

Need another word that means the same as “rotten”? Find 99 synonyms and 30 related words for “rotten” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Rotten” are: decayed, rotted, crappy, icky, lousy, shitty, stinking, stinky, decaying, bad, off, decomposing, putrid, putrescent, spoiled, spoilt, tainted, mouldy, mouldering, mildewy, sour, rancid, rank, festering, fetid, smelly, unfit for human consumption, crumbling, falling to pieces, carious, black, corrupt, unprincipled, dishonest, dishonourable, unscrupulous, untrustworthy, immoral, villainous, wicked, evil, sinful, iniquitous, vicious, base, amoral, debauched, degenerate, dissolute, dissipated, depraved, perverted, wanton, nasty, unkind, unpleasant, foul, obnoxious, vile, contemptible, despicable, wretched, shabby, poor, dreadful, awful, terrible, frightful, atrocious, hopeless, inadequate, inferior, unsatisfactory, laughable, substandard, horrible, unspeakable, disagreeable, miserable, grim, horrid, ghastly, ill, unwell, poorly, out of sorts, indisposed, sick, queasy, nauseous, nauseated, peaky, liverish, green around the gills, faint, dizzy, giddy, light-headed, very much**

## **Rotten as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Rotten" as an adjective**

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

- *Extremely unpleasant.*

- *Morally, socially, or politically corrupt.*
- *Having decayed or disintegrated; usually implies foulness.*
- *Unwell.*
- *Very bad.*
- *Damaged by decay; hence unsound and useless.*
- *Suffering from decay.*



## Synonyms of "Rotten" as an adjective (98 Words)

**amoral**

Lacking a moral sense; unconcerned with the rightness or wrongness of something.

An **amoral** attitude to sex.

**atrocious**

Exceptionally bad or displeasing.

**Atrocious** weather.

<b>awful</b>	Very bad or unpleasant. <i>The place smelled <b>awful</b>.</i>
<b>bad</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>Morning was a <b>bad</b> time to ask Andy about anything.</i>
<b><u>base</u></b>	Of low birth or station base is archaic in this sense. <i>That liberal obedience without which your army would be a <b>base</b> rabble.</i>
<b>black</b>	Of the face made black especially as with suffused blood. <i>Her long <b>black</b> hair.</i>
<b>carious</b>	(of bones or teeth) decayed.
<b>contemptible</b>	Deserving of contempt or scorn. <i>A display of <b>contemptible</b> cowardice.</i>
<b>corrupt</b>	Evil or morally depraved. <i>A <b>corrupt</b> text.</i>
<b>crumbling</b>	Breaking or falling apart into small fragments, especially as part of a process of deterioration. <i>A <b>crumbling</b> empire.</i>
<b>debauched</b>	Unrestrained by convention or morality. <i>Congreve draws a <b>debauched</b> aristocratic society.</i>
<b>decayed</b>	Having rotted or decomposed. <i><b>Decayed</b> animal and plant matter.</i>
<b>decaying</b>	Declining in quality, power, or vigour. <i>A <b>decaying</b> industry.</i>
<b>decomposing</b>	(of organic matter) in the process of decaying. <i><b>Decomposing</b> fungi.</i>
<b>degenerate</b>	Lacking some usual or expected property or quality. <i>A <b>degenerate</b> form of a higher civilization.</i>
<b>depraved</b>	Morally corrupt; wicked. <i>This city is <b>depraved</b>.</i>
<b>despicable</b>	Morally reprehensible. <i>Would do something as <b>despicable</b> as murder.</i>
<b><u>disagreeable</u></b>	Not agreeing with your tastes or expectations. <i>Henry was always a very <b>disagreeable</b> boy.</i>
<b>dishonest</b>	Intended to mislead or cheat. <i><b>Dishonest</b> politicians.</i>

