

Need another word that means the same as “tyrannical”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “tyrannical” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Tyrannical” are: authoritarian, autocratic, despotic, dictatorial, tyrannic, oppressive, tyrannous, repressive, fascistic, absolute, totalitarian, arbitrary, undemocratic, illiberal**

## Tyrannical as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Tyrannical" as an adjective

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

- *Characteristic of tyranny; oppressive and controlling.*
- *Exercising power in a cruel or arbitrary way.*
- *Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty.*
- *Marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior.*

### Synonyms of "Tyrannical" as an adjective (14 Words)

<b><u>absolute</u></b>	(of a decree) final. <b><i>Absolute</i></b> loyalty.
<b><u>arbitrary</u></b>	(of a constant or other quantity) of unspecified value. An <b><i>arbitrary</i></b> choice.
<b>authoritarian</b>	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. He had an <b><i>authoritarian</i></b> and at times belligerent manner.

<b>autocratic</b>	Relating to a ruler who has absolute power. <i>An <b>autocratic</b> person.</i>
<b>despotic</b>	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i><b>Despotic</b> rulers.</i>
<b>dictatorial</b>	Expecting unquestioning obedience. <i>A <b>dictatorial</b> regime.</i>
<b>fascistic</b>	Having or relating to extreme right-wing, authoritarian, or intolerant views or practices. <i>Religious nationalism can lead to <b>fascistic</b> tendencies.</i>
<b>illiberal</b>	Opposed to liberal principles; restricting freedom of thought or behaviour. <i><b>Illiberal</b> and anti democratic policies.</i>
<u><b>oppressive</b></u>	Marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior. <i><b>Oppressive</b> sorrows.</i>
<b>repressive</b>	Inhibiting or preventing the expression or awareness of thoughts or desires. <i>A <b>repressive</b> regime.</i>
<b>totalitarian</b>	Of or relating to the principles of totalitarianism according to which the state regulates every realm of life. <i>A <b>totalitarian</b> regime.</i>
<b>tyrannic</b>	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i>A <b>tyrannical</b> government.</i>
<b>tyrannous</b>	Marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior. <i>They would welcome liberation from their <b>tyrannous</b> oppressor.</i>
<u><b>undemocratic</b></u>	Not in agreement with or according to democratic doctrine or practice or ideals. <i>An <b>undemocratic</b> regime.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Tyrannical" as an adjective

- *A momentary quieting of her tyrannical appetite.*
- *A tyrannical parent.*
- *A tyrannical government.*

## Associations of "Tyrannical" (30 Words)

<b><u>assertive</u></b>	Aggressively self-assured. <i>Pointing directly at a listener is an <b>assertive</b> act.</i>
<b>authoritarian</b>	An authoritarian person. <i>The transition from an <b>authoritarian</b> to a democratic regime.</i>
<b>authorities</b>	The organization that is the governing authority of a political unit. <i>The matter was referred to higher <b>authorities</b>.</i>
<b>autocratic</b>	Characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty. <i>An <b>autocratic</b> person.</i>
<b>bureaucratic</b>	Over-concerned with procedure at the expense of efficiency or common sense. <i>The scheme is overly <b>bureaucratic</b> and complex.</i>
<b>cavalier</b>	Showing a lack of proper concern; offhand. <i>Anne was irritated by his <b>cavalier</b> attitude.</i>
<b>coercive</b>	Serving or intended to coerce. <i>Authority is directional instead of <b>coercive</b>.</i>
<b><u>commanding</u></b>	(in military contexts) having a position of authority. <i>A <b>commanding</b> view of the ocean.</i>
<b>controlling</b>	Able to control or determine policy. <i>A <b>controlling</b> interest in the firm.</i>
<b>despotic</b>	Ruled by or characteristic of a despot. <i>A <b>despotic</b> regime.</i>
<b>despotism</b>	Dominance through threat of punishment and violence. <i>Some nations are democracies others are <b>despotisms</b>.</i>
<b>dictator</b>	A person who behaves in a tyrannical manner. <i>My boss is a <b>dictator</b> who makes everyone work overtime.</i>
<b>dictatorial</b>	Of or characteristic of a dictator. <i>A <b>dictatorial</b> regime.</i>
<b>dictatorship</b>	Absolute authority in any sphere. <i>The effects of forty years of <b>dictatorship</b>.</i>
<b>dominant</b>	A dominant species in a plant or animal community. <i>Red spruce is a <b>dominant</b> species in many types of forest.</i>
<b>domineering</b>	Asserting one's will over another in an arrogant way. <i>How can I do my job with a <b>domineering</b> boss yelling in my ear.</i>
<b>fascism</b>	(in general use) extreme authoritarian, oppressive, or intolerant views or practices. <i>This is yet another example of health <b>fascism</b> in action.</i>

<b>forceful</b>	Forceful and definite in expression or action. <i>A <b>forceful</b> plan for peace.</i>
<b>haughty</b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>A look of <b>haughty</b> disdain.</i>
<b>imperative</b>	Relating to verbs in the imperative mood. <i>It is <b>imperative</b> that standards are maintained.</i>
<b>imperious</b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>His <b>imperious</b> demands.</i>
<b>magisterial</b>	Of or relating to a magistrate. <i><b>Magisterial</b> districts.</i>
<b>misrule</b>	The unfair or inefficient conduct of the affairs of a country or state. <i>He <b>misruled</b> his country for fourteen years.</i>
<b>monocracy</b>	A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.
<b>oligarchy</b>	Government by an oligarchy. <i>One of his cardinal convictions was that Britain was not run as a democracy but as an <b>oligarchy</b>.</i>
<b>oppressive</b>	Marked by unjust severity or arbitrary behavior. <i>The day was sunless and <b>oppressive</b>.</i>
<b>overbearing</b>	Having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy. <i>An <b>overbearing</b> ill tempered brute.</i>
<b>peremptory</b>	Putting an end to all debate or action. <i><b>Peremptory</b> commands.</i>
<b>regime</b>	A coordinated programme for the promotion or restoration of health a regimen. <i>A low calorie low fat <b>regime</b>.</i>
<b>sovereign</b>	Possessing supreme or ultimate power. <i>In modern democracies the people s will is in theory <b>sovereign</b>.</i>