

Need another word that means the same as “broken”? Find 55 synonyms and 30 related words for “broken” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Broken” are: busted, broken in, rugged, crushed, humbled, humiliated, low, confused, disordered, upset, impoverished, unkept, smashed, shattered, fragmented, torn, separated, severed, in bits, in pieces, fractured, damaged, injured, maimed, failed, ended, defeated, beaten, subdued, interrupted, disturbed, fitful, disrupted, disconnected, discontinuous, fragmentary, intermittent, unsettled, sporadic, spasmodic, erratic, troubled, incomplete, halting, hesitating, disjointed, faltering, stumbling, stammering, stuttering, imperfect, uneven, rough, irregular, bumpy**

## Broken as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Broken" as an adjective

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

- *(of a person) having given up all hope; despairing.*
- *Not continuous in space, time, or sequence or varying abruptly.*
- *Lacking a part or parts.*
- *(of a marriage or other long-term relationship) having ended.*
- *Having breaks or gaps in continuity.*
- *Topographically very uneven.*
- *Discontinuous.*
- *Having an uneven and rough surface.*
- *(of a language) spoken falteringly and with many mistakes, as by a foreigner.*
- *Physically and forcibly separated into pieces or cracked or split.*

- *Thrown into a state of disarray or confusion.*
- *Weakened and infirm.*
- *Subdued or brought low in condition or status.*
- *(especially of promises or contracts) having been violated or disregarded.*
- *Having been violated or disregarded.*
- *Having been broken.*
- *Out of working order ('busted' is an informal substitute for 'broken).*
- *Tamed or trained to obey.*
- *Destroyed financially.*
- *Imperfectly spoken or written.*



## Synonyms of "Broken" as an adjective (55 Words)

### **beaten**

Having been beaten or struck.

*Magnificent howdahs covered with **beaten** gold and silver.*

### **broken in**

Thrown into a state of disarray or confusion.

<b>bumpy</b>	(of a surface) uneven, with many patches raised above the rest. <i>A <b>bumpy</b> country road.</i>
<b>busted</b>	Out of working order busted is an informal substitute for broken. <i>The coke machine is <b>busted</b>.</i>
<b>confused</b>	Having lost your bearings confused as to time or place or personal identity. <i>A <b>confused</b> expression crossed her face.</i>
<b>crushed</b>	Deformed, pulverized, or forced inwards by compression. <i><b>Crushed</b> trousers and a crumpled jacket.</i>
<b>damaged</b>	Harmed or injured or spoiled. <i>The storm left a wake of badly <b>damaged</b> buildings.</i>
<b>defeated</b>	Beaten or overcome; not victorious. <i>The <b>defeated</b> enemy.</i>
<b>disconnected</b>	Music marked by or composed of disconnected parts or sounds cut short crisply. <i>I drove away feeling <b>disconnected</b> from the real world.</i>
<b>discontinuous</b>	Having intervals or gaps. <i>The landscape was a <b>discontinuous</b> mosaic of fields and forest areas.</i>
<b>disjointed</b>	Separated at the joint. <i>Piecing together <b>disjointed</b> fragments of information.</i>
<b>disordered</b>	Not arranged in order. <i>A patient who is mentally <b>disordered</b>.</i>
<b>disrupted</b>	Marked by breaks or gaps. <i>Many routes are unsafe or <b>disrupted</b>.</i>
<b>disturbed</b>	Afflicted with or marked by anxious uneasiness or trouble or grief. <i><b>Disturbed</b> grass showed where the horse had passed.</i>
<b>ended</b>	Having come or been brought to a conclusion. <i>The affair is over <b>ended</b> finished.</i>
<b>erratic</b>	Not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable. <i>An <b>erratic</b> comet.</i>
<b>failed</b>	(of a mechanism) not functioning properly. <i>A <b>failed</b> writer.</i>
<b>faltering</b>	Moving unsteadily or hesitantly. <i>His <b>faltering</b> career.</i>
<b>fitful</b>	Active or occurring spasmodically or intermittently; not regular or steady. <i><b>Fitful</b> bursts of energy.</i>

