

Need another word that means the same as “shameful”? Find 45 synonyms and 30 related words for “shameful” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Shameful” are: black, disgraceful, ignominious, inglorious, opprobrious, scandalous, shocking, deplorable, despicable, contemptible, dishonourable, discreditable, reprehensible, base, mean, low, blameworthy, unworthy, ignoble, shabby, infamous, unprincipled, outrageous, abominable, atrocious, appalling, disgusting, vile, odious, monstrous, heinous, unspeakable, loathsome, sordid, bad, wicked, immoral, nefarious, indefensible, inexcusable, unforgivable, embarrassing, mortifying, humiliating, degrading

Shameful as an Adjective

Definitions of "Shameful" as an adjective

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

- *Worthy of or causing shame or disgrace.*
- *Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation- Thackeray.*
- *Deserving or bringing disgrace or shame- Rachel Carson.*
- *(used of conduct or character) deserving or bringing disgrace or shame.*
- *Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation.*



Synonyms of "Shameful" as an adjective (45 Words)

abominable	Unequivocally detestable. <i>Abominable treatment of prisoners.</i>
<u>appalling</u>	Very bad; awful. <i>Appalling conditions.</i>
<u>atrocious</u>	Horrifically wicked. <i>Atrocious cruelties.</i>
bad	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>A bad headache.</i>
<u>base</u>	Serving as or forming a base. <i>The painter applied a base coat followed by two finishing coats.</i>
black	Of a ski run of the highest level of difficulty as indicated by black markers positioned along it. <i>The sky was moonless and black.</i>

blameworthy	Responsible for wrongdoing and deserving of censure or blame. <i>Blameworthy if not criminal behavior.</i>
contemptible	Deserving of contempt or scorn. <i>A display of contemptible cowardice.</i>
<u>degrading</u>	Harmful to the mind or morals. <i>The vicious and degrading cult of violence.</i>
deplorable	Bad; unfortunate. <i>Her spelling was deplorable.</i>
despicable	Morally reprehensible. <i>A despicable crime.</i>
discreditable	Tending to bring harm to a reputation. <i>His marks were not at all discreditable.</i>
<u>disgraceful</u>	Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation. <i>A disgraceful waste of money.</i>
disgusting	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>A disgusting smell.</i>
dishonourable	Bringing shame or disgrace on someone or something. <i>His crimes are petty and dishonourable.</i>
embarrassing	Causing embarrassment. <i>An embarrassing muddle.</i>
<u>heinous</u>	Extremely wicked, deeply criminal. <i>Heinous accusations.</i>
<u>humiliating</u>	Causing awareness of your shortcomings. <i>A humiliating defeat.</i>
ignoble	Completely lacking nobility in character or quality or purpose- Oliver We. <i>Of ignoble or ungentle birth.</i>
ignominious	Deserving or causing public disgrace or shame. <i>An ignominious retreat.</i>
immoral	Not adhering to ethical or moral principles. <i>Unseemly and immoral behaviour.</i>
indefensible	(of theories etc) incapable of being defended or justified. <i>The towns were tactically indefensible.</i>
inexcusable	Not excusable. <i>Matt s behaviour was inexcusable.</i>
<u>infamous</u>	Known widely and usually unfavorably. <i>The infamous Benedict Arnold.</i>

