

Need another word that means the same as “desolation”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “desolation” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Desolation” are: bareness, bleakness, nakedness, forlornness, loneliness, devastation, barrenness, starkness, grimness, misery, sadness, unhappiness, melancholy, gloom, gloominess, glumness, despondency, sorrow, depression, grief, mournfulness, woe

Desolation as a Noun

Definitions of "Desolation" as a noun

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

- *An event that results in total destruction.*
- *Sadness resulting from being forsaken or abandoned.*
- *The state of being decayed or destroyed.*
- *A bleak and desolate atmosphere.*
- *Great unhappiness or loneliness.*
- *A state of complete emptiness or destruction.*



Synonyms of "Desolation" as a noun (22 Words)

bareness	A bleak and desolate atmosphere.
barrenness	The state (usually of a woman) of having no children or being unable to have children.
bleakness	The quality or state of being bare and inhospitable. <i>The evening's rainy bleakness.</i>
depression	A period during the 1930s when there was a worldwide economic depression and mass unemployment. <i>Depression of the plunger delivers two units of insulin.</i>
despondency	Low spirits from loss of hope or courage; dejection. <i>An air of despondency.</i>
devastation	Severe and overwhelming shock or grief. <i>She spoke of her devastation at his death.</i>
forlornness	Sadness resulting from being forsaken or abandoned.

gloom	A feeling of melancholy apprehension. <i>His gloom deepened.</i>
gloominess	A feeling of melancholy apprehension.
glumness	An atmosphere of depression and melancholy.
<u>grief</u>	Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death). <i>Time heals griefs and quarrels.</i>
grimness	The quality of being ghastly.
loneliness	A disposition toward being alone. <i>The loneliness of the farm.</i>
<u>melancholy</u>	A humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and melancholy. <i>He had an ability to convey a sense of deep melancholy and yearning through much of his work.</i>
<u>misery</u>	A state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune. <i>The misery and wretchedness of those slums is intolerable.</i>
mournfulness	The passionate and demonstrative activity of expressing grief.
nakedness	The state of being without clothing or covering of any kind. <i>The nakedness of the landscape.</i>
sadness	Emotions experienced when not in a state of well-being. <i>It is one of life's sadnesses.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>A bereaved person needs time to work through their sorrow.</i>
starkness	An extreme lack of furnishings or ornamentation. <i>The starkness of his contrast between justice and fairness was open to many objections.</i>
unhappiness	The feeling of not being happy; sadness. <i>I've seen too much unhappiness caused by broken marriages.</i>
woe	Intense mournfulness. <i>The Everton tale of woe continued.</i>



Usage Examples of "Desolation" as a noun

- *The stony desolation of the desert.*
- *In choked desolation, she watched him leave.*



Associations of "Desolation" (30 Words)

absolute

Perfect or complete or pure.

***Absolute** silence.*

arid

(of land or a climate) having little or no rain; too dry or barren to support vegetation.

*An **arid** climate.*

barren

A barren tract or tracts of land.

*The flat feels too tidy almost **barren**.*

beggarly

Marked by poverty befitting a beggar.

*A **beggarly** existence in the slums.*

bleak

(of a person's expression) cold and forbidding.

*Prospects were **bleak**.*

calamitous

Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.

*Such **calamitous** events as fires hurricanes and floods.*

depopulate	Substantially reduce the population of (an area). <i>The disease could depopulate a town the size of Bournemouth.</i>
desert	Desert a cause a country or an army often in order to join the opposing cause country or army. <i>The mother deserted her children.</i>
desiccate	Remove water from. <i>A prissy and emotionless creature settles into a mold of desiccated snobbery.</i>
destitute	Completely wanting or lacking. <i>Towns destitute of commerce.</i>
devastate	Cause extensive destruction or ruin utterly. <i>He was devastated by his grief when his son died.</i>
devoid	Completely wanting or lacking. <i>The sentence was devoid of meaning.</i>
expanse	A wide and open space or area as of surface or land or sky. <i>The green expanse of the forest.</i>
infertile	(of a person, animal, or plant) unable to reproduce itself; unable to have young. <i>Infertile couples are offered specialist advice.</i>
infertility	Inability to conceive children or young. <i>Chlamydia can cause infertility in women.</i>
perfectly	Used for emphasis, especially in order to assert something that has been challenged or doubted. <i>You re perfectly right.</i>
poor	Of a low or inferior standard or quality. <i>The food in the cafeteria was of poor quality.</i>
ravage	A destructive action. <i>The hurricane ravaged southern Florida.</i>
stark	Complete; sheer. <i>Stark poverty.</i>
sterile	Free of or using methods to keep free of pathological microorganisms. <i>A sterile needle and syringes.</i>
totally	Used to emphasize a clause or statement. <i>She s almost totally deaf.</i>
unadulterated	(especially of food or drink) having no inferior added substances; pure. <i>Unadulterated maple syrup.</i>

<u>unconditional</u>	Not conditional. <i>Unconditional surrender.</i>
unfruitful	Not fruitful; not conducive to abundant production. <i>The meeting was unfruitful.</i>
<u>unmitigated</u>	Not diminished or moderated in intensity or severity; sometimes used as an intensifier. <i>Unmitigated suffering.</i>
<u>unproductive</u>	Not producing or capable of producing. <i>The talks between labor and management were unproductive.</i>
<u>unsuccessful</u>	Not successful; having failed or having an unfavorable outcome. <i>An unsuccessful attempt to enter Parliament.</i>
<u>utter</u>	Express audibly utter sounds not necessarily words. <i>He uttered strange sounds that nobody could understand.</i>
<u>vested</u>	Fixed and absolute and without contingency. <i>A vested right.</i>
windswept	(of a place) exposed to strong winds. <i>The windswept moors.</i>

