

Need another word that means the same as “defective”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “defective” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Defective” are: faulty, bad, flawed, imperfect, shoddy, inoperative, not working, malfunctioning, out of order, unsound, lacking, wanting, deficient, inadequate, insufficient, short, low, scant

Defective as an Adjective

Definitions of "Defective" as an adjective

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

- *Having mental disabilities.*
- *Not working properly.*
- *Markedly subnormal in structure or function or intelligence or behavior.*
- *Lacking or deficient.*
- *(of a word) not having all the inflections normal for the part of speech.*
- *Imperfect or faulty.*
- *Having a defect.*



Synonyms of "Defective" as an adjective (18 Words)

bad

Feeling physical discomfort or pain though is occasionally used colloquially for bad.

A **bad** storm.

deficient

Not having enough of a specified quality or ingredient.

A **deficient** education.

faulty

(of reasoning and other mental processes) mistaken or misleading because of flaws.

He submitted a **faulty** report.

flawed

(of a person) having a weakness in character.

A **flawed** diamond.

imperfect

(of a cadence) ending on the dominant chord.

Imperfect mortals.

inadequate

Lacking the requisite qualities or resources to meet a task.

An **inadequate** income.

inoperative

Not working or taking effect.

An **inoperative** law.

<u>insufficient</u>	Of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement. <i>Insufficient funds.</i>
lacking	Inadequate in amount or degree. <i>The students are not lacking in intellectual ability.</i>
<u>low</u>	Used of sounds and voices low in pitch or frequency. <i>Low back pain.</i>
malfunctioning	Not performing or able to perform its regular function. <i>A malfunctioning valve.</i>
not working	Adopted as a temporary basis for further work.
out of order	Not allowed to continue to bat or run.
scant	Barely amounting to a specified number or quantity. <i>She weighed a scant two pounds.</i>
<u>shoddy</u>	Cheap and shoddy Judith Crist. <i>We re not paying good money for shoddy goods.</i>
short	Tending to crumble or break into flakes due to a large amount of shortening. <i>Regularly gives short weight.</i>
<u>unsound</u>	Physically unsound or diseased. <i>This line of argument is unsound.</i>
wanting	Lacking in a required or necessary quality. <i>Mandibles are wanting in many of these insects.</i>



Usage Examples of "Defective" as an adjective

- *Complaints over defective goods.*
- *I returned the appliance because it was defective.*
- *A defective appliance.*
- *Defective speech.*
- *Dystrophin is commonly defective in muscle tissue.*



Associations of "Defective" (30 Words)

defect	A failing or deficiency. <i>This device permits detection of defects in the lungs.</i>
deficiency	The amount by which something, especially revenue, falls short; a deficit. <i>Water is the critical deficiency in desert regions.</i>
demerit	A fault or disadvantage. <i>The merits and demerits of these proposals.</i>
disadvantage	Put at a disadvantage hinder harm. <i>This rule clearly disadvantages me.</i>
<u>drawback</u>	A feature that renders something less acceptable; a disadvantage or problem. <i>He pointed out all the drawbacks to my plan.</i>

<u>error</u>	A mistake in matter of law appearing in the proceedings of a court of record. <i>She was quick to point out my errors.</i>
failing	Below acceptable in performance. <i>Pride is a terrible failing.</i>
fallibility	The likelihood of making errors. <i>Studies on the fallibility of memory and perception.</i>
fallible	Capable of making mistakes or being wrong. <i>Everyone is fallible to some degree.</i>
<u>fault</u>	Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>It was John s fault.</i>
<u>faulty</u>	Having or displaying weaknesses. <i>Faulty logic.</i>
flaw	Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective. <i>The computer game was flawed by poor programming.</i>
<u>flawed</u>	Having a blemish or flaw. <i>A flawed diamond.</i>
gaffe	An unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator; a blunder. <i>His comments are a major diplomatic gaffe.</i>
<u>imperfect</u>	The imperfect tense. <i>Imperfect mortals.</i>
inaccurate	Not accurate. <i>False or inaccurate descriptions of goods.</i>
<u>inadequacy</u>	Inability to deal with a situation or with life. <i>The inadequacy of unemployment benefits.</i>
incompetence	Inability of a part or organ to function properly. <i>Allegations of professional incompetence.</i>
ineptitude	Lack of skill or ability. <i>The officials displayed remarkable ineptitude.</i>
inexact	Not exact. <i>An inexact description.</i>
insufficiency	A lack of competence. <i>Renal insufficiency.</i>
lacking	Inadequate in amount or degree. <i>There was something lacking in our marriage.</i>

- lapse** Pass into a specified state or condition.
*The girls **lapsed** into French.*
- mistake** To make a mistake or be incorrect.
*He made a bad **mistake**.*
- misunderstanding** A failure to understand something correctly.
*He left the army after a slight **misunderstanding** with his commanding officer.*
- mutant** A mutant form.
*Frequently only a small percentage of the offspring of **mutants** resemble their parents.*
- oversight** The action of overseeing something.
*Effective **oversight** of the financial reporting process.*
- shortcoming** A fault or failure to meet a certain standard, typically in a person's character, a plan, or a system.
*He is so forthright about his **shortcomings** it's hard to chastise him.*
- solecism** A grammatical mistake in speech or writing.
- unreliable** Lacking a sense of responsibility.
*In the early 1950s computers were large and expensive and **unreliable**.*

