

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)

alarming

Frightening because of an awareness of danger.
*Our countryside is disappearing at an **alarming** rate.*

bad

Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad.
*Has a **bad** back.*

baleful

Deadly or sinister.
*The Florida eagles have a fierce **baleful** look.*

base

Serving as or forming a base.
***Base** coins of aluminum.*

black

Of the face made black especially as with suffused blood.
*Man has written one of his **blackest** records as a destroyer on the oceanic islands.*

corrupt

Having or showing a willingness to act dishonestly in return for money or personal gain.
*Spoke a **corrupted** version of the language.*

criminal

Involving or being or having the nature of a crime.
*A **criminal** waste of talent.*

dark

Having a dark hue.
***Dark** green.*

disquieting

Causing mental discomfort.
*He found Jean s gaze **disquieting**.*

disturbing

Causing anxiety; worrying.
*A **disturbing** amount of crime.*

eerie

Suggestive of the supernatural; mysterious.
*An **eerie** green glow in the sky.*

evil

Of a force or spirit embodying or associated with the forces of the devil.
*No man is so **evil** as to be beyond redemption.*

evil-looking

Having an evil appearance.

forbidding

Harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance- J.M.Barrie.
***Forbidding** thunderclouds.*

frightening

Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying.
*A **frightening** experience.*

malevolent

Having or exerting a malignant influence.
*The glint of dark **malevolent** eyes.*

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

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

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

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

