

Need another word that means the same as “scornful”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “scornful” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Scornful” are: contemptuous, disdainful, insulting, full of contempt, derisive, derisory, withering, mocking, scoffing, sneering, jeering, scathing, snide, disparaging, slighting, supercilious, superior, dismissive

Scornful as an Adjective

Definitions of "Scornful" as an adjective

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

- *Feeling or expressing contempt or derision.*
- *Expressing extreme contempt.*

Synonyms of "Scornful" as an adjective (18 Words)

contemptuous	Expressing extreme contempt. <i>She was intolerant and contemptuous of the majority of the human race.</i>
derisive	Expressing contempt or ridicule. <i>He gave a harsh derisive laugh.</i>
derisory	Ridiculously small or inadequate. <i>They were given a derisory pay rise.</i>
disdainful	Showing contempt or lack of respect. <i>Some economists are disdainful of their colleagues in other social disciplines.</i>

<u>dismissive</u>	Stopping to associate with. <i>Chronic fatigue syndrome was known by the dismissive term housewife syndrome.</i>
disparaging	Expressing the opinion that something is of little worth; derogatory. <i>Disparaging remarks about council houses.</i>
full of contempt	Complete in extent or degree and in every particular.
insulting	Expressing extreme contempt. <i>Insulting remarks.</i>
jeering	Making rude and mocking remarks, typically in a loud voice. <i>A jeering crowd.</i>
mocking	Playfully vexing (especially by ridicule)- Lawrence Durrell. <i>He got jeers and mocking laughter as he addressed the marchers.</i>
scathing	Marked by harshly abusive criticism. <i>His scathing remarks about silly lady novelists.</i>
scoffing	Contemptuously ridiculing or mocking someone or something. <i>A scoffing cabin crew tells her there s no shower on the plane.</i>
slighting	Tending to diminish or disparage. <i>A slighting remark.</i>
sneering	Expressive of contempt. <i>He made a sneering comment about their closeness.</i>
snide	Derogatory or mocking in an indirect way. <i>A snide divorce lawyer.</i>
supercilious	Expressive of contempt. <i>Curled his lip in a supercilious smile.</i>
superior	Of high or superior quality or performance. <i>Superior wisdom derived from experience.</i>
withering	Wreaking or capable of wreaking complete destruction. <i>A withering look.</i>

Usage Examples of "Scornful" as an adjective

- *The opposition were scornful of the Prime Minister's proposal.*
- *Scornful laughter.*

Associations of "Scornful" (30 Words)

condemning Containing or imposing condemnation or censure.

<u>contempt</u>	A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous. <i>Pam stared at the girl with total contempt.</i>
<u>contemptuous</u>	Showing contempt; scornful. <i>She was intolerant and contemptuous of the majority of the human race.</i>
criticism	The expression of disapproval of someone or something on the basis of perceived faults or mistakes. <i>Alternative methods of criticism supported by well developed literary theories.</i>
<u>curt</u>	Marked by rude or peremptory shortness. <i>His reply was curt.</i>
<u>cynical</u>	Believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity. <i>He gave a cynical laugh.</i>
derision	Contemptuous ridicule or mockery. <i>My stories were greeted with derision and disbelief.</i>
despise	Feel contempt or a deep repugnance for. <i>He despises the people he has to work for.</i>
<u>discourteous</u>	Lacking social graces. <i>It would be unkind and discourteous to decline a visit.</i>
<u>dismissive</u>	Showing indifference or disregard. <i>A dismissive shrug.</i>
disrespectful	Neither feeling nor showing respect. <i>Disrespectful toward his teacher.</i>
<u>hatred</u>	Intense dislike; hate. <i>His murderous hatred of his brother.</i>
impolite	Not polite. <i>It would have been impolite to refuse.</i>
indignity	Treatment or circumstances that cause one to feel shame or to lose one's dignity. <i>The indignity of needing financial help.</i>
<u>insolent</u>	Marked by casual disrespect. <i>She hated the insolent tone of his voice.</i>
insulting	Expressing extreme contempt. <i>Insulting remarks.</i>
<u>irony</u>	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn-Jonathan Swif. <i>Don t go overboard with the gratitude he rejoined with heavy irony.</i>

misanthrope	A person who dislikes humankind and avoids human society. <i>Scrooge wasn't the mean spirited misanthrope most of us believe him to be.</i>
misanthropy	A disposition to dislike and mistrust other people. <i>The streak of misanthropy in his nature.</i>
mocking	Playfully vexing (especially by ridicule). <i>Her mocking smile.</i>
parody	Make a parody of. <i>The film is a parody of the horror genre.</i>
ridicule	Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>The satirists ridiculed the plans for a new opera house.</i>
rude	Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness. <i>The crude weapons and rude agricultural implements of early man.</i>
sarcastic	Marked by or given to using irony in order to mock or convey contempt. <i>I think they're being sarcastic.</i>
sardonic	Disdainfully or ironically humorous; scornful and mocking- Frank Schoenberner- Irwin Edman. <i>His rebellion is the bitter sardonic laughter of all great satirists.</i>
satirical	Containing or using satire. <i>A New York based satirical magazine.</i>
sneering	Expressive of contempt. <i>It will take a concerted effort from many to lay off the sneering and try understanding.</i>
snide	An unpleasant or underhand person. <i>Snide Rolex watches.</i>
teasing	Playfully vexing (especially by ridicule)- Lawrence Durrell. <i>A teasing and persistent thought annoyed him.</i>
withering	Wreaking or capable of wreaking complete destruction. <i>Protective cover to escape withering heat.</i>