

Need another word that means the same as “desperation”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “desperation” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Desperation” are: despair, hopelessness, distress, recklessness, rashness, impetuosity, foolhardiness, riskiness, audacity, boldness, wildness, imprudence, injudiciousness

Desperation as a Noun

Definitions of "Desperation" as a noun

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

- *A state of despair, typically one which results in rash or extreme behaviour.*
- *A state in which all hope is lost or absent.*
- *Desperate recklessness.*



Synonyms of "Desperation" as a noun (13 Words)

audacity	Rude or disrespectful behaviour; impudence. <i>She had the audacity to suggest I'd been carrying on with him.</i>
boldness	Confidence to an impudent or presumptuous degree. <i>A president who is showing incredible boldness in going after the cartels.</i>
despair	The feeling that everything is wrong and nothing will turn out well. <i>A voice full of self hatred and despair.</i>
distress	Extreme physical pain. <i>To his distress he saw that she was trembling.</i>
foolhardiness	The trait of giving little thought to danger.
hopelessness	The despair you feel when you have abandoned hope of comfort or success. <i>I was overcome by the hopelessness of the situation.</i>
impetuosity	Rash impulsiveness.
imprudence	A lack of caution in practical affairs.

injudiciousness	The trait of being injudicious.
rashness	The trait of giving little thought to danger.
recklessness	The trait of giving little thought to danger. <i>The recklessness of youth.</i>
riskiness	A state of danger involving risk.
wildness	Lack of discipline or restraint. <i>The wildness of his ideas.</i>



Usage Examples of "Desperation" as a noun

- *It was a policy of desperation.*
- *She wrote to him in desperation.*
- *Courage born of desperation.*



Associations of "Desperation" (30 Words)

angst

A feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general.

*The existential **angst** of the middle classes.*

despair

The complete loss or absence of hope.

*She **despaired** of finding a good restaurant nearby.*

desperate

Desperately determined.

*Made a last **desperate** attempt to reach the climber.*

desperately

With great urgency.

*He **desperately** needed a drink.*

despond

A state of unhappiness and low spirits.

*I thought it right not to let my young lady **despond**.*

despondency

Low spirits from loss of hope or courage; dejection.

*An air of **despondency**.*

disappoint	Fail to fulfil the hopes or expectations of. <i>I have no wish to disappoint everyone by postponing the visit.</i>
<u>disappointing</u>	Failing to fulfil someone's hopes or expectations. <i>It was disappointing that there were relatively few possibilities.</i>
<u>disappointment</u>	A person or thing that causes disappointment. <i>To her disappointment there was no chance to talk privately with Luke.</i>
<u>discouragement</u>	An attempt to prevent something by showing disapproval or creating difficulties; deterrent. <i>The discouragement of crime.</i>
<u>frustration</u>	An event or circumstance that causes one to feel frustrated. <i>Her constant complaints were the main source of his frustration.</i>
futility	Pointlessness or uselessness. <i>The horror and futility of war.</i>
gloom	A state of partial or total darkness. <i>Charles was always glooming about money.</i>
<u>grief</u>	An instance or cause of intense sorrow. <i>She was overcome with grief.</i>
heartache	Emotional anguish or grief, typically caused by the loss or absence of someone loved. <i>A good friend understands your heartaches as well as your joys.</i>
heaviness	An oppressive quality that is laborious and solemn and lacks grace or fluency. <i>Nothing lifted the heaviness of her heart after her loss.</i>
homesickness	A longing to return home. <i>I lived four years in London without a single pang of homesickness.</i>
hopeless	Feeling or causing despair. <i>He is a hopeless romantic.</i>
hopelessness	The despair you feel when you have abandoned hope of comfort or success. <i>His face bears the expression of utter hopelessness.</i>
lamentation	The passionate expression of grief or sorrow; weeping. <i>Scenes of lamentation.</i>
loneliness	Sadness resulting from being forsaken or abandoned. <i>The loneliness of the farm.</i>
<u>longing</u>	Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need. <i>Miranda felt a wistful longing for the old days.</i>

melancholy

Having a feeling of melancholy sad and pensive.

*At the centre of his music lies a profound **melancholy** and nostalgia.*

mourning

The passionate and demonstrative activity of expressing grief.

*She s still in **mourning** after the death of her husband.*

nostalgia

Something done or presented in order to evoke feelings of nostalgia.

*An evening of TV **nostalgia**.*

plead

Make an allegation in an action or other legal proceeding especially

answer the previous pleading of the other party by denying facts therein stated or by alleging new facts.

*He **pleaded** family commitments as a reason for not attending.*

sadness

The condition or quality of being sad.

*She tired of his perpetual **sadness**.*

slough

A stagnant swamp (especially as part of a bayou).

*The economic **slough** of the interwar years.*

sorrow

An event or circumstance that causes sorrow.

*A bereaved person needs time to work through their **sorrow**.*

unsatisfactory

Not satisfactory; not good enough.

*Her performance proved to be **unsatisfactory**.*

