

Need another word that means the same as “stark”? Find 81 synonyms and 30 related words for “stark” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Stark” are: arrant, complete, consummate, double-dyed, everlasting, gross, perfect, pure, sodding, staring, thorough, thoroughgoing, unadulterated, utter, bare, barren, bleak, desolate, blunt, crude, austere, severe, stern, sharp, well focused, crisp, distinct, obvious, evident, clear, clear-cut, graphic, striking, arid, vacant, empty, forsaken, godforsaken, dreary, gloomy, sombre, depressing, cheerless, joyless, uninviting, miserable, grim, harsh, oppressive, merciless, plain, simple, unadorned, unembellished, undecorated, uncomfortable, bald, straightforward, basic, unvarnished, sheer, absolute, total, positive, downright, out-and-out, outright, strong, vigorous, sturdy, tough, powerful, powerfully built, muscular, sinewy, rugged, hardy, strapping, brawny, burly, husky

Stark as an Adjective

Definitions of "Stark" as an adjective

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

- *Devoid of any qualifications or disguise or adornment.*
- *Unpleasantly or sharply clear.*
- *Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers.*
- *Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers.*
- *Complete; sheer.*
- *Physically strong or powerful.*
- *Severe or bare in appearance or outline.*
- *Providing no shelter or sustenance.*

- *Stiff, rigid, or incapable of movement.*
- *Complete or extreme.*
- *Severely simple.*
- *Completely naked.*



Synonyms of "Stark" as an adjective (81 Words)

absolute

Used for emphasis when expressing an opinion.
*The policy is **absolute** folly.*

arid

(of land or a climate) having little or no rain; too dry or barren to support vegetation.
*The **arid** plains north of Cape Town.*

arrant

Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers.
*An **arrant** fool.*

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| austere | (of living conditions or a way of life) having no comforts or luxuries. <i>He was an austere man with a rigidly puritanical outlook.</i> |
| bald | (of a tyre) having the tread worn away. <i>He was starting to go bald.</i> |
| bare | Just barely adequate or within a lower limit. <i>The bare walls.</i> |
| barren | Not bearing offspring. <i>The barren burnt up countryside.</i> |
| basic | Having tastes, interests, or attitudes regarded as mainstream or conventional (typically used of a woman). <i>The laying down of arms is basic to the agreement.</i> |
| bleak | Offering little or no hope. <i>He paints a bleak picture of a company that has lost its way.</i> |
| blunt | (of a person or remark) uncompromisingly forthright. <i>Thick marks made by a blunt pencil.</i> |
| brawny | Possessing physical strength and weight; rugged and powerful. <i>A great brawny brute.</i> |
| burly | (of a person) large and strong; heavily built. <i>I saw a burly figure approaching.</i> |
| cheerless | Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy. <i>The corridors were ill lit and cheerless.</i> |
| clear | Clear of charges or deductions. <i>Clear water.</i> |
| clear-cut | Having had all the trees removed at one time. |
| complete | Perfect and complete in every respect having all necessary qualities. <i>A complete coward.</i> |
| consummate | Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>A consummate performance.</i> |
| crisp | Tender and brittle. <i>65 in crisp new notes.</i> |
| crude | Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness. <i>Crude behavior.</i> |
| depressing | Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy. <i>The economic outlook is depressing.</i> |
| desolate | Providing no shelter or sustenance. <i>I suddenly felt desolate and bereft.</i> |

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| distinct | Clearly or sharply defined to the mind. <i>A distinct outline.</i> |
| double-dyed | Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. |
| downright | Characterized by plain blunt honesty. <i>Her common sense and downright attitude to life surprised him.</i> |
| dreary | Causing dejection. <i>A series of dreary dinner parties.</i> |
| <u>empty</u> | Having no value or purpose. <i>Empty bellied children.</i> |
| everlasting | Lasting forever or a very long time. <i>Life everlasting.</i> |
| <u>evident</u> | Clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment. <i>Evident hostility.</i> |
| forsaken | Abandoned or deserted. <i>A journey into forgotten and forsaken places.</i> |
| <u>gloomy</u> | Causing dejection. <i>Gloomy forecasts about the economy.</i> |
| godforsaken | Located in a dismal or remote area; desolate. <i>A godforsaken wilderness crossroads.</i> |
| <u>graphic</u> | Describing nudity or sexual activity in graphic detail. <i>Graphic symbols.</i> |
| <u>grim</u> | Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>The grim aftermath of the bombing.</i> |
| gross | Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>The gross amount of the gift was 1 000.</i> |
| hardy | Invulnerable to fear or intimidation. <i>Strawberries are hardy and easy to grow.</i> |
| harsh | (of reality or a fact) grim and unpalatable. <i>Harsh guttural shouts.</i> |
| husky | (of a person) big and strong. <i>Clothing sizes for husky boys.</i> |
| joyless | Not giving or feeling any pleasure or satisfaction; grim or dismal. <i>A joyless man.</i> |
| <u>merciless</u> | Showing no mercy. <i>A merciless critic.</i> |
| <u>miserable</u> | Deserving or inciting pity. <i>A miserable man in his late sixties.</i> |

