

Need another word that means the same as “shocking”? Find 48 synonyms and 30 related words for “shocking” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Shocking” are: disgraceful, scandalous, shameful, lurid, appalling, horrifying, horrific, dreadful, awful, frightful, terrible, horrible, outrageous, vile, abominable, ghastly, foul, monstrous, unspeakable, abhorrent, hideous, atrocious, repellent, revolting, odious, repulsive, repugnant, disgusting, nauseating, sickening, grisly, loathsome, offensive, distressing, upsetting, perturbing, disturbing, disquieting, unsettling, agitating, severe, serious, grave, critical, grievous, acute, dire, grim

Shocking as an Adjective

Definitions of "Shocking" as an adjective

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

- *Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation- Thackeray.*
- *Very bad.*
- *Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation.*
- *Glaringly vivid and graphic; marked by sensationalism.*
- *Causing indignation or disgust; offensive.*
- *Causing a feeling of surprise and dismay.*



Synonyms of "Shocking" as an adjective (48 Words)

- abhorrent** Offensive to the mind.
*Racism was **abhorrent** to us all.*
- abominable** Exceptionally bad or displeasing.
*What an **abominable** mess.*
- acute** Denoting or designed for patients with an acute form of a disease.
*An **acute** sense of smell.*
- agitating** Causing or tending to cause anger or resentment.
- appalling** Causing consternation.
*His conduct was **appalling**.*
- atrocious** Provoking horror.
*He attempted an **atrocious** imitation of my English accent.*
- awful** Inspiring reverential wonder or fear.
*The **awful** war.*

critical	Characterized by careful evaluation and judgment. <i>A critical analysis of Melville's writings.</i>
<u>dire</u>	Of a very poor quality. <i>He was in dire need of help.</i>
<u>disgraceful</u>	Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation- Thackeray. <i>It is disgraceful that they should be denied unemployment benefits.</i>
disgusting	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>He had the most disgusting rotten teeth.</i>
disquieting	Causing mental discomfort. <i>The disquieting sounds of nearby gunfire.</i>
distressing	Causing anxiety, sorrow or pain; upsetting. <i>Some very distressing news.</i>
disturbing	Causing anxiety; worrying. <i>A disturbing amount of crime.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Extremely disagreeable and unpleasant. <i>There's been a dreadful accident.</i>
foul	Of a baseball not hit between the foul lines. <i>Foul language.</i>
frightful	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>In a frightful hurry.</i>
<u>ghastly</u>	Very objectionable, bad, or unpleasant. <i>One of the most ghastly crimes ever committed.</i>
<u>grave</u>	Dignified and somber in manner or character and committed to keeping promises. <i>A grave situation.</i>
grievous	Causing or marked by grief or anguish. <i>His death was a grievous blow.</i>
<u>grim</u>	Harshly ironic or sinister. <i>Grim necessity.</i>
grisly	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>The town was shaken by a series of grisly crimes.</i>
hideous	Extremely ugly. <i>A hideous pattern of injustice.</i>
horrible	Very unpleasant. <i>A horrible massacre.</i>
<u>horrific</u>	Causing horror. <i>Horrific injuries.</i>

horrifying	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>An alarming even horrifying picture.</i>
loathsome	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>This loathsome little swine.</i>
lurid	Unpleasantly bright in colour, especially so as to create a harsh or unnatural effect. <i>Lurid flames.</i>
monstrous	Inhumanly or outrageously evil or wrong. <i>The monstrous tidal wave swamped the surrounding countryside.</i>
nauseating	Causing or liable to cause a feeling of nausea or disgust; disgusting. <i>A nauseating smell.</i>
odious	Unequivocally detestable- Edmund Burke. <i>Consequences odious to those you govern.</i>
offensive	Morally offensive. <i>Offensive operations against the insurgents.</i>
outrageous	Very bold and unusual and rather shocking. <i>Spends an outrageous amount on entertainment.</i>
perturbing	Causing distress or worry or anxiety. <i>There were two scenes that I think would be perturbing to small children.</i>
repellent	Able to repel a particular thing; impervious to a particular substance. <i>A water repellent fabric.</i>
repugnant	Extremely distasteful; unacceptable. <i>Cannibalism seems repugnant to us.</i>
repulsive	Arousing intense distaste or disgust. <i>Repulsive behavior.</i>
revolting	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i>Revolting food.</i>
scandalous	Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation- Thackeray. <i>A scandalous allegation.</i>
serious	Requiring effort or concentration; complex and not easy to answer or solve. <i>Raised serious objections to the proposal.</i>
severe	Severely simple. <i>A severe blow.</i>
shameful	Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation. <i>A shameful accusation.</i>
sickening	Causing or liable to cause a feeling of nausea or disgust. <i>She hit the ground with a sickening thud.</i>