<b>dishonourable</b>	Bringing shame or disgrace on someone or something. <i>His crimes are petty and <b>dishonourable</b>.</i>
<b>dissipated</b>	Preoccupied with the pursuit of pleasure and especially games of chance. <i><b>Dissipated</b> behaviour.</i>
<b>dissolute</b>	Unrestrained by convention or morality. <i>Unfortunately his heir was feckless and <b>dissolute</b>.</i>
<b>dizzy</b>	Silly or scatterbrained (typically used of a woman). <i>A <b>dizzy</b> range of hues.</i>
<b>dreadful</b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>You re a <b>dreadful</b> flirt.</i>
<b>evil</b>	Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil. <i>Stories about the <b>evil</b> effects of television on children make good copy.</i>
<b>faint</b>	(of a sight, smell, or sound) barely perceptible. <i>A <b>faint</b> outline.</i>
<b>falling to pieces</b>	Decreasing in amount or degree.
<b>festering</b>	(of a negative feeling or a problem) becoming worse or more intense, especially through long-term neglect or indifference. <i>A <b>festering</b> political crisis.</i>
<b>fetid</b>	Smelling extremely unpleasant. <i>The <b>fetid</b> water of the marsh.</i>
<b>foul</b>	Not hit between the foul lines. <i>A <b>foul</b> pond.</i>
<b>frightful</b>	Very unpleasant, serious, or shocking. <i>A <b>frightful</b> crime of decapitation.</i>
<b>ghastly</b>	Causing great horror or fear. <i>A <b>ghastly</b> pallor.</i>
<b>giddy</b>	Excitable and frivolous. <i>A <b>giddy</b> precipice.</i>
<b>green around the gills</b>	Of the color between blue and yellow in the color spectrum; similar to the color of fresh grass.
<b>grim</b>	Harshly ironic or sinister. <i>A <b>grim</b> man loving duty more than humanity.</i>
<b>hopeless</b>	Certain to fail. <i>I m <b>hopeless</b> at names.</i>

<b>horrible</b>	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>A <b>horrible</b> massacre.</i>
<b>horrid</b>	Exceedingly bad. <i>A <b>horrid</b> brown colour.</i>
<b>icky</b>	Soft and sticky. <i>A romantic subplot that is just plain <b>icky</b>.</i>
<b><u>ill</u></b>	Presaging ill fortune. <i>Of <b>ill</b> repute.</i>
<b>immoral</b>	Deliberately violating accepted principles of right and wrong. <i>They considered colonialism <b>immoral</b>.</i>
<b><u>inadequate</u></b>	Of insufficient quantity to meet a need. <i>An <b>inadequate</b> income.</i>
<b>indisposed</b>	Averse; unwilling. <i>Clearly <b>indisposed</b> to grant their request.</i>
<b><u>inferior</u></b>	Of low or inferior quality. <i><b>Inferior</b> alveolar artery.</i>
<b>iniquitous</b>	Grossly unfair and morally wrong. <i>These awards remain an <b>iniquitous</b> system.</i>
<b><u>laughable</u></b>	Incongruous; inviting ridicule. <i>If it didn't make me so angry it would be <b>laughable</b>.</i>
<b>light-headed</b>	Lacking seriousness; given to frivolity.
<b>liverish</b>	Slightly ill, as though having a disordered liver. <i>A <b>liverish</b> red.</i>
<b>lousy</b>	Unwell. <i>The town is <b>lousy</b> with tourists.</i>
<b>mildewy</b>	Affected by mildew; mouldy. <i>The first room had a <b>mildewy</b> smell to it.</i>
<b><u>miserable</u></b>	Causing unhappiness or discomfort. <i>All they pay me is a <b>miserable</b> 8 000 a year.</i>
<b>mouldering</b>	Slowly decaying or disintegrating, especially because of neglect. <i>The smell of <b>mouldering</b> books.</i>
<b>mouldy</b>	Covered with or smelling of mold. <i><b>Mouldy</b> conventions.</i>
<b><u>nasty</u></b>	Disgustingly dirty; filled or smeared with offensive matter. <i>Harry was a <b>nasty</b> foul mouthed old devil.</i>
<b>nauseated</b>	Feeling nausea; feeling about to vomit.

