Word: heinous

Definition: Horrific, shockingly evil or abominable

Sentence: “The trails have names like Mudwiggle, Horror, Heinous, Humbug – a good clue they're muddy, treacherous, and not for weekend hikers.” (from the book)

Synonyms: outrageous, awful, terrible

Antonyms: Wonderful, amazing

Use in an Example: The heinous crime awoke many fears in the small town of Sunbury.

Connections to Other Words: Often used to describe terrible crimes.

Part of Speech: This word may be used as an adjective, adverb, or noun. In the book's context, it is a noun.

Stems: hate (heine – French)

Origin: Middle English, middle French, or middle German

Word Families: None
(This section would include rhyming words – “ain” words like rain, pain, Spain, etc...)

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