inglorious	Not famous or renowned. <i>An inglorious episode in British imperial history.</i>
loathsome	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>This loathsome little swine.</i>
<u>low</u>	Of a vowel pronounced with the tongue held low in the mouth open. <i>The low neckline of her blouse.</i>
mean	So small in amount as to deserve contempt. <i>A mean person.</i>
monstrous	Inhumanly or outrageously evil or wrong. <i>Twisted into monstrous shapes.</i>
mortifying	Causing to feel shame or chagrin or vexation. <i>It was mortifying to know he had heard every word.</i>
nefarious	(typically of an action or activity) wicked or criminal. <i>Nefarious schemes.</i>
odious	Unequivocally detestable. <i>Odious hypocrisy.</i>
opprobrious	Deserving or bringing disgrace or shame- Rachel Carson. <i>An opprobrious monument to human greed.</i>
<u>outrageous</u>	Very bold and unusual and rather shocking. <i>An outrageous act of bribery.</i>
<u>reprehensible</u>	Deserving censure or condemnation. <i>His complacency and reprehensible laxity.</i>
<u>scandalous</u>	Causing general public outrage by a perceived offence against morality or law. <i>A scandalous allegation.</i>
<u>shabby</u>	Showing signs of wear and tear. <i>A shabby fellow in slippers and an undershirt.</i>
<u>shocking</u>	Glaringly vivid and graphic; marked by sensationalism. <i>She brought shocking news.</i>
<u>sordid</u>	Involving immoral or dishonourable actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt. <i>The sordid details of his orgies stank under his very nostrils.</i>
unforgivable	So bad as to be unable to be forgiven or excused. <i>Losing your temper with him was unforgivable.</i>
unprincipled	Lacking principles or moral scruples. <i>Freedom from coarse unprincipled calumny.</i>

unspeakable

Too bad or horrific to express in words.

Unspeakable happiness.

unworthy

Not deserving.

Unworthy of forgiveness.

vile

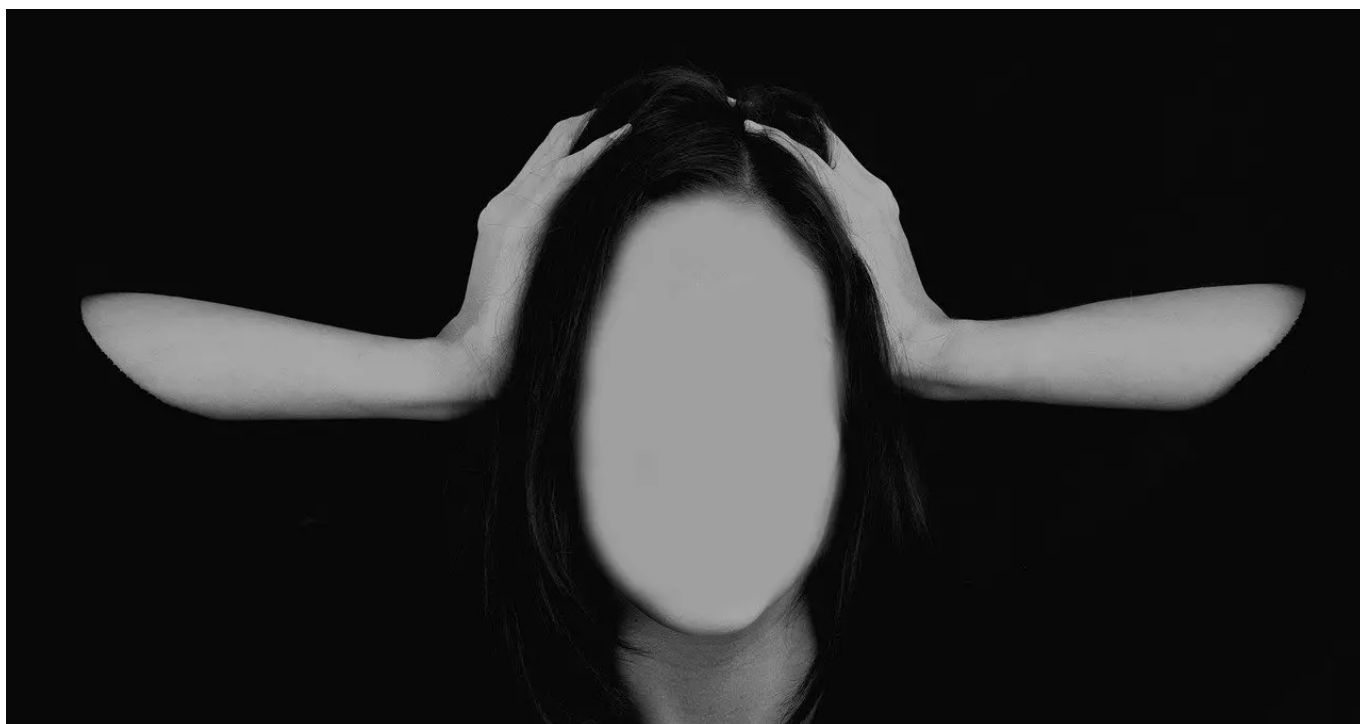
Extremely unpleasant.

