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**The synonyms of “Dead” are: deadened, numb, all in, beat, bushed, drained, stagnant, idle, deceased, expired, departed, gone, no more, passed on, passed away, benumbed, desensitized, insensible, insensate, unfeeling, emotionless, unemotional, impassive, unresponsive, insensitive, indifferent, dispassionate, inexpressive, wooden, stony, cold, frigid, inert, barren, lifeless, bare, empty, desolate, sterile, uneventful, uninteresting, unexciting, uninspiring, dull, boring, flat, quiet, sleepy, slow, stale, humdrum, tame, pedestrian, lacklustre, not working, out of order, out of commission, inoperative, inactive, ineffective, in disrepair, in a state of disrepair, broken, broken-down, malfunctioning, defective, complete, absolute, total, entire, outright, utter, downright, out-and-out, thorough, unqualified, unmitigated, abruptly, short, suddenly, absolutely, perfectly, utterly, completely, totally, deadly, entirely, wholly, fully, quite, thoroughly, unreservedly, exactly, precisely, sharp, dead on, promptly, punctually, directly, immediately, right, straight, plumb, due, squarely, very, extremely, exceedingly, exceptionally, tremendously, immensely, hugely**

## Dead as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Dead" as an adjective

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

- *Unerringly accurate.*
- *No longer alight.*
- *(of a piece of equipment) no longer functioning.*
- *Not yielding a return.*
- *Physically inactive.*
- *Not circulating or flowing.*
- *Lacking emotion, sympathy, or sensitivity.*
- *(of a colour) not glossy or bright.*
- *Lacking resilience or bounce.*
- *Complete.*
- *(of sound) without resonance; dull.*
- *Not surviving in active use.*
- *Complete; absolute.*
- *(of a place or time) characterized by a lack of activity or excitement.*
- *Lacking acoustic resonance.*
- *Very tired.*
- *No longer having force or relevance.*
- *(of a glass or bottle) empty or no longer being used.*
- *The complete stoppage of an action.*
- *No longer current, relevant, or important.*
- *Not showing characteristics of life especially the capacity to sustain life; no longer exerting force or having energy or heat.*
- *Devoid of living things.*
- *(of a part of the body) having lost sensation; numb.*
- *(followed by `to') not showing human feeling or sensitivity; unresponsive.*
- *(of the ball in a game) out of play.*
- *No longer having or seeming to have or expecting to have life.*
- *Out of use or operation because of a fault or breakdown.*
- *(of a cricket pitch or other surface) lacking springiness or bounce.*
- *Drained of electric charge; discharged.*
- *No longer alive.*
- *Not showing human feeling or sensitivity; unresponsive.*
- *Devoid of physical sensation; numb.*
- *(of money) not financially productive.*
- *(of an electric circuit or conductor) carrying or transmitting no current.*
- *Devoid of activity.*



## Synonyms of "Dead" as an adjective (77 Words)

### absolute

Not qualified or diminished in any way; total.  
*Dom Miguel proclaimed himself **absolute** monarch.*

### all in

Quantifier; used with either mass or count nouns to indicate the whole number or amount of or every one of a class.

### bare

Just barely adequate or within a lower limit.  
*She padded in **bare** feet towards the door.*

### barren

(of a tree or plant) not producing fruit or seed.  
***Barren** lands.*

### beat

Relating to the beat generation or its philosophy.  
*So **beat** I could flop down and go to sleep anywhere.*

### benumbed

Deprived of physical or emotional feeling.  
*A hoarse shout cut through his **benumbed** senses.*

