

Need another word that means the same as “dim”? Find 94 synonyms and 30 related words for “dim” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Dim” are: subdued, dense, dull, dumb, obtuse, slow, faint, shadowy, vague, wispy, black, bleak, dimmed, weak, feeble, soft, pale, dingy, muted, flat, lustreless, indistinct, ill-defined, unclear, imperceptible, nebulous, obscured, blurred, blurry, fuzzy, bleary, dark, darkish, sombre, dismal, gloomy, dusky, murky, imprecise, imperfect, confused, sketchy, hazy, foggy, obscure, remote, unpromising, unfavourable, discouraging, disheartening, depressing, dispiriting, stupid, unintelligent, ignorant, brainless, mindless, foolish, slow-witted, witless, simple-minded, empty-headed, vacuous, vapid, half-witted, idiotic, moronic, imbecilic, imbecile, doltish, dip, blind, blur, slur, grow faint, grow feeble, grow dim, fade, grow dark, darken, blacken, cloud over, become overcast, grow leaden, lour, become gloomy, turn down, lower, become vague, become indistinct, become blurred, become shadowy, become confused**

## **Dim as a Verb**

### **Definitions of "Dim" as a verb**

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

- *Make or become less intense.*
- *Switch (a car's headlights) from a higher to a lower beam.*

- *Make dim by comparison or conceal.*
- *Become dim or lusterless.*
- *Make or become less able to see clearly.*
- *Lower the beam of (a vehicle's headlights) to avoid dazzling oncoming drivers.*
- *Become vague or indistinct.*
- *Make or become less bright or distinct.*
- *Make dim or lusterless.*



### **Synonyms of "Dim" as a verb (24 Words)**

- become blurred** Enhance the appearance of.
- become confused** Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
- become gloomy** Undergo a change or development.
- become indistinct** Enhance the appearance of.
- become overcast** Undergo a change or development.
- become shadowy** Enhance the appearance of.

<b>become vague</b>	Undergo a change or development.
<b>blacken</b>	Burn slightly and superficially so as to affect color. <i>Stone <b>blackened</b> by the soot of ages.</i>
<b>blind</b>	Make blind by putting the eyes out. <i>I could see the bombs <b>blinding</b> along above the roof tops.</i>
<b>blur</b>	Make unclear indistinct or blurred. <i>In front of him the page <b>blurred</b>.</i>
<b>cloud over</b>	Make less visible or unclear.
<b>darken</b>	Make or become dark or darker. <i>His mood <b>darkened</b>.</i>
<b>dip</b>	Dip into a liquid while eating. <i>I had to <b>dip</b> into my savings to buy him this present.</i>
<b>dull</b>	Make or become dull or less intense. <i>Time <b>dulls</b> the memory.</i>
<b>fade</b>	Become feeble. <i>The scene begins to <b>fade</b>.</i>
<b>grow dark</b>	Become attached by or as if by the process of growth.
<b>grow dim</b>	Come into existence; take on form or shape.
<b>grow faint</b>	Become larger, greater, or bigger; expand or gain.
<b>grow feeble</b>	Come into existence; take on form or shape.
<b>grow leaden</b>	Cultivate by growing, often involving improvements by means of agricultural techniques.
<b>lower</b>	Make lower or quieter.
<b>lower</b>	Move something or somebody to a lower position. <i><b>Lower</b> a rating.</i>
<b>slur</b>	Mark notes with a slur. <i>The pianist <b>slurred</b> the most beautiful passage in the sonata.</i>
<b>turn down</b>	Change to the contrary.



## Usage Examples of "Dim" as a verb

- *A smoky inferno that dimmed the sun.*
- *Time had dimmed the silver.*
- *His eyes dimmed.*
- *The difficulty in sleeping couldn't dim her happiness.*
- *The lights dimmed and the curtains parted.*
- *The lights dimmed and the curtain rose.*
- *The car moved slowly, its headlights dimmed.*





## Dim as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Dim" as an adjective

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

- *Lacking in light; not bright or harsh.*
- *Slow to learn or understand; lacking intellectual acuity- Thackeray.*
- *(of a situation) not giving cause for hope or optimism.*
- *(of a sound) indistinct or muffled.*
- *(of a light, colour, or illuminated object) not shining brightly or clearly.*
- *(of a room or other space) made difficult to see in by darkness.*
- *Offering little or no hope.*
- *Offering little or no hope- J.M.Syngé.*
- *Slow to learn or understand; lacking intellectual acuity.*
- *Not clearly recalled or formulated in the mind.*
- *Lacking clarity or distinctness.*
- *(of the eyes) unable to see clearly.*

- (of an object or shape) made difficult to see by darkness, shade, or distance.
- Made dim or less bright.
- Stupid or slow to understand.