<b>nauseous</b>	Disgusting or offensive. <i>A rancid odour that made him <b>nauseous</b>.</i>
<b>obnoxious</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <b>Obnoxious</b> odours.
<b>off</b>	Located on the side of a vehicle that is normally furthest from the kerb offside. <i>The wedding is definitely <b>off</b>.</i>
<b>out of sorts</b>	Out of power; especially having been unsuccessful in an election.
<b>peaky</b>	Having or as if having especially high-pitched spots. <i>Absence of <b>peaky</b> highs and beefed up bass.</i>
<b>perverted</b>	(used of sexual behavior) showing or appealing to bizarre or deviant tastes. <i>A <b>perverted</b> translation of the poem.</i>
<b>poor</b>	Lacking sufficient money to live at a standard considered comfortable or normal in a society. <i>The water is <b>poor</b> in nutrients.</i>
<b>poorly</b>	Unwell. <i>She looked <b>poorly</b>.</i>
<b>putrescent</b>	Becoming putrid. <i>The odour of <b>putrescent</b> flesh.</i>
<b>putrid</b>	Morally corrupt or evil. <i>The cocktail is a <b>putrid</b> pink colour.</i>
<b>queasy</b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>The <b>queasy</b> swell of the boat.</i>
<b>rancid</b>	Smelling of fermentation or staleness. <b>Rancid</b> bacon.
<b>rank</b>	Very offensive in smell or taste. <i>A <b>rank</b> outsider.</i>
<b>rotted</b>	Damaged by decay; hence unsound and useless. <b>Rotted</b> beams.
<b>shabby</b>	Mean and unworthy and despicable. <i>A conscript in a <b>shabby</b> uniform saluted the car.</i>
<b>sick</b>	Affected with madness or insanity. <i>He looked pretty <b>sick</b> at that but he eventually agreed.</i>
<b>sinful</b>	Highly reprehensible. <i>A <b>sinful</b> person.</i>

<b><u>smelly</u></b>	Offensively malodorous. <b>Smelly</b> feet.
<b><u>sour</u></b>	(of petroleum or natural gas) containing a relatively high proportion of sulphur. <b>Sour</b> milk.
<b><u>spoiled</u></b>	(of a person, especially a child) harmed in character by being treated too leniently or indulgently. <i>The smell of <b>spoiled</b> milk.</i>
<b><u>spoilt</u></b>	Affected by blight; anything that mars or prevents growth or prosperity. <i>A refrigerator full of <b>spoilt</b> food.</i>
<b><u>stinking</u></b>	Foul-smelling. <i>He was locked in a <b>stinking</b> cell.</i>
<b><u>stinky</u></b>	Having a strong or unpleasant smell. <i>He went to his <b>stinky</b> job year after year.</i>
<b><u>substandard</u></b>	Falling short of some prescribed norm. <b>Substandard</b> spellings.
<b><u>tainted</u></b>	Touched by rot or decay. <b>Tainted</b> bacon.
<b><u>terrible</u></b>	Very unskilful. <i>I was sick all night and felt <b>terrible</b> for two days.</i>
<b><u>unfit for human consumption</u></b>	Physically unsound or diseased.
<b><u>unkind</u></b>	Deficient in humane and kindly feelings. <i>The <b>unkindest</b> cut of all.</i>
<b><u>unpleasant</u></b>	Causing discomfort, unhappiness, or revulsion; disagreeable. <i>When drunk he could become very <b>unpleasant</b>.</i>
<b><u>unprincipled</u></b>	(of a person or their behaviour) not acting in accordance with moral principles. <i>Freedom from coarse <b>unprincipled</b> calumny.</i>
<b><u>unsatisfactory</u></b>	Not giving satisfaction. <i>Years of living in <b>unsatisfactory</b> rented accommodation.</i>
<b><u>unscrupulous</u></b>	Without scruples or principles. <b>Unscrupulous</b> landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants.
<b><u>unspeakable</u></b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <b>Unspeakable</b> happiness.

<b>untrustworthy</b>	Not worthy of trust or belief. <i>These <b>untrustworthy</b> impressions were instinctive.</i>
<b>unwell</b>	Ill. <i>He was admitted to hospital for tests after feeling <b>unwell</b>.</i>
<b>vicious</b>	(of persons or their actions) able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i><b>Vicious</b> kicks.</i>
<b>vile</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>All the feasts that thou hast shared erewhile to mine shall be but <b>vile</b>.</i>
<b>villainous</b>	Extremely wicked. <i>A <b>villainous</b> plot.</i>
<b>wanton</b>	Casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior. <i><b>Wanton</b> behavior.</i>
<b>wicked</b>	Morally bad in principle or practice. <i>A <b>wicked</b> stench.</i>
<b>wretched</b>	Morally reprehensible. <i>She disliked the <b>wretched</b> man intensely.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Rotten" as an adjective