### boring

Not interesting; tedious.  
*A **boring** evening with uninteresting people.*

<b><u>broken</u></b>	Out of working order busted is an informal substitute for broken. <b>Broken</b> sobs.
<b>broken-down</b>	In deplorable condition.
<b>bushed</b>	Flummoxed or bewildered. <i>Unused to solitude he went <b>bushed</b>.</i>
<b>cold</b>	Having a low or inadequate temperature or feeling a sensation of coldness or having been made cold by e g ice or refrigeration. <i>Was <b>cold</b> to his advances.</i>
<b>complete</b>	Perfect and complete in every respect having all necessary qualities. <i>His range of skills made him the <b>complete</b> footballer.</i>
<b>deadened</b>	Made or become less intense. <i>The <b>deadened</b> pangs of hunger.</i>
<b>deceased</b>	Dead. <i>He is <b>deceased</b>.</i>
<b><u>defective</u></b>	(of a word) not having all the inflections normal for the part of speech. <i>A <b>defective</b> appliance.</i>
<b>departed</b>	Dead. <i>Our dear <b>departed</b> friend.</i>
<b>desensitized</b>	Having been made less sensitive. <i><b>Desensitized</b> taste buds.</i>
<b>desolate</b>	Crushed by grief. <i>The <b>desolate</b> surface of the moon.</i>
<b>dispassionate</b>	Not influenced by strong emotion, and so able to be rational and impartial. <i>A journalist should be a <b>dispassionate</b> reporter of fact.</i>
<b>downright</b>	So direct in manner as to be blunt. <i>A <b>downright</b> kind of person.</i>
<b><u>drained</u></b>	Drained of electric charge discharged. <i>A <b>drained</b> marsh.</i>
<b>dull</b>	Darkened with overcast. <i>Next morning dawned <b>dull</b>.</i>
<b>emotionless</b>	Not showing any emotion; unemotional. <i>Her voice was flat and <b>emotionless</b>.</i>
<b><u>empty</u></b>	(of words or a gesture) lacking meaning or sincerity. <i>After skipped lunch the men were <b>empty</b> by suppertime.</i>

<b>entire</b>	Constituting the undiminished entirety lacking nothing essential especially not damaged Bacon. <i>My plans are to travel the <b>entire</b> world.</i>
<b>expired</b>	Having come to an end or become void after passage of a period of time. <i>Caught driving with an <b>expired</b> license.</i>
<b>flat</b>	Of something kept inflated especially a tyre having lost some or all of its air typically because of a puncture. <i>His sense of intoxication wore off until he felt <b>flat</b> and weary.</i>
<b>frigid</b>	Devoid of warmth and cordiality; expressive of unfriendliness or disdain. <i>My ex told everyone I was <b>frigid</b>.</i>
<b>gone</b>	Drained of energy or effectiveness; extremely tired; completely exhausted. <i>A bunch of real <b>gone</b> cats.</i>
<b>humdrum</b>	Not challenging; dull and lacking excitement. <i><b>Humdrum</b> routine work.</i>
<b>idle</b>	(of a person) not working; unemployed. <i><b>Idle</b> talk.</i>
<b>impassive</b>	Deliberately impassive in manner. <i>He remained <b>impassive</b> showing neither interest in nor concern for our plight.</i>
<b>in a state of disrepair</b>	Holding office.
<b>in disrepair</b>	Directed or bound inward.
<b>inactive</b>	Not engaging in political or other activity. <i><b>Inactive</b> machinery.</i>
<b>indifferent</b>	(usually followed by `to') unwilling or refusing to pay heed. <i>Was <b>indifferent</b> to their acceptance or rejection of her invitation.</i>
<b>ineffective</b>	Not producing any significant or desired effect. <i>The legal sanctions against oil spills are virtually <b>ineffective</b>.</i>
<b>inert</b>	Chemically inactive. <i>She lay <b>inert</b> in her bed.</i>
<b>inexpressive</b>	Not expressive. <i>An <b>inexpressive</b> face.</i>
<b>inoperative</b>	Not working or taking effect. <i>The Act may be rendered <b>inoperative</b>.</i>

<b>insensate</b>	Without compunction or human feeling. <i>Insentient or <b>insensate</b> stone.</i>
<b>insensible</b>	(of a person or bodily extremity) without feeling; numb. <i><b>Insensible</b> to pain.</i>
<b><u>insensitive</u></b>	Not aware of or able to respond to something. <i>Both were in many ways <b>insensitive</b> to painting.</i>
<b>lacklustre</b>	Lacking brilliance or vitality. <i>The conditioner will revitalize <b>lacklustre</b> hair.</i>
<b><u>lifeless</u></b>	Lacking vigour, vitality, or excitement. <i>Dull and <b>lifeless</b> hair.</i>
<b>malfunctioning</b>	Not performing or able to perform its regular function. <i>A <b>malfunctioning</b> valve.</i>
<b>no more</b>	Quantifier; used with either mass nouns or plural count nouns for indicating a complete or almost complete lack or zero quantity of.
<b>not working</b>	Serving to permit or facilitate further work or activity.
<b><u>numb</u></b>	So frightened as to be unable to move; stunned or paralyzed with terror; petrified. <i>The tragic events left us shocked and <b>numb</b>.</i>
<b>out of commission</b>	Outer or outlying.
<b>out of order</b>	Outer or outlying.
<b>out-and-out</b>	Not worth considering as a possibility.
<b><u>outright</u></b>	Total. <i>An <b>outright</b> refusal.</i>
<b>passed away</b>	Of advancing the ball by throwing it.
<b>passed on</b>	Of advancing the ball by throwing it.
<b><u>pedestrian</u></b>	Lacking wit or imagination. <i>A <b>pedestrian</b> movie plot.</i>
<b>quiet</b>	In a softened tone. <i>I ll have a <b>quiet</b> word with him.</i>
<b><u>sleepy</u></b>	Needing or ready for sleep. <i>The one time <b>sleepy</b> world of pensions.</i>
<b>slow</b>	Slow to learn or understand lacking intellectual acuity Thackeray. <i>The <b>slow</b> lane of traffic.</i>
<b><u>stagnant</u></b>	Showing no activity; dull and sluggish. <i>A <b>stagnant</b> ditch.</i>

