

Need another word that means the same as “sweeping”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “sweeping” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Sweeping” are: wholesale, broad, extensive, expansive, vast, spacious, roomy, boundless, panoramic, wide-ranging, global, wide, comprehensive, all-inclusive, all-embracing, worldwide, catholic, exhaustive, pervasive, overwhelming, decisive, thorough, complete, total, absolute, out-and-out, thoroughgoing, unconditional, unlimited, unrestricted, unqualified, plenary, blanket, general, inclusive, indiscriminate, universal, oversimplified, imprecise, debris, waste, waste matter, refuse, litter, scrap, flotsam and jetsam, lumber, rubble, wreckage

Sweeping as a Noun

Definitions of "Sweeping" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “sweeping” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The act of cleaning with a broom.*
- *Dirt or refuse collected by sweeping.*



Synonyms of "Sweeping" as a noun (10 Words)

debris

Loose natural material consisting especially of broken pieces of rock.
*A stable arrangement of planets comets and **debris** orbiting the sun.*

flotsam and jetsam

The floating wreckage of a ship.

litter

A number of young animals born to an animal at one time.
*The spiders live in leaf **litter**.*

lumber

The wood of trees cut and prepared for use as building material.

refuse

Food that is discarded (as from a kitchen).

rubble

Waste or rough fragments of stone, brick, concrete, etc., especially as the debris from the demolition of buildings.
*The tower is built of stone **rubble** faced with ashlar.*

scrap

A small fragment of something broken off from the whole.
*He filled Sammy s bowls with fresh water and **scraps**.*

waste

(law) reduction in the value of an estate caused by act or neglect.
*The trackless **wastes** of the desert.*

waste matter

Any materials unused and rejected as worthless or unwanted.

wreckage

The remaining parts of something that has been wrecked.

*Firemen had to cut him free from the **wreckage** of the car.*



Usage Examples of "Sweeping" as a noun

- *The sweepings from the house.*



Sweeping as an Adjective

Definitions of "Sweeping" as an adjective

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

- *Ignoring distinctions.*
- *Wide in range or effect.*
- *(of a statement) taking no account of particular cases or exceptions; too general.*
- *Extending or performed in a long, continuous curve.*
- *Taking in or moving over (or as if over) a wide area; often used in combination.*



Synonyms of "Sweeping" as an adjective (39 Words)

- absolute** (of an adjective) used without an expressed noun (e.g. the brave).
*Dom Miguel proclaimed himself **absolute** monarch.*
- all-embracing** Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner.
- all-inclusive** Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner.
- blanket** Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner.
***Blanket** sanctions against human rights violators.*
- boundless** Seemingly boundless in amount number degree or especially extent.
*Children with **boundless** energy.*
- broad** Showing or characterized by broad mindedness.
*The company has a **broad** range of experience.*
- catholic** Of or relating to or supporting Catholicism.
***Catholic** in one s tastes.*
- complete** Perfect and complete in every respect having all necessary qualities.
*The house comes **complete** with gas central heating and double glazing.*
- comprehensive** (of motor-vehicle insurance) providing cover for most risks, including damage to the policyholder's own vehicle.
*A **comprehensive** survey.*
- decisive** Unmistakable.
*An able and **decisive** young woman.*

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| <u>exhaustive</u> | Including or considering all elements or aspects; fully comprehensive. <i>The guide outlines every bus route in exhaustive detail.</i> |
| <u>expansive</u> | (of a person or their manner) relaxed and genially frank and communicative. <i>Expansive beaches.</i> |
| extensive | Large in amount or scale. <i>An extensive Roman settlement in northwest England.</i> |
| <u>general</u> | Prevailing among and common to the general public. <i>A general anesthetic.</i> |
| <u>global</u> | Having the shape of a sphere or ball. <i>Global monetary policy.</i> |
| imprecise | Not precise. <i>The witness could give only vague and imprecise descriptions.</i> |
| inclusive | Not excluding any of the parties or groups involved in something. <i>This is a testament to the inclusive environment fostered at our school.</i> |
| indiscriminate | Not marked by fine distinctions. <i>An indiscriminate mixture of colors and styles.</i> |
| out-and-out | Being out or having grown cold. |
| oversimplified | Simplified to such an extent that a distorted impression is given. <i>An oversimplified view of human personality.</i> |
| <u>overwhelming</u> | (especially of an emotion) very strong. <i>She felt an overwhelming desire to giggle.</i> |
| panoramic | As from an altitude or distance. <i>A panoramic view.</i> |
| <u>pervasive</u> | (especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people. <i>Ageism is pervasive and entrenched in our society.</i> |
| plenary | Unqualified; absolute. <i>A plenary session of the legislature.</i> |
| roomy | (especially of accommodation) having plenty of room; spacious. <i>A roomy but sparsely furnished apartment.</i> |
| <u>spacious</u> | (of buildings and rooms) having ample space. <i>The hotel has a spacious lounge and TV room.</i> |
| <u>thorough</u> | Complete with regard to every detail; not superficial or partial. <i>Thoroughgoing research.</i> |
| thoroughgoing | Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>A thoroughgoing chocoholic.</i> |

