

Action

devastating

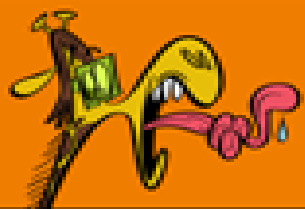
**Adj.**

Terrible or destructive, like flinging a bowling ball along the dinner table.

other meanings

None that you need to worry about.

other forms



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word pairs



Draw a line  
to the word  
pairs.

Circle the  
synonyms.

## collocations & synonyms diagram

shattering

impact

upsetting

overwhelming

shocking

**Devastating**

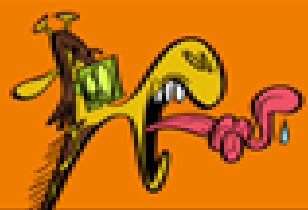
effect

Demoralising

distressing

blow

disturbing



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word pairs  
in use.



The football team were dealt a **devastating** blow when they lost the game in extra time.

The storm caused havoc: the damage was **devastating**.

The effects of the virus had a **devastating** impact on the world.



Now write your own  
sentence using a word pair.

Impact  
Effect  
blow

Stuck? Swap in a synonym.

Upsetting, shocking,  
demoralising





Action

Wet words

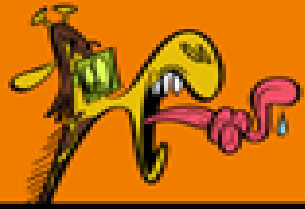
plunge

V. To dive or plummet; like when you jump off the highest rock into deep water.

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## collocations & synonyms diagram

down

Nose-dive

plummet

fall

plunge

drop

rush

headlong

recklessly

dive



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**Bearnice (who was reckless) took the plunge off the top diving board.**

**In the summer Ying and Yang loved to plunge into the ice cold sea.**

**Foolishly, Oz decided to plunge off the rock into the deep water.**



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sentence using a word pair.

Down  
Headlong  
recklessly

Stuck? Swap in a synonym.

Plummet, nose-dive,







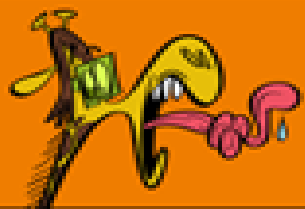
Action

Fight or battle words

siege

Noun: a blockade or assault, when soldiers surround the enemy until they surrender.

other forms



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## collocations & synonyms diagram

assault

battle

brutal

siege

war

skirmish

blockade

encounter



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The castle protected the prince from the brutal **siege**.

Long into the night, the long and bloody **siege** raged on.

Foolishly, Oz decided to plunge off the rock into the deep water.

Now write your own  
sentence using a word pair.

Brutal  
Long  
Battle  
bitter

Stuck? Swap in a synonym.

Skirmish, war, assault

