

Need another word that means the same as “unforgiving”? Find 42 synonyms and 30 related words for “unforgiving” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unforgiving” are: grim, inexorable, relentless, stern, unappeasable, unrelenting, hypercritical, overcritical, disapproving, condemnatory, condemning, denunciatory, deprecatory, disparaging, reproachful, reproof, captious, carping, full of reproof, vituperative, harsh, fierce, cruel, severe, strict, punishing, remorseless, merciless, pitiless, ruthless, unmerciful, unsparing, heartless, hard, stony, cold-blooded, unfeeling, uncaring, unsympathetic, uncharitable, lacking compassion, unpitying

Unforgiving as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unforgiving" as an adjective

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

- *Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty.*
- *(of a place or situation) harsh or hostile.*
- *Not willing to forgive or excuse people's faults or wrongdoings.*
- *Unwilling or unable to forgive or show mercy.*



Synonyms of "Unforgiving" as an adjective (42 Words)

captious	Tending to find and call attention to faults. <i>A captious teacher.</i>
carping	Continually complaining or finding fault about trivial matters; difficult to please. <i>She has silenced the carping critics with a successful debut tour.</i>
cold-blooded	Without compunction or human feeling.
condemnatory	Containing or imposing condemnation or censure. <i>A condemnatory decree.</i>
condemning	Containing or imposing condemnation or censure.
cruel	Causing pain or suffering. <i>People who are cruel to animals.</i>
denunciatory	Containing warning of punishment.
deprecatory	Tending to diminish or disparage. <i>A deprecatory smile.</i>
<u>disapproving</u>	Expressing or manifesting disapproval. <i>He shot a disapproving glance at her.</i>
disparaging	Expressing the opinion that something is of little worth; derogatory. <i>Disparaging remarks about council houses.</i>
<u>fierce</u>	Violently agitated and turbulent. <i>Fierce loyalty.</i>
full of reproof	Having the normally expected amount.
<u>grim</u>	(especially of a place) unattractive or forbidding. <i>The outlook s pretty grim.</i>
hard	Unfortunate or hard to bear. <i>It s hard for drummers these days.</i>
harsh	Sharply disagreeable; rigorous. <i>Harsh irritating smoke filled the hallway.</i>
<u>heartless</u>	Lacking in feeling or pity or warmth. <i>Heartless thieves stole the pushchair of a two year old boy.</i>
hypercritical	Excessively and unreasonably critical, especially of small faults. <i>Hypercritical of colloquial speech.</i>
inexorable	Impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason. <i>The seemingly inexorable march of new technology.</i>
lacking compassion	Inadequate in amount or degree.

<u>merciless</u>	Having or showing no mercy. <i>A merciless critic.</i>
overcritical	Inclined to judge too severely. <i>The overcritical teacher can discourage originality.</i>
pitiless	Without mercy or pity. <i>A pitiless executioner.</i>
<u>punishing</u>	Severe and debilitating. <i>Set a punishing pace.</i>
<u>relentless</u>	Harsh or inflexible. <i>The relentless beat of the drums.</i>
remorseless	(of something unpleasant) never ending or improving; relentless. <i>Remorseless poverty.</i>
reproachful	Expressing disapproval or disappointment. <i>She gave him a reproachful look.</i>
reproving	Expressing reproof or reproach especially as a corrective. <i>A reproving glance.</i>
<u>ruthless</u>	Without mercy or pity. <i>A ruthless manipulator.</i>
<u>severe</u>	Severely simple. <i>A severe shortage of technicians.</i>
stern	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i>Mama looked stern.</i>
stony	Covered with or full of small pieces of rock. <i>The government maintained a stony silence about the affair.</i>
strict	Characterized by strictness severity or restraint. <i>Strict standards.</i>
unappeasable	Not able to be pacified, placated, or satisfied. <i>What began as an aspiration turned soon to an unappeasable hunger.</i>
<u>uncaring</u>	Not feeling interest in or attaching importance to something. <i>An uncaring person.</i>
uncharitable	Lacking love and generosity. <i>This uncharitable remark possibly arose out of jealousy.</i>
unfeeling	Unsympathetic, harsh, or callous. <i>My mother is a cold unfeeling woman.</i>

