

Need another word that means the same as “unkind”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “unkind” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unkind” are: pitiless, uncharitable, unpleasant, disagreeable, nasty, mean, cruel, vicious, spiteful, malicious, malevolent, harsh, callous, ruthless, unsympathetic, unfeeling, compassionless, uncaring, snide, shabby, hurtful, wounding, upsetting, ill-natured, heartless, merciless, brutal, savage, inhuman

Unkind as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unkind" as an adjective

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

- *Deficient in humane and kindly feelings.*
- *Lacking kindness.*
- *Inconsiderate and harsh to others.*

Synonyms of "Unkind" as an adjective (29 Words)

brutal	(of persons or their actions) able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>The brutal morning light.</i>
callous	Emotionally hardened. <i>His callous comments about the murder made me shiver.</i>
compassionless	Feeling or showing no sympathy and concern for others. <i>His life has been turned upside down by a cold and compassionless government.</i>

cruel	Wilfully causing pain or suffering to others, or feeling no concern about it. <i>The winters are long hard and cruel.</i>
<u>disagreeable</u>	Unpleasant or unenjoyable. <i>Henry was always a very disagreeable boy.</i>
harsh	Disagreeable to the senses. <i>Harsh cognac.</i>
<u>heartless</u>	Displaying a complete lack of feeling or consideration. <i>Heartless thieves stole the pushchair of a two year old boy.</i>
hurtful	Harmful to living things. <i>His hurtful remarks.</i>
ill-natured	Having an irritable and unpleasant disposition.
inhuman	Lacking human qualities of compassion and mercy; cruel and barbaric. <i>Something dark and inhuman in form.</i>
malevolent	Wishing or appearing to wish evil to others; arising from intense ill will or hatred. <i>Malevolent stars.</i>
<u>malicious</u>	Having the nature of or resulting from malice- Rudyard Kipling. <i>He was found guilty of malicious damage.</i>
mean	Excellent. <i>In a mean mood.</i>
<u>merciless</u>	Showing no mercy. <i>The merciless summer heat.</i>
<u>nasty</u>	Exasperatingly difficult to handle or circumvent. <i>A nasty shock.</i>
pitiless	(especially of weather) unrelentingly harsh or severe. <i>A night of pitiless rain.</i>
<u>ruthless</u>	Having or showing no pity or compassion for others. <i>A ruthless manipulator.</i>
savage	(of persons or their actions) able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>Packs of savage dogs roamed the streets.</i>
<u>shabby</u>	Mean and unworthy and despicable. <i>A conscript in a shabby uniform saluted the car.</i>
snide	(of a person) devious and underhand. <i>Snide remarks about my mother.</i>
spiteful	Showing or caused by malice. <i>A despiteful fiend.</i>

uncaring	Without care or thought for others. <i>An uncaring person.</i>
uncharitable	(of a person's behaviour or attitude towards others) unkind; unsympathetic. <i>This uncharitable remark possibly arose out of jealousy.</i>
unfeeling	Lacking physical sensation or sensitivity. <i>He lowered his numb unfeeling body into a seat and closed his eyes.</i>
unpleasant	Causing discomfort, unhappiness, or revulsion; disagreeable. <i>When drunk he could become very unpleasant.</i>
unsympathetic	Not feeling, showing, or expressing sympathy. <i>His dignity made him seem aloof and unsympathetic.</i>
upsetting	Causing an emotional disturbance- Herb Caen. <i>A painful and upsetting divorce.</i>
vicious	Able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering. <i>The dog was vicious and likely to bite.</i>
wounding	Causing harm to a person's feelings or reputation. <i>Wounding and false charges of disloyalty.</i>

Usage Examples of "Unkind" as an adjective

- *You were terribly unkind to her.*
- *A thoughtless and unkind remark.*
- *He was the butt of some unkind jokes.*
- *The unkindest cut of all.*
- *It was unkind of her to criticize.*

Associations of "Unkind" (30 Words)

abrasive	Tending to rub or graze the skin. <i>An abrasive character.</i>
asperity	Harsh qualities or conditions. <i>He pointed this out with some asperity.</i>
austere	Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor; forbidding in aspect. <i>He was an austere man with a rigidly puritanical outlook.</i>
biting	(of insects and certain other animals) able to wound the skin with a sting or fangs. <i>A cream to ward off biting insects.</i>

brutal	Resembling a beast; showing lack of human sensibility. <i>He spoke with brutal honesty.</i>
corrosive	A corrosive substance. <i>The corrosive effects of salt water.</i>
cruel	Spoil or ruin (an opportunity or a chance of success). <i>Cruel tortures.</i>
draconian	(of laws or their application) excessively harsh and severe. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of draconian laws.</i>
harsh	Having an undesirably strong effect. <i>A harsh penalty.</i>
implacable	Incapable of being placated. <i>An implacable enemy.</i>
inexorable	Impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason. <i>The doctors were inexorable and there was nothing to be done.</i>
inflexible	Incapable of change. <i>Heavy inflexible armour.</i>
malign	Of a disease malignant. <i>Don't you dare malign her in my presence.</i>
martinet	A person who demands complete obedience; a strict disciplinarian. <i>A martinet of a staff officer.</i>
merciless	Showing no mercy. <i>The merciless summer heat.</i>
persecutor	A person who persecutes someone, especially for their ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation or political beliefs. <i>A well known curmudgeon and persecutor of buskers.</i>
pitiless	Deficient in humane and kindly feelings. <i>A night of pitiless rain.</i>
realism	The doctrine that universals or abstract concepts have an objective or absolute existence. The theory that universals have their own reality is sometimes called Platonic realism because it was first outlined by Plato's doctrine of forms or ideas. <i>Political realism is the oldest approach to global politics.</i>
realistic	Of or relating to the philosophical doctrine of realism. <i>A realistic view of the possibilities.</i>
remorseless	Without regret or guilt. <i>Remorseless poverty.</i>

<u>repression</u>	The action of subduing someone or something by force. <i>The long repression of Christian sects.</i>
rigor	The quality of being valid and rigorous. <i>The rigors of boot camp.</i>
<u>rigorous</u>	(of a person) adhering strictly to a belief or system. <i>The rigorous testing of consumer products.</i>
rough	With roughness or violence rough is an informal variant for roughly. <i>Miners discovered one of the biggest diamond roughs in history.</i>
<u>ruthless</u>	Without mercy or pity. <i>An act of ruthless ferocity.</i>
<u>severe</u>	Severely simple. <i>Severe pain.</i>
severity	Used of the degree of something undesirable e.g. pain or weather. <i>Sentences should reflect the severity of the crime.</i>
stringency	Conscientious attention to rules and details.
stringently	In a stringent manner. <i>Stringently controlled.</i>
<u>unrelenting</u>	Not yielding in strength, severity, or determination. <i>Unrelenting opponents.</i>