

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.*

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

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

<b><u>muscular</u></b>	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 <b>muscular</b> and passionate Fifth Symphony.</i>
<b>obvious</b>	Predictable and lacking in subtlety. <b>Obvious</b> errors.
<b><u>oppressive</u></b>	Weighing heavily on the mind or spirits. <i>The atmosphere was <b>oppressive</b>.</i>
<b>out-and-out</b>	Being out or having grown cold.
<b><u>outright</u></b>	Total. <i>An <b>outright</b> refusal.</i>
<b>perfect</b>	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 <b>perfect</b> condition.</i>
<b>plain</b>	Lacking embellishment or ornamentation. <b>Plain</b> food.
<b>positive</b>	Having a positive charge. <i>I am <b>positive</b> he is lying.</i>
<b>powerful</b>	Of a person possessing physical strength and weight rugged and powerful. <i>The world s most <b>powerful</b> nation.</i>
<b>powerfully built</b>	Having great power or force or potency or effect.
<b><u>pure</u></b>	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 <b>pure</b> note.</i>
<b><u>rugged</u></b>	(of ground or terrain) having a broken, rocky, and uneven surface. <i>A <b>rugged</b> coastline.</i>
<b><u>severe</u></b>	Severely simple. <i>A <b>severe</b> test of stamina.</i>
<b><u>sharp</u></b>	Keenly and painfully felt as if caused by a sharp edge or point. <i>A pencil with a <b>sharp</b> point.</i>
<b><u>sheer</u></b>	So thin as to transmit light. <b>Sheer</b> silk stockings.
<b>simple</b>	Apart from anything else; without additions or modifications. <i>A quiet unassuming man with <b>simple</b> tastes.</i>

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

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

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

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

