

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)

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

<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. <i>Aggressive drivers.</i>
bad	Badly. <i>I feel bad that our business is benefiting from something so horrible.</i>
baleful	Deadly or sinister. <i>A baleful look.</i>
baneful	Exceedingly harmful. <i>The baneful effects of envy and jealousy.</i>
boding	A feeling of evil to come. <i>A steadily escalating sense of foreboding.</i>

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>

