

Need another word that means the same as “derelict”? Find 45 synonyms and 30 related words for “derelict” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Derelict” are: delinquent, neglectful, remiss, bedraggled, broken-down, dilapidated, ramshackle, tatterdemalion, tumble-down, abandoned, deserted, creaky, decrepit, flea-bitten, run-down, woebegone, tumbledown, in disrepair, in a state of disrepair, in ruins, ruined, falling to pieces, falling apart, disused, discarded, rejected, forsaken, relinquished, ownerless, negligent, lax, careless, sloppy, slipshod, slack, irresponsible, tramp, vagrant, vagabond, down and out, homeless person, drifter, person of no fixed abode, person of no fixed address, knight of the road**

## Derelict as a Noun

### Definitions of "Derelict" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “derelict” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A ship abandoned on the high seas.*
- *A person without a home, job, or property.*
- *A ship or other piece of property abandoned by the owner and in poor condition.*



## Synonyms of "Derelict" as a noun (9 Words)

<b>down and out</b>	A rolling treeless highland with little soil.
<b>drifter</b>	A wanderer who has no established residence or visible means of support.
<b>homeless person</b>	Poor people who unfortunately do not have a home to live in.
<b>knight of the road</b>	Originally a person of noble birth trained to arms and chivalry; today in Great Britain a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit.
<b>person of no fixed abode</b>	A human body (usually including the clothing).
<b>person of no fixed address</b>	A human body (usually including the clothing).
<b>vagabond</b>	Anything that resembles a vagabond in having no fixed place. <i>Pirate ships were <b>vagabonds</b> of the sea.</i>

**vagrant**

A wanderer who has no established residence or visible means of support.

*Most birders are hoping to find the wind blown **vagrants** of migration.*



**Usage Examples of "Derelict" as a noun**

- *She had been a derelict recommissioned for this journey.*
- *Derelicts who could fit all their possessions in a paper bag.*



## Derelict as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Derelict" as an adjective

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

- *Failing in what duty requires.*
- *In a very poor condition as a result of disuse and neglect.*
- *In deplorable condition.*
- *Worn and broken down by hard use.*
- *Shamefully negligent of one's duties or obligations.*
- *Forsaken by owner or inhabitants.*



## Synonyms of "Derelict" as an adjective (36 Words)

<b>abandoned</b>	Unrestrained and uninhibited. <i>Weed grown yard of an <b>abandoned</b> farmhouse.</i>
<b>bedraggled</b>	Limp and soiled as if dragged in the mud. <i>The beggar s <b>bedraggled</b> clothes.</i>
<b>broken-down</b>	Not in working order.
<b><u>careless</u></b>	(usually followed by `of') without due thought or consideration. <i>An impression of <b>careless</b> elegance.</i>
<b>creaky</b>	Making or liable to make a creaking sound when being moved or when pressure is applied. <i>I climbed the <b>creaky</b> stairs.</i>
<b><u>decrepit</u></b>	Worn and broken down by hard use. <i>A row of <b>decrepit</b> houses.</i>
<b><u>delinquent</u></b>	Past due; not paid at the scheduled time. <i><b>Delinquent</b> accounts.</i>

<b>deserted</b>	Forsaken by owner or inhabitants. <i><b>Deserted</b> beaches of soft sand.</i>
<b>dilapidated</b>	In deplorable condition. <i>The tank was now rather <b>dilapidated</b>.</i>
<b>discarded</b>	Thrown away.
<b>disused</b>	No longer being used. <i>They held an exhibition in a <b>disused</b> warehouse.</i>
<b>falling apart</b>	Coming down freely under the influence of gravity.
<b>falling to pieces</b>	Decreasing in amount or degree.
<b>flea-bitten</b>	Worn and broken down by hard use.
<b>forsaken</b>	Abandoned or deserted. <i>A journey into forgotten and <b>forsaken</b> places.</i>
<b>in a state of disrepair</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>in disrepair</b>	Holding office.
<b>in ruins</b>	Holding office. (of a person, attitude, or action) not showing a proper sense of responsibility. <i>Behaved like an <b>irresponsible</b> idiot.</i>
<b>irresponsible</b>	Pronounced with muscles of the tongue and jaw relatively relaxed e g the vowel sound in bet. <i>He d been a bit <b>lax</b> about discipline in school lately.</i>
<b>lax</b>	Failing in what duty requires. <i>You are being <b>neglectful</b> of our guests.</i>
<b>neglectful</b>	Failing to take proper care over something. <i>The council had been <b>negligent</b> in its supervision of the children in care.</i>
<b>negligent</b>	Having no owner.
<b>ownerless</b>	In deplorable condition. <i>A <b>ramshackle</b> cottage.</i>
<b>ramshackle</b>	Rebuffed (by a lover) without warning.
<b>rejected</b>	That has been withdrawn or retreated from.
<b>relinquished</b>	Failing in what duty requires. <i>It would be very <b>remiss</b> of me not to pass on that information.</i>
<b>remiss</b>	Doomed to extinction. <i>The nation s <b>ruined</b> economy.</i>
<b>ruined</b>	Having the spring unwound.
<b>run-down</b>	