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| <u>muscular</u> | Having a robust muscular body build characterized by predominance of structures bone and muscle and connective tissue developed from the embryonic mesodermal layer. <i>The muscular and passionate Fifth Symphony.</i> |
| obvious | Predictable and lacking in subtlety. <i>Obvious errors.</i> |
| <u>oppressive</u> | Weighing heavily on the mind or spirits. <i>The atmosphere was oppressive.</i> |
| out-and-out | Being out or having grown cold. |
| <u>outright</u> | Total. <i>An outright refusal.</i> |
| perfect | Of a tense denoting a completed action or a state or habitual action which began in the past The perfect tense is formed in English with have or has and the past participle as in they have eaten and they have been eating present perfect they had eaten past perfect and they will have eaten future perfect. <i>The equipment was in perfect condition.</i> |
| plain | Lacking embellishment or ornamentation. <i>Plain food.</i> |
| positive | Having a positive charge. <i>I am positive he is lying.</i> |
| powerful | Of a person possessing physical strength and weight rugged and powerful. <i>The world s most powerful nation.</i> |
| powerfully built | Having great power or force or potency or effect. |
| <u>pure</u> | Of color being chromatically pure not diluted with white or grey or black. <i>These small cymbals produce a quiet but high pitched and very pure note.</i> |
| <u>rugged</u> | (of ground or terrain) having a broken, rocky, and uneven surface. <i>A rugged coastline.</i> |
| <u>severe</u> | Severely simple. <i>A severe test of stamina.</i> |
| <u>sharp</u> | Keenly and painfully felt as if caused by a sharp edge or point. <i>A pencil with a sharp point.</i> |
| <u>sheer</u> | So thin as to transmit light. <i>Sheer silk stockings.</i> |
| simple | Apart from anything else; without additions or modifications. <i>A quiet unassuming man with simple tastes.</i> |

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| <u>sinewy</u> | Possessing physical strength and weight; rugged and powerful. <i>A short sinewy sunburnt man.</i> |
| sodding | Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>What a sodding mess.</i> |
| sombre | Grave or even gloomy in character. <i>He looked at her with a sombre expression.</i> |
| <u>staring</u> | Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>Stark staring mad.</i> |
| stern | Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i>The stern demands of parenthood.</i> |
| <u>straightforward</u> | Uncomplicated and easy to do or understand. <i>Straightforward in all his business affairs.</i> |
| strapping | (especially of a young person) big and strong. <i>They had three strapping sons.</i> |
| <u>striking</u> | Having a quality that thrusts itself into attention. <i>It is striking that no research into the problem is being carried out.</i> |
| strong | Relating to or denoting the strongest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts between nucleons and other hadrons when closer than about 10 cm so binding protons in a nucleus despite the repulsion due to their charge and which conserves strangeness parity and isospin. <i>A strong leader.</i> |
| <u>sturdy</u> | Strong enough to withstand rough work or treatment. <i>The bike is sturdy enough to cope with bumpy tracks.</i> |
| <u>thorough</u> | Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>Thorough research.</i> |
| thoroughgoing | Performed comprehensively and completely. <i>A thoroughgoing villain.</i> |
| <u>total</u> | Comprising the whole number or amount. <i>A total disaster.</i> |
| <u>tough</u> | Feeling physical discomfort or pain tough is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>It s a tough life.</i> |
| unadorned | Not adorned; plain. <i>The unadorned truth.</i> |
| <u>unadulterated</u> | Not mixed with impurities. <i>The unadulterated truth.</i> |

