s craft.</i>
<b>glorious</b>	Having a striking beauty or splendour. <i>A long and <b>glorious</b> career.</i>
<b>individual</b>	Of or for a particular person. <i>They went their <b>individual</b> ways.</i>
<b><u>individualistic</u></b>	With minimally restricted freedom in commerce. <i>Her work is quirky and genuinely <b>individualistic</b>.</i>
<b><u>irregular</u></b>	Deviating from normal expectations; somewhat odd, strange, or abnormal. <i>Their involvement in <b>irregular</b> financial dealings.</i>
<b>lovely</b>	Lovable especially in a childlike or naive way. <i><b>Lovely</b> views.</i>
<b>magnificent</b>	Extremely beautiful, elaborate, or impressive. <i>A dramatic landscape of <b>magnificent</b> mountains.</i>
<b>major</b>	Of an interval equivalent to that between the tonic and another note of a major scale and greater by a semitone than the corresponding minor interval. <i><b>Major</b> highways.</i>
<b>marvellous</b>	Extraordinarily good or great ; used especially as intensifiers. <i>These <b>marvellous</b> technological toys are fun to play with.</i>
<b>out of the ordinary</b>	No longer fashionable.
<b>outstanding</b>	Distinguished from others in excellence. <i>Einstein was one of the <b>outstanding</b> figures of the 20th centurey.</i>
<b>profound</b>	(of a subject or idea) demanding deep study or thought. <i>The differences are <b>profound</b>.</i>



<b><u>progressive</u></b>	Engaging in or constituting forward motion. <i><b>Progressive</b> bands like Black Sabbath and the Edgar Broughton Band.</i>
<b><u>quintessential</u></b>	Representing the perfect example of a class or quality. <i>He was the <b>quintessential</b> tough guy strong silent and self contained.</i>
<b><u>rare</u></b>	(of an event, situation, or condition) not occurring very often. <i>A <b>rare</b> appearance.</i>
<b>reformist</b>	Supporting or advancing gradual reform rather than abolition or revolution. <i>The <b>reformist</b> policies of the government.</i>
<b>revisionist</b>	Advocating a policy of revision or modification. <i>A radically <b>revisionist</b> republican strategy.</i>
<b><u>revolutionary</u></b>	Of or relating to or characteristic or causing an axial or orbital turn. <i>A <b>revolutionary</b> new drug.</i>
<b><u>rigorous</u></b>	Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures. <i><b>Rigorous</b> discipline.</i>
<b>serious</b>	Acting or speaking sincerely and in earnest, rather than in a joking or half-hearted manner. <i>A <b>serious</b> student of history.</i>
<b><u>severe</u></b>	Severely simple. <i>The charges would have warranted a <b>severe</b> sentence.</i>
<b><u>singular</u></b>	Relating to or of the nature of singularity. <i>A <b>singular</b> example.</i>
<b>splendid</b>	Very good; of the highest quality. <i>His robes were <b>splendid</b>.</i>
<b><u>stringent</u></b>	(of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting. <i><b>Stringent</b> guidelines on air pollution.</i>
<b><u>sublime</u></b>	Inspiring awe. <i>A sense of the <b>sublime</b>.</i>
<b>superb</b>	Used in names of birds with attractive or colourful plumage e.g superb lyrebird. <i>A <b>superb</b> actor.</i>
<b><u>sweeping</u></b>	Taking in or moving over (or as if over) a wide area; often used in combination. <i><b>Sweeping</b> generalizations.</i>

<b><u>thorough</u></b>	Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>Thoroughgoing research.</i>
<b>thoroughgoing</b>	Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>A thoroughgoing chocoholic.</i>
<b><u>total</u></b>	Complete in extent or degree and in every particular. <i>A total disaster.</i>
<b><u>ultra</u></b>	(used of opinions and actions) far beyond the norm. <i>An ultra conservative.</i>
<b>uncommon</b>	Marked by an uncommon quality especially superlative or extreme of its kind. <i>An uncommon sense of humor.</i>
<b>uncustomary</b>	Not according to custom or the usual or habitual practice; unusual. <i>An uncustomary tactical error.</i>
<b><u>unfamiliar</u></b>	Not known or recognized. <i>He felt a stranger among the crowd of unfamiliar faces.</i>
<b>unorthodox</b>	Independent in behavior or thought. <i>An unorthodox lifestyle.</i>
<b>unusual</b>	Being definitely out of the ordinary and unexpected; slightly odd or even a bit weird. <i>A scene of unusual beauty.</i>
<b>unwonted</b>	Out of the ordinary. <i>There was an unwonted gaiety in her manner.</i>
<b><u>utter</u></b>	Complete; absolute. <i>Charlotte stared at her in utter amazement.</i>
<b>violent</b>	Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions inclined to react violently fervid. <i>A violent clash of colors.</i>
<b>wide-ranging</b>	Including much.
<b>wonderful</b>	Extraordinarily good or great ; used especially as intensifiers. <i>The climate was wonderful all the year round.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Radical" as an adjective

