

Need another word that means the same as “sinister”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “sinister” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sinister” are: black, dark, baleful, forbidding, menacing, minacious, minatory, ominous, threatening, frightening, eerie, alarming, disturbing, disquieting, suggestive of evil, evil-looking, evil, wicked, bad, criminal, corrupt, nefarious, villainous, base, vile, malevolent, malicious, malign**

## Sinister as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sinister" as an adjective

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

- *Evil or criminal.*
- *Of, on, or towards the left-hand side (in a coat of arms, from the bearer's point of view, i.e. the right as it is depicted).*
- *On or starting from the wearer's left.*
- *Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments.*
- *Stemming from evil characteristics or forces; wicked or dishonorable.*
- *Giving the impression that something harmful or evil is happening or will happen.*



## Synonyms of "Sinister" as an adjective (28 Words)

<b><u>alarming</u></b>	Frightening because of an awareness of danger. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an <b>alarming</b> rate.</i>
<b>bad</b>	Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>Has a <b>bad</b> back.</i>
<b>baleful</b>	Deadly or sinister. <i>The Florida eagles have a fierce <b>baleful</b> look.</i>
<b><u>base</u></b>	Serving as or forming a base. <i><b>Base</b> coins of aluminum.</i>
<b>black</b>	Of the face made black especially as with suffused blood. <i>Man has written one of his <b>blackest</b> records as a destroyer on the oceanic islands.</i>
<b>corrupt</b>	Having or showing a willingness to act dishonestly in return for money or personal gain. <i>Spoke a <b>corrupted</b> version of the language.</i>
<b>criminal</b>	Involving or being or having the nature of a crime. <i>A <b>criminal</b> waste of talent.</i>
<b>dark</b>	Having a dark hue. <i><b>Dark</b> green.</i>
<b>disquieting</b>	Causing mental discomfort. <i>He found Jean s gaze <b>disquieting</b>.</i>
<b>disturbing</b>	Causing anxiety; worrying. <i>A <b>disturbing</b> amount of crime.</i>
<b>eerie</b>	Suggestive of the supernatural; mysterious. <i>An <b>eerie</b> green glow in the sky.</i>
<b>evil</b>	Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil. <i>No man is so <b>evil</b> as to be beyond redemption.</i>
<b>evil-looking</b>	Having an evil appearance.
<b>forbidding</b>	Harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance- J.M.Barrie. <i><b>Forbidding</b> thunderclouds.</i>
<b><u>frightening</u></b>	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A <b>frightening</b> experience.</i>
<b>malevolent</b>	Having or exerting a malignant influence. <i>The glint of dark <b>malevolent</b> eyes.</i>



<b><u>malicious</u></b>	Having the nature of or resulting from malice- Rudyard Kipling. <i>Took <b>malicious</b> pleasure in watching me wince.</i>
<b>malign</b>	Having or exerting a malignant influence. <i>Believed in witches and <b>malign</b> spirits.</i>
<b><u>menacing</u></b>	Suggesting the presence of danger; threatening. <i>Our officers encountered <b>menacing</b> looks from teenagers.</i>
<b>minacious</b>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments.
<b>minatory</b>	Expressing or conveying a threat. <i>He is unlikely to be deterred by <b>minatory</b> finger wagging.</i>
<b>nefarious</b>	Extremely wicked. <i>The <b>nefarious</b> activities of the organized crime syndicates.</i>
<b>ominous</b>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>A dead and <b>ominous</b> silence prevailed.</i>
<b>suggestive of evil</b>	Tending to suggest or imply.
<b>threatening</b>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>Her mother had received a <b>threatening</b> letter.</i>
<b>vile</b>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>He has a <b>vile</b> temper.</i>
<b>villainous</b>	Extremely wicked. <i>A <b>villainous</b> plot.</i>
<b>wicked</b>	Having committed unrighteous acts. <i>A <b>wicked</b> and unscrupulous politician.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Sinister" as an adjective