unmerciful	Having or showing no mercy. <i>Deceptively inflated incomes expose many couples to unmerciful taxes.</i>
unpitying	Without mercy or pity. <i>A flat unpitying voice.</i>
unrelenting	Harsh. <i>Unrelenting opponents.</i>
unsparing	Given freely and generously. <i>She had won her mother's unsparing approval.</i>
unsympathetic	Lacking in sympathy and kindness. <i>They were initially unsympathetic towards the cause of Irish freedom.</i>
vituperative	Bitter and abusive. <i>Her vituperative railing.</i>

Usage Examples of "Unforgiving" as an adjective

- *He was always a proud and unforgiving man.*
- *A surly unforgiving old woman.*
- *The moor can be a wild and unforgiving place in bad weather.*

Associations of "Unforgiving" (30 Words)

adamant	A legendary rock or mineral to which many properties were attributed, formerly associated with diamond or lodestone. <i>He is adamant in his refusal to change his mind.</i>
aggressive	Ready or likely to attack or confront; characterized by or resulting from aggression. <i>We needed more growth to pursue our aggressive acquisition strategy.</i>
angry	(of the sea or sky) stormy, turbulent, or threatening. <i>Christine had made him angry.</i>
avenge	Inflict harm in return for an injury or wrong on behalf of (oneself or another). <i>They avenged themselves on the interlopers.</i>
disinclination	That toward which you are inclined to feel dislike. <i>Lucy felt a strong disinclination to talk about her engagement.</i>
dismal	Pitifully or disgracefully bad. <i>His dismal mood was not dispelled by finding the house empty.</i>

dour	Stubbornly unyielding- T.S.Eliot. <i>Dour determination.</i>
downcast	A shaft dug in a mine for extra ventilation. <i>Downcast after his defeat.</i>
enemy	A personal enemy. <i>The enemy attacked at dawn.</i>
exacting	Requiring precise accuracy. <i>An exacting instructor.</i>
fastidious	Very concerned about matters of cleanliness. <i>A fastidious and incisive intellect.</i>
firm	Marked by firm determination or resolution not shakable. <i>She will stand firm against the government s proposal.</i>
grim	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>His grim expression.</i>
implacable	Unable to be appeased or placated. <i>An implacable enemy.</i>
inflexible	Not making concessions. <i>An inflexible knife blade.</i>
menacing	Threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments. <i>His tone became menacing.</i>
obduracy	Resoluteness by virtue of being unyielding and inflexible.
revengeful	Eager for revenge. <i>The average Briton is not naturally vindictive and revengeful.</i>
rigid	Designating an airship or dirigible having a form maintained by a stiff unyielding frame or structure. <i>A rigid disciplinarian.</i>
rigour	Severity or strictness. <i>His analysis is lacking in rigour.</i>
seriously	Really or sincerely. <i>The amount of fat you eat can seriously affect your health.</i>
stern	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i>Mama looked stern.</i>
strict	Characterized by strictness severity or restraint. <i>My father was very strict.</i>
sullen	Showing a brooding ill humor. <i>A sullen pout.</i>

trying	Extremely irritating to the nerves. <i>A trying day at the office.</i>
unbending	Incapable of adapting or changing to meet circumstances. <i>His output is prodigious and springs from the unbending control he exercises over every aspect of his life.</i>
unperturbed	Free from emotional agitation or nervous tension. <i>Kenneth seems unperturbed by the news.</i>
<u>unpleasant</u>	(of a person or their manner) unfriendly and inconsiderate; rude. <i>Unpleasant odors.</i>
<u>vengeful</u>	Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge. <i>A vengeful ex con.</i>
<u>vindictive</u>	Showing malicious ill will and a desire to hurt; motivated by spite. <i>More vindictive than jealous love.</i>