<b>fractured</b>	(of an organization or other abstract thing) split or broken and unable to function or exist. <i>It s going to take some time to rebuild their <b>fractured</b> relationship.</i>
<b>fragmentary</b>	Consisting of small disconnected parts. <i>Excavations have revealed <b>fragmentary</b> remains of masonry.</i>
<b>fragmented</b>	Having been divided; having the unity destroyed. <i>A <b>fragmented</b> coalition.</i>
<b>halting</b>	Fragmentary or halting from emotional strain. <i>Uttered a few <b>halting</b> words of sorrow.</i>
<b>hesitating</b>	Tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking. <i>His <b>hesitating</b> delivery.</i>
<b>humbled</b>	Low or inferior in station or quality.
<b><u>humiliated</u></b>	Subdued or brought low in condition or status. <i><b>Humiliated</b> that his wife had to go out to work.</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><u>impoverished</u></b>	(of a person or area) made poor. <i>An <b>impoverished</b> and debased language.</i>
<b>in bits</b>	Holding office.
<b>in pieces</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b><u>incomplete</u></b>	Not yet finished. <i>His thesis is still <b>incomplete</b>.</i>
<b>injured</b>	Harmed, damaged, or impaired. <i>His <b>injured</b> pride.</i>
<b><u>intermittent</u></b>	Occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady. <i><b>Intermittent</b> rain.</i>
<b>interrupted</b>	Discontinued temporarily. <i>Fitful or <b>interrupted</b> sleep.</i>
<b><u>irregular</u></b>	Deviating from normal expectations; somewhat odd, strange, or abnormal. <i><b>Irregular</b> troops.</i>
<b><u>low</u></b>	Used of sounds and voices low in pitch or frequency. <i><b>Low</b> back pain.</i>
<b>maimed</b>	Having a part of the body crippled or disabled.
<b>rough</b>	(of an area or occasion) characterized by violent behaviour. <i><b>Rough</b> manners.</i>

<b>rugged</b>	(of ground or terrain) having a broken, rocky, and uneven surface. <i>A <b>rugged</b> coastline.</i>
<b>separated</b>	Separated at the joint. <i>A <b>separated</b> shoulder.</i>
<b>severed</b>	Having been cut or sliced off. <i>The heartbreak of <b>severed</b> relationships.</i>
<b>shattered</b>	Exhausted. <i>He was said to be absolutely <b>shattered</b> after losing his job.</i>
<b>smashed</b>	Violently or badly broken or shattered. <i>When they go back to the barracks the single men get <b>smashed</b>.</i>
<b>spasmodic</b>	Caused by, subject to, or in the nature of a spasm or spasms. <i>A <b>spasmodic</b> cough.</i>
<b>sporadic</b>	Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated. <i><b>Sporadic</b> fighting broke out.</i>
<b>stammering</b>	Uttered with a stammer. <i>A <b>stammering</b> confession of guilt.</i>
<b>stumbling</b>	Tripping or losing balance while walking; moving with difficulty. <i>Mike s <b>stumbling</b> pursuit of success.</i>
<b>stuttering</b>	Progressing in a hesitant or irregular way. <i>A <b>stuttering</b> voice.</i>
<b>subdued</b>	In a softened tone. <i><b>Subdued</b> lights and soft music.</i>
<b>torn</b>	Having edges that are jagged from injury. <i><b>Torn</b> by religious dissensions.</i>
<b>troubled</b>	Showing distress or anxiety. <i>These <b>troubled</b> areas.</i>
<b>uneven</b>	Not level or smooth. <i>The <b>uneven</b> distribution of resources.</i>
<b>unkept</b>	Not tidy or cared for. <i><b>Unkept</b> appointments and broken promises.</i>
<b>unsettled</b>	Liable to change; unpredictable. <i>An <b>unsettled</b> state of mind.</i>
<b>upset</b>	Thrown into a state of disarray or confusion. <i>With everything so <b>upset</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Broken" as an adjective

- *Tear off the stub above the broken line.*
- *His broken spirit.*
- *This old nag is well broken in.*
- *A broken white line across the road.*
- *A broken mirror.*
- *Broken health resulting from alcoholism.*
- *A broken cable transmission.*
- *A broken tooth.*
- *A horse broken to the saddle.*
- *A broken man.*
- *Broken clouds.*