The **vile** development of slavery appalled them.

wicked

Evil or morally wrong.

A **wicked** stench.



Usage Examples of "Shameful" as an adjective

- *The wicked rascally shameful conduct of the bankrupt.*
- *A shameful accusation.*
- *A shameful display of cowardice.*



Associations of "Shameful" (30 Words)

abject

(of a person or their behaviour) completely without pride or dignity; self-abasing.

***Abject** surrender.*

abusive

Engaging in or characterized by habitual violence and cruelty.

*The goalkeeper was sent off for using **abusive** language.*

awkward

Socially uncomfortable; unsure and constrained in manner.

*I felt **awkward** standing in front of the whole class.*

contemptible

Deserving of contempt or scorn.

*A display of **contemptible** cowardice.*

degrading

Harmful to the mind or morals.

*The prisoners were subjected to cruel and **degrading** treatment.*

disgraceful

Deserving or bringing disgrace or shame- Rachel Carson.

*A **disgraceful** waste of money.*

dishonorable	Lacking honor or integrity; deserving dishonor. <i>Dishonorable in thought and deed.</i>
embarrassing	Causing to feel shame or chagrin or vexation. <i>Awkward or embarrassing or difficult moments in the discussion.</i>
<u>humiliating</u>	Causing awareness of your shortcomings. <i>A humiliating defeat.</i>
ignoble	Completely lacking nobility in character or quality or purpose. <i>Ignoble feelings of intense jealousy.</i>
ignominious	Deserving or bringing disgrace or shame- Rachel Carson. <i>No other party risked ignominious defeat.</i>
inglorious	(used of conduct or character) deserving or bringing disgrace or shame. <i>Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest.</i>
insulting	Disrespectful or scornfully abusive. <i>Insulting remarks.</i>
libellous	Containing or constituting a libel. <i>A libellous newspaper story.</i>
lonely	Without companions; solitary. <i>Felt sad and lonely.</i>
<u>obscure</u>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>An impulse to go off and fight certain obscure battles of his own spirit.</i>
offensive	Morally offensive. <i>Considered such depravity offensive against all laws of humanity.</i>
opprobrious	(of language) expressing scorn or criticism. <i>Opprobrious remarks.</i>
<u>pejorative</u>	Expressing contempt or disapproval. <i>Most of what he said was inflammatory and filled with pejoratives.</i>
<u>reprehensible</u>	Bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure. <i>His complacency and reprehensible laxity.</i>
scurrilous	Making or spreading scandalous claims about someone with the intention of damaging their reputation. <i>A scurrilous attack on his integrity.</i>
<u>shame</u>	Cause to be ashamed. <i>She was hot with shame.</i>
slanderous	(used of statements) harmful and often untrue; tending to discredit or malign. <i>Slanderous allegations.</i>

Not fully understood, recognized, or valued.

unappreciated *She had been brought up in a family where she felt **unappreciated** and undervalued.*

Not having knowledge or experience of.

unfamiliar *He felt a stranger among the crowd of **unfamiliar** faces.*

Being or having an unknown or unnamed source.

unidentified *An **unidentified** witness.*

That which is unknown.

unknown *His whereabouts are **unknown** to his family.*

Being or having an unknown or unnamed source.

unnamed *The **unnamed** man was found unconscious.*

Not rewarding; not providing personal satisfaction.

unrewarding *It was dull **unrewarding** work.*

Not celebrated or praised.

unsung ***Unsung** heroes of the war.*