<b><u>stale</u></b>	(of a cheque or legal claim) invalid because out of date. <b>Stale</b> news.
<b><u>sterile</u></b>	Incapable of reproducing. A <b>sterile</b> ideology lacking in originality.
<b>stony</b>	Showing unfeeling resistance to tender feelings. <b>Stony</b> ground.
<b>tame</b>	(of land) cultivated. Network TV on Saturday night is a pretty <b>tame</b> affair.
<b><u>thorough</u></b>	Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. Made a <b>thorough</b> search.
<b><u>total</u></b>	Complete in extent or degree and in every particular. It is a matter of <b>total</b> indifference to me.
<b><u>unemotional</u></b>	Unsusceptible to or destitute of or showing no emotion. A flat <b>unemotional</b> voice.
<b><u>uneventful</u></b>	Not marked by interesting or exciting events. A place where dull people lead <b>uneventful</b> lives.
<b>unexciting</b>	Not exciting. Many school prospectuses are dull and <b>unexciting</b> .
<b>unfeeling</b>	Devoid of feeling for others. He lowered his numb <b>unfeeling</b> body into a seat and closed his eyes.
<b>uninspiring</b>	Depressing to the spirit. An <b>uninspiring</b> game that United scarcely deserved to win.
<b>uninteresting</b>	Characteristic or suggestive of an institution especially in being uniform or dull or unimaginative. The scenery is dull and <b>uninteresting</b> .
<b><u>unmitigated</u></b>	Not diminished or moderated in intensity or severity; sometimes used as an intensifier. An <b>unmitigated</b> horror.
<b>unqualified</b>	(of a person) not officially recognized as a practitioner of a particular profession or activity through having satisfied the relevant conditions or requirements. I am singularly <b>unqualified</b> to write about football.
<b><u>unresponsive</u></b>	Not susceptible to suggestion or influence. These symptoms may be <b>unresponsive</b> to conventional treatment.

utter

Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers.

**Utter** nonsense.

wooden

Made of wood.

*The actor s performance was **wooden**.*



## Usage Examples of "Dead" as an adjective

- *A dead body.*
- *Higher up, the marble becomes of a dull, dead colour.*
- *Took dead aim.*
- *The ball had gone dead.*



- *Dead air.*
- *Crater Lake is in the crater of a dead volcano of the Cascade Range.*
- *The batteries are dead.*
- *The nerve is dead.*
- *Came to a dead stop.*
- *The note sounds dead compared to all others on the keyboard.*
- *Dead coals.*
- *Latin is a dead language.*
- *Pollution had become a dead issue.*
- *Dead capital.*
- *He was marked as a dead man by the assassin.*
- *They got all the dead glasses and put them on the table.*
- *His gums were dead from the novocain.*
- *We sat in dead silence.*
- *The phone had gone dead.*
- *Brussels isn't dead after dark, if you know where to look.*
- *The motor is dead.*
- *A dead issue.*
- *A dead battery.*
- *Dead water.*
- *Mars is a dead planet.*
- *She felt no discomfort as the dentist drilled her deadened tooth.*
- *There was no time to bury the dead with decency.*
- *Far from being dead money, it is available to be spent or invested.*
- *A dead planet.*
- *The fire had been dead for some days.*
- *A cold, dead voice.*
- *This is a dead town; nothing ever happens here.*
- *The fire is dead.*
- *Dead soil.*
- *I severed nerves in my leg so part of my foot is dead.*
- *The pitch was so utterly dead that Pollock could hardly get the ball bail-high.*
- *A dead pallor.*
- *A dead tennis ball.*
- *The dead wall surfaces of a recording studio.*
- *He was shot dead by a sniper.*
- *A dead telephone line.*
- *Dead sounds characteristic of some compact discs.*