- *The broken fortunes of the family.*
- *A broken washing machine.*
- *Broken contracts.*
- *Broken lines of defense.*
- *He went to his grave a broken man.*
- *Troops fleeing in broken ranks.*
- *His neck is broken.*
- *Broken sobs.*
- *Broken sleep.*
- *A broken leg.*
- *Broken sunshine.*
- *Broken English.*
- *He had a broken arm.*
- *A broken set of encyclopedia.*
- *He pressed onwards over the broken ground.*
- *The coke machine is broken.*
- *Broken terrain.*
- *Broken (or unkept) promises.*
- *A young man talking in broken Italian.*
- *A broken note.*



## Associations of "Broken" (30 Words)

<b>annihilate</b>	Convert (a subatomic particle) into radiant energy. <i>A simple bomb of this type could <b>annihilate</b> them all.</i>
<b>blighted</b>	Affected by blight; anything that mars or prevents growth or prosperity. <i>A <b>blighted</b> rose.</i>
<b>breach</b>	A break in relations. <i>A widening <b>breach</b> between government and Church.</i>
<b>break</b>	Break down literally or metaphorically. <i><b>Break</b> a promise.</i>
<b>burnt</b>	Ruined by overcooking. <i><b>Burnt</b> sienna.</i>
<b>cracked</b>	Of paint or varnish; having the appearance of alligator hide. <i>The captain was screaming orders in a <b>cracked</b> baritone.</i>



<b>damage</b>	Inflict damage upon. <i>She <b>damaged</b> the car when she hit the tree.</i>
<b>demolition</b>	The action or process of demolishing or being demolished. <i>The <b>demolition</b> of the huge tower was quite a spectacle.</i>
<b>destroy</b>	Destroy completely damage irreparably. <i>The customs agents <b>destroyed</b> the dog that was found to be rabid.</i>
<b>destroyed</b>	Destroyed physically or morally. <i>Alzheimer's is responsible for her <b>destroyed</b> mind.</i>
<b><u>destruction</u></b>	The action or process of killing or being killed. <i>The <b>destruction</b> of the rainforest.</i>
<b>dissonant</b>	Not in accord. <i>Irregular <b>dissonant</b> chords.</i>
<b><u>fatal</u></b>	Leading to failure or disaster. <i>A <b>fatal</b> accident.</i>
<b>iconoclasm</b>	The rejection or destruction of religious images as heretical; the doctrine of iconoclasts.
<b>irremediable</b>	Impossible to remedy or correct or redress. <i><b>Irremediable</b> marital breakdowns.</i>
<b>irreparable</b>	(of an injury or loss) impossible to rectify or repair. <i>They were doing <b>irreparable</b> damage to my heart and lungs.</i>
<b>irreparably</b>	In a way that is impossible to rectify or repair. <i>Our international image has been <b>irreparably</b> tarnished.</i>
<b>irreversibly</b>	In a way that cannot be undone or altered. <i>Our landscape will be <b>irreversibly</b> damaged.</i>
<b>kaput</b>	Destroyed or killed. <i>The water pump's broken <b>kaput</b>.</i>
<b><u>mishap</u></b>	An instance of misfortune. <i>Although there were a few minor <b>mishaps</b> none of the pancakes stuck to the ceiling.</i>
<b>piece</b>	Assemble something from parts or pieces. <i>He wrote an interesting <b>piece</b> on Iran.</i>
<b>raspy</b>	Unpleasantly harsh or grating in sound. <i>His voice was <b>raspy</b> from days of non stop campaigning.</i>
<b>raze</b>	Completely destroy (a building, town, or other settlement). <i>Villages were <b>razed</b> to the ground.</i>
<b><u>revitalize</u></b>	Imbue (something) with new life and vitality. <i>A package of spending cuts to <b>revitalize</b> the economy.</i>

- rough** With roughness or violence rough is an informal variant for roughly.  
*The nomad life is **rough** and hazardous.*
- rugged** Topographically very uneven.  
*With a house full of boys you have to have **rugged** furniture.*
- ruined** Having been irreparably damaged or harmed.  
*A **ruined** castle.*
- shattered** Exhausted.  
*I usually feel too **shattered** to do more than crawl into bed.*
- surprised** Taken unawares or suddenly and feeling wonder or astonishment.  
***Surprised** that he remembered my name.*
- zig** A sharp change of direction in a zigzag course.  
*He went round and round in **zigs** and zags.*