- *A radical flaw in the plan.*
- *A radical verb form.*
- *Radical opinions on education.*
- *A radical overhaul of the existing regulatory framework.*
- *Okay, then. Seven o'clock. Radical!*
- *Radical political views.*
- *Radical leaves.*
- *A radical American activist.*
- *The assumption of radical differences between the mental attributes of literate and non-literate peoples.*
- *The daring, avant-garde spirit of the music was too radical for the conservative audience.*



## Associations of "Radical" (30 Words)

### activism

The policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change.

*Growing **activism** on the abortion issue.*

### activist

Advocating or engaged in activism.

*A green leaning **activist** magazine.*

### basic

Having the properties of a base, or containing a base; having a pH above 7.

*These salts yield **basic** solutions comparable in strength with the mineral alkalis.*

### communism

A theory or system of social organization in which all property is owned by the community and each person contributes and receives according to their ability and needs.

### communist

A member of the communist party.

***Communist** governments.*

### crusader

A warrior who engages in a holy war.

***Crusaders** for early detection and treatment of mental illnesses.*

<b>demonstration</b>	A show or display; the act of presenting something to sight or view. <i><b>Demonstrations</b> against the poll tax.</i>
<b>feminism</b>	The advocacy of women's rights on the ground of the equality of the sexes.
<b>feminist</b>	Of or relating to or advocating equal rights for women. <i><b>Feminist</b> literature.</i>
<b>fundamental</b>	A fundamental note tone or frequency. <i>Two courses cover the <b>fundamentals</b> of microbiology.</i>
<b>ideology</b>	Imaginary or visionary theorization. <i>A critique of bourgeois <b>ideology</b>.</i>
<b>innovative</b>	(of a product, idea, etc.) featuring new methods; advanced and original. <i>Is British industry <b>innovative</b> enough.</i>
<b>lawmaker</b>	A maker of laws; someone who gives a code of laws. <i>The game's official <b>lawmakers</b> are preparing the new legislation.</i>
<b>liberal</b>	Given or giving freely. <i>The provision of <b>liberal</b> adult education.</i>
<b>libertarian</b>	An advocate of libertarianism. <i>No true <b>libertarian</b> would ever support a culture where citizens must show their papers to travel.</i>
<b>matriarchy</b>	The state of being an older, powerful woman in a family or group. <i>She cherished a dream of <b>matriarchy</b> catered to by grandchildren.</i>
<b>misogynist</b>	Relating to or characteristic of a misogynist. <i>A <b>misogynist</b> attitude.</i>
<b>pacifist</b>	Holding the belief that war and violence are unjustifiable. <i>She was a committed <b>pacifist</b> all her life.</i>
<b>progressive</b>	A progressive tense or aspect. <i>Classic <b>progressive</b> albums.</i>
<b>proletariat</b>	Working-class people regarded collectively (often used with reference to Marxism). <i>The growth of the industrial <b>proletariat</b>.</i>
<b>protest</b>	The act of protesting a public often organized manifestation of dissent. <i>The many <b>protestations</b> did not stay the execution.</i>
<b>reformer</b>	An apparatus that reforms the molecular structure of hydrocarbons to produce richer fuel. <i>A radical social <b>reformer</b>.</i>
<b>reformist</b>	A disputant who advocates reform. <i>The <b>reformist</b> policies of the government.</i>

- revolution** (in Marxism) the class struggle which is expected to lead to political change and the triumph of communism.  
*Near the solar equator the sun takes about 26 days to complete one **revolution**.*
- revolutionary** Relating to a particular revolution, especially the War of American Independence.  
*The **revolutionary** army.*
- sexist** A person with sexist views.  
*Old fashioned **sexist** attitudes.*
- socialist** Advocating or following the socialist principles.  
*She was a lifelong **socialist**.*
- stronghold** A place where a particular cause or belief is strongly defended or upheld.  
*A Labour **stronghold**.*
- suffragette** A woman seeking the right to vote through organized protest.
- suffragist** A person advocating that the right to vote be extended to more people, especially to women.

