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Finding the Exact Right Word

There are 20 synonyms for *cruel* hidden in the box below. Each word has a slightly different meaning than cruel. Circle each word. Then match each word to its meaning. Two words are exact synonyms. Which two? # _____ and # _____.

1. Not civilized
2. Not displaying human qualities
3. Characterized by a willingness to kill
4. Taking pleasure in the pain of others
5. You would say this of a bad witch
6. Profoundly immoral and bad
7. Another word for devilish
8. Characteristic of the devil
9. Characteristic of a monster
10. Causing moral revulsion
11. Having no mercy
12. Characterized by lack of feeling
13. Will stop at nothing
14. savagely cruel, brutal, primitive
15. deliberately cruel or violent
16. savagely cruel, brutal, primitive
17. wicked and cruel
18. capable of or intending to murder
19. savagely violent
20. characteristic of a brute

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That other pirate was so *mean* . . . There aren't words to describe how *mean* he was . . .