- *The supporting beams were rotten.*
- *Rotten eggs.*
- *He's had rotten luck this year.*
- *Dead and rotten in his grave.*
- *He believed that the whole art business was rotten.*
- *She tried to tell me she felt rotten.*
- *Rotten floor boards.*
- *She was a rotten cook.*
- *It's rotten for you having to cope on your own.*



## Rotten as an Adverb

## Definitions of "Rotten" as an adverb

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

- *To an extreme degree; very much.*



## Synonyms of "Rotten" as an adverb (1 Word)

**very much** Precisely so.



## Usage Examples of "Rotten" as an adverb

- *We used to send him up something rotten.*
- *Your mother said that I spoiled you rotten.*



## Associations of "Rotten" (30 Words)

<b>corrosive</b>	A corrosive substance. <i><b>Corrosive</b> criticism.</i>
<b>corrupt</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>He has <b>corrupted</b> the boy.</i>
<b><u>debris</u></b>	Scattered pieces of rubbish or remains. <i>Workmen were clearing the roads of the <b>debris</b> from shattered buildings.</i>
<b>decay</b>	Undergo decay or decomposition. <i>The trapped radiocarbon begins to <b>decay</b> at a known rate.</i>
<b>decayed</b>	Having fallen into disrepair; deteriorated. <i>The restoration of <b>decayed</b> churches.</i>
<b><u>decompose</u></b>	Separate (substances) into constituent elements or parts. <i>Many chemicals <b>decompose</b> rapidly under high temperature.</i>
<b>decomposition</b>	The organic phenomenon of rotting. <i>The <b>decomposition</b> of organic waste.</i>

<b>depravity</b>	The innate corruption of human nature, due to original sin. <i>A tale of <b>depravity</b> hard to credit.</i>
<b>disassemble</b>	Take (something) to pieces. <i>The piston can be <b>disassembled</b> for transport.</i>
<b>disenfranchise</b>	Deprive of voting rights. <i>A hard core of kids who are <b>disenfranchised</b> and don't feel connected to the school.</i>
<b>erosive</b>	Wearing away by friction. <i>The <b>erosive</b> effects of waves on the shoreline.</i>
<b>fetid</b>	Smelling extremely unpleasant. <i>The <b>fetid</b> water of the marsh.</i>
<b>foul</b>	Commit a foul break the rules. <i>With its sails <b>afoul</b>.</i>
<b>lousy</b>	Very bad. <i>A <b>lousy</b> play.</i>
<b>malodorous</b>	Having an unpleasant smell. <i>Leaking taps and <b>malodorous</b> drains.</i>
<b>molder</b>	Break down.
<b>musty</b>	Lacking freshness or vitality; old-fashioned. <i>A dark <b>musty</b> library.</i>
<b>noisome</b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>Even if a journalist wanted to deliver the <b>noisome</b> truth patriotism and censorship would prevent him.</i>
<b>perishable</b>	Liable to perish; subject to destruction or death or decay. <i>Ballet is the most <b>perishable</b> of arts.</i>
<b>putrescent</b>	Becoming putrid. <i>The odour of <b>putrescent</b> flesh.</i>
<b>putrid</b>	(of organic matter) decaying or rotting and emitting a fetid smell. <i>The <b>putrid</b> smells from the slaughterhouses.</i>
<b>queasy</b>	Nauseous; feeling sick. <i>In the morning he was still pale and <b>queasy</b>.</i>
<b>rancid</b>	Smelling of fermentation or staleness. <i>His columns are just rationales for every kind of <b>rancid</b> prejudice.</i>
<b>rot</b>	Rotten or decayed matter. <i>It was when they moved back to the family home that the <b>rot</b> set in.</i>
<b>sickening</b>	Causing great annoyance or disappointment. <i>A <b>sickening</b> stench.</i>

<b>smell</b>	Smell bad. <i>Lingering kitchen <b>smells</b>.</i>
<b>stale</b>	Make or become stale. <i>Justifications for adverse possession go beyond <b>stale</b> claims.</i>
<b>stinking</b>	Very bad. <i>He was locked in a <b>stinking</b> cell.</i>
<b>underhand</b>	With hand brought forward and up from below shoulder level. <i>Mean revenge committed <b>underhand</b>.</i>
<b>venal</b>	Capable of being corrupted. <i>Their generosity had been at least partly <b>venal</b>.</i>

