

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**.*

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

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

