

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

