

Need another word that means the same as “startling”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “startling” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Startling” are: surprising, astonishing, amazing, unexpected, unforeseen, staggering, shocking, stunning**

## **Startling as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Startling" as an adjective**

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

- *Very surprising, astonishing, or remarkable.*
- *So remarkably different or sudden as to cause momentary shock or alarm.*



## Synonyms of "Startling" as an adjective (8 Words)

- amazing** Inspiring awe or admiration or wonder.  
*She makes the most **amazing** cakes.*
- astonishing** Extremely surprising or impressive; amazing.  
*An **astonishing** achievement.*
- shocking** Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation- Thackeray.  
***Shocking** behaviour.*
- staggering** So surprisingly impressive as to stun or overwhelm.  
*Suffered a **staggering** defeat.*
- stunning** Causing or capable of causing bewilderment or shock or insensibility.  
*A **stunning** detonation with volumes of black smoke.*
- surprising** Causing surprise or wonder or amazement.  
*The report shows a **surprising** lack of hard factual data.*
- unexpected** Not expected or anticipated.  
*He seemed to have a knack for saying the **unexpected**.*



**unforeseen** Not anticipated- H.W.Glidden.  
**Unforeseen** circumstances.



### Usage Examples of "Startling" as an adjective

- *He bore a startling likeness to their father.*
- *Sydney's startling new Opera House.*
- *Startling earthquake shocks.*
- *She had startling blue eyes.*
- *Startling news.*





## Associations of "Startling" (30 Words)

- admirable** Arousing or deserving respect and approval.  
*Trains ran with **admirable** precision.*
- amaze** Be a mystery or bewildering to.  
*He has been **amazed** by the quality of the employees at the bank.*
- amazing** Causing great surprise or wonder; astonishing.  
*She does an **amazing** amount of work.*
- astonish** Surprise or impress (someone) greatly.  
*You never fail to **astonish** me.*
- astonishing** Surprising greatly.  
*Such an enormous response was **astonishing**.*

<b>astound</b>	Affect with wonder. <i>Her bluntness <b>astounded</b> him.</i>
<b><u>astounding</u></b>	Bewildering or striking dumb with wonder. <i>The summit offers <b>astounding</b> views.</i>
<b>awesome</b>	Extremely impressive or daunting; inspiring awe. <i>The band is truly <b>awesome</b>.</i>
<b>curiously</b>	In a strange and unusual way. <i>Neighbours peered <b>curiously</b> through windows at me.</i>
<b><u>daze</u></b>	A state of stunned confusion or bewilderment. <i>She was <b>dazed</b> by his revelations.</i>
<b><u>discovery</u></b>	The act of discovering something. <i>The <b>discovery</b> of the body.</i>
<b><u>impress</u></b>	Impress positively. <i>Nobody <b>impressed</b> on me the need to save.</i>
<b><u>inconceivable</u></b>	Totally unlikely. <i>They behaved with <b>inconceivable</b> cruelty.</i>
<b>incredible</b>	Difficult to believe; extraordinary. <i>The book s plot is simply <b>incredible</b>.</i>
<b>incredibly</b>	To a great degree; extremely. <i><b>Incredibly</b> she survived the crash.</i>
<b><u>marvelous</u></b>	Extraordinarily good or great; used especially as intensifiers. <i>A <b>marvelous</b> collection of rare books.</i>
<b>prodigious</b>	So great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe. <i>Her memory was <b>prodigious</b>.</i>
<b><u>revelation</u></b>	The last book of the New Testament recounting a divine revelation of the future to St John. <i><b>Revelations</b> about his personal life.</i>
<b>serendipity</b>	Good luck in making unexpected and fortunate discoveries. <i>A fortunate stroke of <b>serendipity</b>.</i>
<b>shattering</b>	Very shocking or upsetting. <i>The <b>shattering</b> tones of the enormous carillon.</i>
<b>shock</b>	Subject to electrical shocks. <i>The old car needed a new set of <b>shocks</b>.</i>
<b><u>shocking</u></b>	Giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation- Thackeray. <i>The most <b>shocking</b> book of its time.</i>
<b><u>staggering</u></b>	Deeply shocking; astonishing. <i>Suffered a <b>staggering</b> defeat.</i>



<b>stupefy</b>	Make dull or stupid or muddle with drunkenness or infatuation. <i>The offence of administering drugs to a woman with intent to <b>stupefy</b> her.</i>
<b>surprised</b>	Feeling or showing surprise. <i><b>Surprised</b> that he remembered my name.</i>
<b>surprising</b>	Causing surprise or wonder or amazement. <i>A <b>surprising</b> sequence of events.</i>
<b>surprisingly</b>	In an amazing manner; to everyone's surprise. <i>The move was <b>surprisingly</b> easy.</i>
<b>unexpected</b>	Not expected or regarded as likely to happen. <i>He seemed to have a knack for saying the <b>unexpected</b>.</i>
<b>unexpectedly</b>	In a way that was not expected. <i>He died <b>unexpectedly</b> of a heart attack.</i>
<b>wonderful</b>	Extraordinarily good or great ; used especially as intensifiers. <i>They all think she s <b>wonderful</b>.</i>