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| <u>uncomfortable</u> | Providing or experiencing physical discomfort. <i>He began to feel uncomfortable at the man's hard stare.</i> |
| undecorated | Not adorned or decorated. <i>The walls were completely undecorated.</i> |
| unembellished | Not embellished or decorated. <i>The unembellished truth.</i> |
| <u>uninviting</u> | (especially of a place or prospect) not attractive. <i>The house was dark and uninviting.</i> |
| unvarnished | Not having a coating of stain or varnish. <i>Unvarnished woodwork.</i> |
| <u>utter</u> | Complete. <i>Utter seriousness.</i> |
| <u>vacant</u> | (of a position or employment) not filled. <i>40 per cent of the offices are still vacant.</i> |
| <u>vigorous</u> | Characterized by or involving physical strength, effort, or energy. <i>A vigorous denial.</i> |
| well focused | In good health especially after having suffered illness or injury. |



Usage Examples of "Stark" as an adjective

- *His position is in stark contrast to that of Curran.*
- *A stark landscape.*
- *The ridge formed a stark silhouette against the sky.*
- *A stark interior.*
- *A human body lying stiff and stark by the stream.*
- *Stark staring mad.*
- *Facing the stark reality of the deadline.*
- *The stark reality of life for millions of young people.*
- *Stark poverty.*
- *The dragoons were stark fellows.*
- *He came running back in stark terror.*
- *A stark contrast.*



Associations of "Stark" (30 Words)

- absolute** (of a ruler) having unrestricted power.
*An **absolute** monarch.*
- absolutely** None whatsoever.
*An **absolutely** magnificent painting.*
- arrant** Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers.
*What **arrant** nonsense.*
- barren** A barren tract or tracts of land.
*The room was **barren** of furniture.*
- bleak** Providing no shelter or sustenance.
*His mouth was set and his eyes were **bleak**.*
- complete** Complete or carry out.
*He was still throwing the ball hard enough to **complete** 48 of 76 passes.*

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| completely | So as to be complete; with everything necessary. <i>It was completely different from what we expected.</i> |
| desolate | Crushed by grief. <i>I suddenly felt desolate and bereft.</i> |
| entirely | Without any others being included or involved. <i>The traffic seemed to consist entirely of black cabs.</i> |
| enunciate | Express or state clearly. <i>She enunciated each word slowly.</i> |
| infertile | Incapable of reproducing. <i>An infertile couple.</i> |
| irrevocably | In an irrevocable manner. <i>My life changed irrevocably in an instant.</i> |
| out-and-out | A failure by a batter or runner to reach a base safely in baseball. |
| outright | Immediately or instantly. <i>An outright refusal.</i> |
| perfectly | Used for emphasis, especially in order to assert something that has been challenged or doubted. <i>Perfectly clean glass bottles.</i> |
| staring | Open and fixed as if in fear or wonder. <i>Stark staring mad.</i> |
| sterile | (of land or soil) too poor in quality to produce crops. <i>A sterile needle and syringes.</i> |
| thoroughgoing | Exemplifying a specified characteristic fully; absolute. <i>A thoroughgoing villain.</i> |
| thoroughly | Completely and absolutely good is sometimes used informally for thoroughly. <i>She was soon thoroughly bored.</i> |
| totally | Used to emphasize a clause or statement. <i>A totally new situation.</i> |
| unadulterated | Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>Unadulterated whole milk yogurt.</i> |
| unconditional | Not modified or restricted by reservations. <i>Unconditional surrender.</i> |
| unfruitful | Not fruitful; not conducive to abundant production. <i>Single trees are often unfruitful and mixed planting is desirable.</i> |

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| <u>unmitigated</u> | Not diminished or moderated in intensity or severity; sometimes used as an intensifier. <i>An unmitigated lie.</i> |
| <u>unproductive</u> | Not producing or able to produce large amounts of goods, crops, or other commodities. <i>The talks between labor and management were unproductive.</i> |
| <u>utter</u> | Express audibly utter sounds not necessarily words. <i>Utter seriousness.</i> |
| <u>utterly</u> | Completely and without qualification; used informally as intensifiers. <i>Utterly miserable.</i> |
| <u>vested</u> | Fixed and absolute and without contingency. <i>A vested right.</i> |
| <u>wholly</u> | To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent whole is often used informally for wholly. <i>She found herself given over wholly to sensation.</i> |
| windswept | (of a place) exposed to strong winds. <i>The windswept moors.</i> |