- *The scheme of some sinister intelligence bent on punishing him.*
- *Sinister storm clouds.*
- *Bar sinister.*
- *There might be a more sinister motive behind the government's actions.*
- *There was something sinister about that murmuring voice.*
- *A sinister smile.*



## Associations of "Sinister" (30 Words)

<b>aggressive</b>	Having or showing determination and energetic pursuit of your ends. <i><b>Aggressive</b> drivers.</i>
<b>bad</b>	Badly. <i>I feel <b>bad</b> that our business is benefiting from something so horrible.</i>
<b>baleful</b>	Deadly or sinister. <i>A <b>baleful</b> look.</i>
<b>baneful</b>	Exceedingly harmful. <i>The <b>baneful</b> effects of envy and jealousy.</i>
<b>boding</b>	A feeling of evil to come. <i>A steadily escalating sense of fore<b>boding</b>.</i>



<b>brawl</b>	A rough or noisy fight or quarrel. <i>A street <b>brawl</b>.</i>
<b>circumstances</b>	Your overall circumstances or condition in life including everything that happens to you. <i>He found himself in straitened <b>circumstances</b>.</i>
<b>daunting</b>	Seeming difficult to deal with in prospect; intimidating. <i>A <b>daunting</b> task.</i>
<b>evil</b>	Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil. <i><b>Evil</b> deeds.</i>
<b>fateful</b>	Having momentous consequences; of decisive importance- Saturday Rev. <i>A <b>fateful</b> oversight.</i>
<b>forbidding</b>	Harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance- J.M.Barrie. <i>A grim and <b>forbidding</b> building.</i>
<b>foreboding</b>	Implying that something bad is going to happen. <i>When the Doctor spoke his voice was dark and <b>foreboding</b>.</i>
<b>impious</b>	(of a person or act) wicked. <i>The emperor s <b>impious</b> attacks on the Church.</i>
<b>inauspicious</b>	Contrary to your interests or welfare. <i>Following this <b>inauspicious</b> start the British outnumbered withdrew.</i>
<b>inhumane</b>	Without compassion for misery or suffering; cruel. <i>Humans are innately <b>inhumane</b> this explains much of the misery and suffering in the world.</i>
<b>intimidating</b>	Having a frightening, overawing, or threatening effect. <i>The <b>intimidating</b> defence barrister.</i>
<b>menacing</b>	Suggesting the presence of danger; threatening. <i>Our officers encountered <b>menacing</b> looks from teenagers.</i>
<b>minatory</b>	Expressing or conveying a threat. <i>He is unlikely to be deterred by <b>minatory</b> finger wagging.</i>
<b>nefarious</b>	(typically of an action or activity) wicked or criminal. <i><b>Nefarious</b> schemes.</i>
<b>omen</b>	Indicate as with a sign or an omen. <i>He looked for an <b>omen</b> before going into battle.</i>
<b>ominous</b>	Giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen; threateningly inauspicious. <i>A dead and <b>ominous</b> silence prevailed.</i>
<b>presentiment</b>	An intuitive feeling about the future, especially one of foreboding. <i>A <b>presentiment</b> of disaster.</i>

<b>threatening</b>	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>Taylor was in custody on a charge of <b>threatening</b> behaviour.</i>
<b><u>unfortunate</u></b>	Not auspicious; boding ill. <i>An <b>unfortunate</b> speech.</i>
<b><u>unpleasant</u></b>	Causing discomfort, unhappiness, or revulsion; disagreeable. <i><b>Unpleasant</b> repercussions.</i>
<b>unpropitious</b>	Not propitious. <i>His reports were submitted at a financially <b>unpropitious</b> time.</i>
<b>vice</b>	Immoral or wicked behaviour. <i><b>Vice</b> offends the moral standards of the community.</i>
<b>vicious</b>	Deliberately cruel or violent. <i>A <b>vicious</b> flu bug.</i>
<b>villainous</b>	Extremely bad or unpleasant. <i>A <b>villainous</b> smell.</i>
<b>wicked</b>	Naughtily or annoyingly playful. <i>A <b>wicked</b> prank.</i>