terrible	Very unskilful. <i>What a terrible mess.</i>
unsettling	Causing anxiety or uneasiness; disturbing. <i>The finale may come as an unsettling shock.</i>
unspeakable	Too sacred to be uttered. <i>Unspeakable happiness.</i>
upsetting	Causing an emotional disturbance. <i>An upsetting experience.</i>
vile	Extremely unpleasant. <i>All the feasts that thou hast shared erewhile to mine shall be but vile.</i>



Usage Examples of "Shocking" as an adjective

- *She brought shocking news.*
- *Shocking behaviour.*

- *I've got a shocking cold.*
- *The most shocking book of its time.*



Associations of "Shocking" (30 Words)

<u>amaze</u>	Affect with wonder. <i>He has been amazed by the quality of the employees at the bank.</i>
amazing	Inspiring awe or admiration or wonder. <i>An amazing number of people registered.</i>
astonish	Surprise or impress (someone) greatly. <i>You never fail to astonish me.</i>
<u>astonishing</u>	Surprising greatly. <i>An astonishing achievement.</i>
<u>astounding</u>	Bewildering or striking dumb with wonder. <i>The summit offers astounding views.</i>

awesome	Extremely well; excellently. <i>The awesome complexity of the universe.</i>
disturbing	Causing distress or worry or anxiety. <i>A disturbing amount of crime.</i>
flabbergasted	Greatly surprised or astonished. <i>Flabbergasted fans took to the streets to celebrate the team's big win.</i>
haunting	The action of haunting a place. <i>From two handsome and talented young men to two haunting horrors of disintegration.</i>
impressive	Making a strong or vivid impression. <i>Impressive achievements in science.</i>
incredible	Beyond belief or understanding. <i>An almost incredible tale of triumph and tragedy.</i>
marvelous	Being or having the character of a miracle. <i>A marvelous collection of rare books.</i>
outrageous	Wildly exaggerated or improbable. <i>Her outrageous leotards and sexy routines.</i>
prodigious	Remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree. <i>The young Mozart's prodigious talents.</i>
puzzled	Unable to understand; perplexed. <i>The questioners were met with puzzled looks.</i>
raunchy	Energetically earthy and sexually explicit. <i>His raunchy new novel.</i>
redoubtable	Inspiring fear- G.H. Johnston. <i>He was a redoubtable debater.</i>
revelation	The last book of the New Testament recounting a divine revelation of the future to St John. <i>Seeing them play at international level was a revelation.</i>
saintliness	The quality of resembling a saint. <i>Her selfless behaviour borders on saintliness.</i>
sensational	Causing great public interest and excitement. <i>A sensational view.</i>
shattering	The act of breaking something into small pieces. <i>The shattering peal of artillery.</i>
shock	Collect or gather into shocks. <i>They were deeply shocked by the murder.</i>

<u>spectacular</u>	Characteristic of spectacles or drama. <i>French history was represented in a spectacular for tourists.</i>
<u>staggering</u>	Deeply shocking; astonishing. <i>Suffered a staggering defeat.</i>
<u>startling</u>	So remarkably different or sudden as to cause momentary shock or alarm. <i>Startling news.</i>
surprised	Taken unawares or suddenly and feeling wonder or astonishment. <i>There was a surprised silence.</i>
<u>surprising</u>	Causing surprise; unexpected. <i>Leaped up with surprising agility.</i>
unexpectedly	In a way that was not expected or regarded as likely. <i>Tourist chiefs reported unexpectedly high visitor numbers.</i>
wonderful	Extraordinarily good or great; used especially as intensifiers. <i>The climate was wonderful all the year round.</i>
<u>wondering</u>	Characterized by or expressive of admiration and amazement. <i>Peter listened with an air of wondering astonishment.</i>