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| <u>total</u> | Constituting the full quantity or extent; complete. <i>A total failure.</i> |
| <u>unconditional</u> | Not subject to any conditions. <i>Unconditional surrender.</i> |
| <u>universal</u> | Denoting or relating to a grammatical rule, set of rules, or other linguistic feature that is found in all languages. <i>Universal experience.</i> |
| unlimited | Having no limits in range or scope- Philip Rahv. <i>Offshore reserves of gas and oil are not unlimited.</i> |
| unqualified | Not competent or sufficiently knowledgeable to do something. <i>A wife is usually considered unqualified to testify against her husband.</i> |
| unrestricted | Accessible to all. <i>Unrestricted access to both military bases.</i> |
| vast | Of very great extent or quantity; immense. <i>The vast reaches of outer space.</i> |
| wholesale | Done on a large scale; extensive. <i>The wholesale destruction of these animals by poachers.</i> |
| <u>wide</u> | Fully open or extended. <i>His wide circle of friends.</i> |
| wide-ranging | Widely different. |
| <u>worldwide</u> | Of worldwide scope or applicability Christopher Morley. <i>A worldwide epidemic.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Sweeping" as an adjective

- *A sweeping assertion.*
- *Sweeping generalizations.*
- *We cannot recommend any sweeping alterations.*
- *A smooth sweeping motion.*
- *Sweeping, desolate moorlands.*
- *A wide-sweeping view of the river.*
- *A sweeping glance.*



Associations of "Sweeping" (30 Words)

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| algebraic | Of or relating to algebra. <i>Algebraic geometry.</i> |
| broad | Broad in scope or content. <i>Our range of programmes comprises three broad categories.</i> |
| <u>broom</u> | Sweep with a broom or as if with a broom. |
| brush | The act of brushing your hair. <i>A shaving brush.</i> |
| brushing | The act of brushing your hair. |
| clean | Ritually clean or pure. <i>A clean fuel.</i> |
| <u>cleaner</u> | A device for cleaning such as a vacuum cleaner. <i>She s one of the office cleaners.</i> |

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| cleaning | The act of making something clean. <i>The housekeeper will help with the cleaning.</i> |
| commonplace | A notable passage in a work copied into a commonplace book. <i>Air travel has now become commonplace.</i> |
| comprehensive | A comprehensive school. <i>He trained as an accountant after leaving the local comprehensive.</i> |
| dust | An act of dusting. <i>Dust the bread with flour.</i> |
| extensive | Covering or affecting a large area. <i>An extensive Roman settlement in northwest England.</i> |
| generalization | Reasoning from detailed facts to general principles. <i>Such anecdotes cannot be a basis for generalization.</i> |
| janitor | A person employed to look after a building; a caretaker. |
| maid | A virgin. <i>Mary eventually managed to find a job as a maid.</i> |
| mop | To wash or wipe with or as if with a mop. <i>The kitchen needed a quick mop.</i> |
| nationwide | Occurring or extending throughout a country or nation. <i>It was broadcast nationwide.</i> |
| overall | A loose protective coverall or smock worn over ordinary clothing for dirty work. <i>The governors and head have overall responsibility for managing the school.</i> |
| prevalence | The ratio (for a given time period) of the number of occurrences of a disease or event to the number of units at risk in the population. <i>The prevalence of obesity in adults.</i> |
| roomy | (of buildings and rooms) having ample space. <i>A roomy but sparsely furnished apartment.</i> |
| scrub | An act of scrubbing something or someone. <i>She was scrubbing herself down at the sink.</i> |
| servant | A devoted and helpful follower or supporter. <i>He was a great servant of the Labour Party.</i> |
| simplistic | Treating complex issues and problems as if they were much simpler than they really are. <i>A simplistic theory of the universe.</i> |
| space | An empty area (usually bounded in some way between things). <i>They stopped at an open space in the jungle.</i> |

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| sweep | Clean by sweeping. <i>We could see a wide sweep of country perhaps a hundred miles across.</i> |
| ubiquity | The state of being everywhere at once (or seeming to be everywhere at once). <i>The ubiquity of mobile phones means you don't really need a watch.</i> |
| vacuum | Clean with a vacuum cleaner. <i>The room needs to be vacuumed.</i> |
| wag | Move (an upwards-pointing finger) from side to side to signify disapproval. <i>The happy dog wagged his tail.</i> |
| <u>wash</u> | The erosive process of washing away soil or gravel by water as from a roadway. <i>The sea began to wash along the decks.</i> |
| <u>widespread</u> | Found or distributed over a large area or number of people. <i>There was widespread support for the war.</i> |