<b>slack</b>	Lewd. <i>Her mouth went <b>slack</b>.</i>
<b>slipshod</b>	Characterized by a lack of care, thought, or organization. <i>His <b>slipshod</b> heels.</i>
<b>sloppy</b>	Careless and unsystematic; excessively casual. <i><b>Sloppy</b> workmanship.</i>
<b>tatterdemalion</b>	Worn to shreds; or wearing torn or ragged clothing. <i>A <b>tatterdemalion</b> prince.</i>
<b>tumble-down</b>	In deplorable condition.
<b>tumbledown</b>	(of a building or other structure) falling or fallen into ruin; dilapidated. <i><b>Tumbledown</b> cottages.</i>
<b>woebegone</b>	Sad or miserable in appearance. <i>A <b>woebegone</b> old shack.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Derelict" as an adjective

- A *derelict* Georgian mansion.
- The barge lay *derelict* for years.
- He was *derelict* in his duty to his country.
- *Derelict* (or delinquent) in his duty.



## Associations of "Derelict" (30 Words)

- abandoned** Having been deserted or left.  
*Weed grown yard of an **abandoned** farmhouse.*
- adrift** So as to float without being either moored or steered.  
*The seamen are **adrift** in lifeboats.*
- afloat** On board a ship or boat.  
*There are various rumours **afloat** connected with his disappearance.*
- aimless** Aimlessly drifting.  
*An **aimless** existence.*

<b>aimlessly</b>	Without purpose or direction. <i>We wandered <b>aimlessly</b> round Venice.</i>
<b>beggar</b>	Reduce to beggary. <i>Why should I <b>beggar</b> myself for you.</i>
<b>decrepitude</b>	A state of deterioration due to old age or long use. <i>He had passed directly from middle age into <b>decrepitude</b>.</i>
<b>deserted</b>	Forsaken by owner or inhabitants. <i><b>Deserted</b> beaches of soft sand.</i>
<b>dilapidated</b>	(of a building or object) in a state of disrepair or ruin as a result of age or neglect. <i>Old <b>dilapidated</b> buildings.</i>
<b>disorderly</b>	In utter disorder. <i>His life was as <b>disorderly</b> as ever.</i>
<b>empty</b>	Make void or empty of contents. <i>An <b>empty</b> room.</i>
<b>floating</b>	Not definitely committed to a party or policy. <i><b>Floating</b> seaweed.</i>
<b>island</b>	A thing regarded as resembling an island especially in being isolated detached or surrounded in some way. <i>This <b>island</b> nation.</i>
<b>outdated</b>	Out of date; obsolete. <i><b>Outdated</b> equipment.</i>
<b>pariah</b>	A person who is rejected (from society or home). <i>They were treated as social <b>pariahs</b>.</i>
<b>ragamuffin</b>	An exponent or follower of ragga, typically one dressing in scruffy clothes. <i><b>Ragamuffin</b> style.</i>
<b>ramshackle</b>	In deplorable condition. <i>A <b>ramshackle</b> cottage.</i>
<b>rickety</b>	(of a structure or piece of equipment) poorly made and likely to collapse. <i><b>Rickety</b> limbs and joints.</i>
<b>ruined</b>	(of a building or place) reduced to a state of decay, collapse, or disintegration. <i>The nation s <b>ruined</b> economy.</i>
<b>tatterdemalion</b>	Worn to shreds; or wearing torn or ragged clothing. <i>A <b>tatterdemalion</b> prince.</i>
<b>unattached</b>	Not married or having an established partner; single. <i>Local people <b>unattached</b> to any organization.</i>

<b>unclaimed</b>	Not claimed or called for by an owner or assignee. <b>Unclaimed</b> benefits.
<b>unsettled</b>	Lacking order or stability. A spell of <b>unsettled</b> weather.
<b>vacant</b>	(of a position or employment) not filled. A <b>vacant</b> stare.
<b>vacate</b>	Leave behind empty; move out of. You must <b>vacate</b> your office by tonight.
<b>vagabond</b>	Wander about as or like a vagabond. A <b>vagabond</b> poacher.
<b>vagrant</b>	Relating to or living the life of a vagrant. <b>Vagrant</b> hippies of the sixties.
<b>void</b>	An empty area or space. It cannot be metabolized and is <b>voided</b> in the urine.
<b>wandering</b>	Travelling aimlessly from place to place; itinerant. <b>Wandering</b> tribes.