- *Passersby were dead to our plea for help.*
- *I'm dead after that long trip.*
- *A dead shot.*



## Dead as an Adverb

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- *Very.*
- *Exactly.*
- *Straight; directly.*
- *Completely and without qualification; used informally as intensifiers.*
- *Absolutely; completely.*

- *Quickly and without warning.*



## Synonyms of "Dead" as an adverb (35 Words)

<b>abruptly</b>	Suddenly and unexpectedly. <i>A drama about two young brothers who are <b>abruptly</b> abandoned by their father.</i>
<b>absolutely</b>	(of a verb) without a stated object. <i>She had <b>absolutely</b> no idea what he was talking about.</i>
<b>completely</b>	So as to be complete; with everything necessary. <i>The fire <b>completely</b> destroyed the building.</i>
<b>dead on</b>	Completely and without qualification; used informally as intensifiers.
<b>deadly</b>	Extremely (used as intensives). <i>A <b>deadly</b> serious remark.</i>
<b>directly</b>	With nothing or no one in between. <i>She spoke simply and <b>directly</b>.</i>

<b>due</b>	Directly or exactly; straight. <i>We'll head <b>due</b> south again on the same road.</i>
<b>entirely</b>	Completely (often used for emphasis). <i>We have an <b>entirely</b> different outlook.</i>
<b>exactly</b>	Indicating exactness or preciseness. <i>He was doing precisely or <b>exactly</b> what she had told him to do.</i>
<b>exceedingly</b>	Extremely. <i>The team played <b>exceedingly</b> well.</i>
<b>exceptionally</b>	Only in unusual circumstances. <i>The court allows half an hour in most cases one hour <b>exceptionally</b> for a very important case.</i>
<b>extremely</b>	To an extreme degree. <i>This is an <b>extremely</b> difficult thing to do.</i>
<b>fully</b>	Completely or entirely; to the fullest extent. <i>He didn't <b>fully</b> understand.</i>
<b>hugely</b>	Very much; to a very great extent. <i>A <b>hugely</b> expensive house.</i>
<b>immediately</b>	Bearing an immediate relation. <i>They would be the states most <b>immediately</b> affected by any such action.</i>
<b>immensely</b>	To a great extent; extremely. <i>The president was <b>immensely</b> popular.</i>
<b>perfectly</b>	In a manner or way that could not be better. <i>You know <b>perfectly</b> well I can't stay.</i>
<b>plumb</b>	Conforming to the direction of a plumb line. <i>Fell <b>plumb</b> in the middle of the puddle.</i>
<b>precisely</b>	Exactly (used to emphasize the complete accuracy or truth of a statement). <i>The guidelines are <b>precisely</b> defined.</i>
<b>promptly</b>	With little or no delay. <i>He did his homework <b>promptly</b>.</i>
<b>punctually</b>	At the agreed or proper time; promptly. <i>Four out of five trains were arriving <b>punctually</b>.</i>
<b>quite</b>	All the way. <i>Her victory was <b>quite</b> something.</i>
<b>right</b>	In the right manner correctly suitably. <i>Do <b>right</b> by him.</i>
<b>sharp</b>	Precisely (used after an expression of time). <i>The road twists <b>sharply</b> after the light.</i>

<b>short</b>	Not as far as the point aimed at; not far enough. <i>He said <b>shortly</b> that he didn't like it.</i>
<b>squarely</b>	Directly and without evasion; not roundabout. <i>The responsibility lies <b>squarely</b> with them.</i>
<b><u>straight</u></b>	In a straight line directly. <i>I'll fetch up the bath to you <b>straight</b>.</i>
<b>suddenly</b>	Happening unexpectedly. <i>He made up his mind <b>suddenly</b>.</i>
<b><u>thoroughly</u></b>	Completely and absolutely good is sometimes used informally for thoroughly. <i>He searched the house <b>thoroughly</b>.</i>
<b><u>totally</u></b>	To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent ('whole' is often used informally for 'wholly'). <i>So then Julie like <b>totally</b> dumps her boyfriend Tommy.</i>
<b><u>tremendously</u></b>	Extremely. <i>Costs vary <b>tremendously</b> from area to area.</i>
<b>unreservedly</b>	Frankly and openly. <i>I <b>unreservedly</b> recommend the book.</i>
<b><u>utterly</u></b>	Completely and without qualification; absolutely. <i>He looked <b>utterly</b> ridiculous.</i>
<b>very</b>	Used to emphasize that the following description applies without qualification. <i>He played <b>very</b> well.</i>
<b><u>wholly</u></b>	To a complete degree or to the full or entire extent whole is often used informally for wholly. <i>The distinction is not <b>wholly</b> clear.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Dead" as an adverb

