

Need another word that means the same as “ailing”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “ailing” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ailing” are: indisposed, peaked, poorly, seedy, sickly, under the weather, unwell, ill, not well, sick, weak, in bad health, in poor health, infirm, debilitated, delicate, off colour, failing, in poor condition, poor, inadequate, deficient, imperfect, substandard, flawed**

## **Ailing as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Ailing" as an adjective**

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

- *In poor health.*
- *Somewhat ill or prone to illness.*



## Synonyms of "Ailing" as an adjective (25 Words)

<b>debilitated</b>	Lacking energy or vitality. <i>I became very <b>debilitated</b> with tremendous joint pain.</i>
<b>deficient</b>	Having mental disabilities. <i>This diet is <b>deficient</b> in vitamin B.</i>
<b>delicate</b>	Susceptible to illness or adverse conditions. <i>A <b>delicate</b> lace shawl.</i>
<b>failing</b>	Below acceptable in performance. <i>Received <b>failing</b> grades.</i>
<b>flawed</b>	(of a person) having a weakness in character. <i>A <b>flawed</b> diamond.</i>
<b>ill</b>	Suffering from an illness or disease or feeling unwell. <i>A terminally <b>ill</b> patient.</i>

<b><u>imperfect</u></b>	(of a gift, title, etc.) transferred without all the necessary conditions or requirements being met. <i>Had only an <b>imperfect</b> understanding of his responsibilities.</i>
<b>in bad health</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>in poor condition</b>	Holding office.
<b>in poor health</b>	Holding office.
<b><u>inadequate</u></b>	Of insufficient quantity to meet a need. <i>An <b>inadequate</b> income.</i>
<b>indisposed</b>	Slightly unwell. <i>The potential audience seemed <b>indisposed</b> to attend.</i>
<b>infirm</b>	Lacking firmness of will or character or purpose. <i>Those who were old or <b>infirm</b>.</i>
<b>not well</b>	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.
<b>off colour</b>	In an unpalatable state.
<b><u>peaked</u></b>	Having or rising to a peak. <i>You look a little <b>peaked</b>.</i>
<b>poor</b>	Having little money or few possessions. <i>They were too <b>poor</b> to afford a telephone.</i>
<b><u>poorly</u></b>	Somewhat ill or prone to illness. <i>She looked <b>poorly</b>.</i>
<b>seedy</b>	Shabby and squalid. <i>He was soiled and <b>seedy</b> and fragrant with gin.</i>
<b>sick</b>	Feeling nausea; feeling about to vomit. <i>He had a <b>sick</b> fear of returning.</i>
<b><u>sickly</u></b>	Excessively sentimental or mawkish. <i>She was a thin <b>sickly</b> child.</i>
<b>substandard</b>	Below the usual or required standard. <i><b>Substandard</b> housing.</i>
<b>under the weather</b>	Located below or beneath something else.
<b>unwell</b>	Somewhat ill or prone to illness. <i>Is <b>unwell</b> and can't come to work.</i>
<b><u>weak</u></b>	Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin. <i>The salamander's tail may be broken off at a <b>weak</b> spot near the base.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Ailing" as an adjective

- *I went to see my ailing mother.*
- *The ailing economy.*
- *My poor ailing grandmother.*





## Associations of "Ailing" (30 Words)

- anemic** Relating to anemia or suffering from anemia.  
*An **anemic** attempt to hit the baseball.*
- breakable** An article that is fragile and easily broken.  
*Earthenware pottery is **breakable**.*
- brittle** A brittle sweet made from nuts and set melted sugar.  
*Her manner was artificially bright and **brittle**.*
- consumptive** Affected with a wasting disease, especially pulmonary tuberculosis.  
*From birth he was sickly and **consumptive**.*
- debilitated** In a very weakened and infirm state.  
*I became very **debilitated** with tremendous joint pain.*
- decrepit** Worn and broken down by hard use.  
*A **decrepit** bus its seats held together with friction tape.*

<b>delirious</b>	In a state of wild excitement or ecstasy. <i>He became <b>delirious</b> and couldn't recognize people.</i>
<b>emaciated</b>	Abnormally thin or weak, especially because of illness or a lack of food. <i>She was so <b>emaciated</b> she could hardly stand.</i>
<b>emaciation</b>	The state of being abnormally thin or weak. <i>Thin to the point of <b>emaciation</b>.</i>
<b>flagging</b>	Flagstones collectively. <i>The <b>flagging</b> in the garden was quite imaginative.</i>
<b>fragile</b>	Lacking substance or significance. <i><b>Fragile</b> items such as glass and china.</i>
<b>fragility</b>	The quality of being easily broken or damaged. <i>A film about the <b>fragility</b> of relationships.</i>
<b>frail</b>	The weight of a frail basket full of raisins or figs between 50 and 75 pounds. <i><b>Frail</b> humanity.</i>
<b>ill</b>	Presaging ill fortune P B Shelley. <i>Tried not to speak <b>ill</b> of the dead.</i>
<b>impotent</b>	(of a male animal) unable to copulate. <i>Felt <b>impotent</b> rage.</i>
<b>indisposed</b>	Averse; unwilling. <i>Clearly <b>indisposed</b> to grant their request.</i>
<b>infirm</b>	Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality. <i>Care for the <b>infirm</b>.</i>
<b>pale</b>	Turn pale as if in fear. <i>The late afternoon light coming through the el tracks fell in <b>pale</b> oblongs on the street.</i>
<b>pallid</b>	(of a person's face) pale, typically because of poor health. <i>A <b>pallid</b> performance.</i>
<b>pathological</b>	Caused by or evidencing a mentally disturbed condition. <i><b>Pathological</b> bodily processes.</i>
<b>powerless</b>	Without ability, influence, or power. <i>Troops were <b>powerless</b> to stop last night's shooting.</i>
<b>puny</b>	Inferior in strength or significance. <i><b>Puny</b> excuses.</i>
<b>sallow</b>	Cause to become sallow. <i>His skin was <b>sallow</b> and pitted.</i>
<b>sick</b>	People who are sick. <i>He had a <b>sick</b> fear of returning.</i>



- undermine** Hollow out as if making a cave or opening.  
*This could **undermine** years of hard work.*
- unwell** Ill.  
*Is **unwell** and can't come to work.*
- vulnerable** Exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.  
*We were in a **vulnerable** position.*
- wan** A computer network that spans a wider area than does a local area network.  
*She was looking **wan** and bleary eyed.*
- weak** Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin.  
***Weak** colors.*
- weakly** In a way that lacks strength or force.  
*She leaned **weakly** against the wall.*

