

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.

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

fractured	(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 fractured relationship.</i>
fragmentary	Consisting of small disconnected parts. <i>Excavations have revealed fragmentary remains of masonry.</i>
fragmented	Having been divided; having the unity destroyed. <i>A fragmented coalition.</i>
halting	Fragmentary or halting from emotional strain. <i>Uttered a few halting words of sorrow.</i>
hesitating	Tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking. <i>His hesitating delivery.</i>
humbled	Low or inferior in station or quality.
<u>humiliated</u>	Subdued or brought low in condition or status. <i>Humiliated that his wife had to go out to work.</i>
<u>imperfect</u>	(of a gift, title, etc.) transferred without all the necessary conditions or requirements being met. <i>Had only an imperfect understanding of his responsibilities.</i>
<u>impoverished</u>	(of a person or area) made poor. <i>An impoverished and debased language.</i>
in bits	Holding office.
in pieces	Currently fashionable.
<u>incomplete</u>	Not yet finished. <i>His thesis is still incomplete.</i>
injured	Harmed, damaged, or impaired. <i>His injured pride.</i>
<u>intermittent</u>	Occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady. <i>Intermittent rain.</i>
interrupted	Discontinued temporarily. <i>Fitful or interrupted sleep.</i>
<u>irregular</u>	Deviating from normal expectations; somewhat odd, strange, or abnormal. <i>Irregular troops.</i>
<u>low</u>	Used of sounds and voices low in pitch or frequency. <i>Low back pain.</i>
maimed	Having a part of the body crippled or disabled.
rough	(of an area or occasion) characterized by violent behaviour. <i>Rough manners.</i>

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

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

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