- *You're dead right.*
- *Omelettes are dead easy to prepare.*
- *Red flares were seen dead ahead.*
- *Dead right.*
- *They arrived dead on time.*
- *Was dead tired.*
- *He was dead against the idea.*
- *You can be dead sure of my innocence.*



## Associations of "Dead" (30 Words)

<b>abortive</b>	Causing or resulting in abortion. <i>The rebel officers who led the <b>abortive</b> coup were shot.</i>
<a href="#"><u>ascension</u></a>	(New Testament) the rising of the body of Jesus into heaven on the 40th day after his Resurrection. <i>His <b>ascension</b> to the presidency.</i>
<b>autopsy</b>	Perform an autopsy on a body or organ. <i>A Home Office pathologist carried out the <b>autopsy</b>.</i>
<b>bier</b>	A stand to support a corpse or a coffin prior to burial. <i>We followed the <b>bier</b> to the graveyard.</i>
<b>carcass</b>	The remains of something. <i>The <b>carcass</b> has a high proportion of meat to bone.</i>
<a href="#"><u>cemetery</u></a>	A tract of land used for burials. <i>A military <b>cemetery</b>.</i>

<b>corpse</b>	A dead body, especially of a human being rather than an animal. <i>The <b>corpse</b> of a man lay there.</i>
<b>death</b>	The personification of death. <i>He seemed more content in <b>death</b> than he had ever been in life.</i>
<b>decease</b>	A person's death. <i>Upon your <b>decease</b> the capital will pass to your grandchildren.</i>
<b>deceased</b>	Someone who is no longer alive. <i>The judge inferred that the <b>deceased</b> was confused as to the extent of his assets.</i>
<b>defunct</b>	No longer in force or use; inactive. <i>A <b>defunct</b> organization.</i>
<b>destroyed</b>	Destroyed physically or morally. <i>War left many cities <b>destroyed</b>.</i>
<b>die</b>	A cutting tool that is fitted into a diestock and used for cutting male external screw threads on screws or bolts or pipes or rods. <i>Whosoever believes in me shall never <b>die</b>.</i>
<b>doom</b>	Decree or designate beforehand. <i>A day like that of the last <b>doom</b>.</i>
<b>funeral</b>	A sermon delivered at a funeral. <i>The community would call him to preach the <b>funeral</b>.</i>
<b>inanimate</b>	Showing no sign of life; lifeless. <i><b>Inanimate</b> objects.</i>
<b>inelastic</b>	(of demand or supply) insensitive to changes in price or income. <i>Economists speak of an <b>inelastic</b> price structure.</i>
<b>inoperative</b>	Not working or taking effect. <i>An <b>inoperative</b> law.</i>
<b>lifeless</b>	Devoid of living things. <i>A <b>lifeless</b> body.</i>
<b>misadventure</b>	Death caused by a person accidentally while performing a legal act without negligence or intent to harm. <i>The petty misdemeanours and <b>misadventures</b> of childhood.</i>
<b>morgue</b>	Used in reference to a place that is quiet, gloomy, or cold. <i>She put us in that draughty <b>morgue</b> of a sitting room.</i>
<b>mortician</b>	An undertaker.
<b>mortuary</b>	Of or relating to a funeral. <i>A <b>mortuary</b> temple.</i>



- perish** Suffer complete ruin or destruction.  
*A great part of his army **perished** of hunger and disease.*
- resurrection** (in Christian belief) the rising of the dead at the Last Judgement.  
*The **resurrection** of the country under a charismatic leader.*
- sepulchral** Of or relating to a sepulchre.  
*The **sepulchral** darkness of the catacombs.*
- stillborn** (of newborn infant) showing no signs of life at birth; not liveborn.  
*A **stillborn** plot to assassinate the President.*
- suffocation** Killing by depriving of oxygen.  
*For years I could not escape feelings of **suffocation**.*
- tombstone** A large, flat inscribed stone standing or laid over a grave.  
*His grin exposed his yellowed teeth like a row of **tombstones**.*
- unanimated** (of an image) not moving; still.  
*He was very dry and **unanimated**.*