## Synonyms of "Dim" as an adjective (70 Words)

<b>black</b>	Of a ski run of the highest level of difficulty as indicated by black markers positioned along it. <i>Jean had disappeared and Mary was in a <b>black</b> mood.</i>
<b>bleak</b>	Offering little or no hope- J.M.Synge. <i><b>Bleak</b> winds of the North Atlantic.</i>
<b>bleary</b>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>Boris opened a <b>bleary</b> eye.</i>
<b>blurred</b>	Unclear in form or expression. <i>The <b>blurred</b> distinctions between childhood and adulthood.</i>

<b>blurry</b>	Perceived or remembered indistinctly. <i>Vision may be hazy or <b>blurry</b> for a few days after surgery.</i>
<b>brainless</b>	Stupid; very foolish. <i>A <b>brainless</b> bimbo.</i>
<b>confused</b>	Mentally confused unable to think with clarity or act intelligently. <i>Reports about the incident were rather <b>confused</b>.</i>
<b>dark</b>	Of a person having dark skin hair or eyes. <i><b>Dark</b> as the inside of a black cat.</i>
<b>darkish</b>	Marked by difficulty of style or expression. <i><b>Darkish</b> red.</i>
<b>dense</b>	Hard to pass through because of dense growth. <i>She made her way through the <b>dense</b> undergrowth.</i>
<b>depressing</b>	Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy. <i>The mortgage rate increase will have a <b>depressing</b> effect on the housing market.</i>
<b>dimmed</b>	Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i>The <b>dimmed</b> houselights brought a hush of anticipation.</i>
<b>dingy</b>	Causing dejection. <i>A <b>dingy</b> room.</i>
<b>discouraging</b>	Expressing disapproval. <i>Where never is heard a <b>discouraging</b> word.</i>
<b>disheartening</b>	Destructive of morale and self-reliance. <i>Her death is particularly <b>disheartening</b> because it was preventable.</i>
<b>dismal</b>	Pitifully or disgracefully bad. <i>The <b>dismal</b> weather made the late afternoon seem like evening.</i>
<b>dispiriting</b>	Causing someone to lose enthusiasm and hope; disheartening. <i>It was a <b>dispiriting</b> occasion.</i>
<b>doltish</b>	Heavy and dull and stupid. <i>A <b>doltish</b> character.</i>
<b>dull</b>	Lacking brightness, vividness, or sheen. <i>There was a <b>dull</b> pain in his lower jaw.</i>
<b>dumb</b>	Slow to learn or understand; lacking intellectual acuity- Thackeray. <i>A <b>dumb</b> question.</i>
<b>dusky</b>	Used in names of animals with dark coloration e g dusky dolphin dusky warbler. <i>The <b>dusky</b> night rides down the sky And ushers in the morn.</i>
<b>empty-headed</b>	Lacking seriousness; given to frivolity.

<b>faint</b>	(of a sight, smell, or sound) barely perceptible. <i>Faint</i> resistance.
<b>feeble</b>	Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality. A <i>feeble</i> excuse.
<b>flat</b>	Flattened laterally along the whole length e.g. certain leafstalks or flatfishes. <i>Flat</i> wall paint.
<b>foggy</b>	Unable to think clearly; confused. A dark and <i>foggy</i> night.
<b>foolish</b>	Having or revealing stupidity. He was <i>foolish</i> enough to confide in her.
<b>fuzzy</b>	(of a person or the mind) unable to think clearly; confused. That <i>fuzzy</i> line between right and wrong.
<b>gloomy</b>	Depressingly dark. A dark <i>gloomy</i> day.
<b>half-witted</b>	Retarded in intellectual development.
<b>hazy</b>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. School leavers were often <i>hazy</i> about employment.
<b>idiotic</b>	Having a mental age of three to seven years. I was able to hum its <i>idiotic</i> theme tune.
<b>ignorant</b>	Angry or quick-tempered. He was completely <i>ignorant</i> of the circumstances.
<b>ill-defined</b>	Poorly stated or described.
<b>imbecile</b>	Having a mental age of three to seven years. Try not to make <i>imbecile</i> remarks.
<b>imbecilic</b>	Having a mental age of three to seven years.
<b>imperceptible</b>	Impossible or difficult to perceive by the mind or senses. An <i>imperceptible</i> drop in temperature.
<b>imperfect</b>	(of a tense) denoting a past action in progress but not completed at the time in question. Drainage here is <i>imperfect</i> .
<b>imprecise</b>	Lacking exactness and accuracy of expression or detail. The witness could give only vague and <i>imprecise</i> descriptions.
<b>indistinct</b>	Not clear or sharply defined. <i>Indistinct</i> shapes in the gloom.
<b>lustreless</b>	Not bright or shiny; dull. Her uncombed <i>lustreless</i> black hair.



<b><u>mindless</u></b>	Not marked by the use of reason. <i><b>Mindless</b> violence.</i>
<b>moronic</b>	Having a mental age of between eight and twelve years. <i>Television s latest <b>moronic</b> soap opera.</i>
<b><u>murky</u></b>	Obscure or morally questionable. <i><b>Murky</b> rooms lit by smoke blackened lamps.</i>
<b>muted</b>	Being or made softer or less loud or clear. <i><b>Muted</b> anger.</i>
<b>nebulous</b>	Lacking definition or definite content. <i><b>Nebulous</b> reasons.</i>
<b><u>obscure</u></b>	Not clearly understood or expressed-Anatole Broyard- P.A.So. <i>An <b>obscure</b> village.</i>
<b>obscured</b>	Not drawing attention.
<b>obtuse</b>	Difficult to understand, especially deliberately so. <i>It had strange <b>obtuse</b> teeth.</i>
<b><u>pale</u></b>	Very light colored; highly diluted with white. <i>The <b>pale</b> or wan stars.</i>
<b><u>remote</u></b>	Denoting a device which can only be accessed by means of a network. <i>A <b>remote</b> contingency.</i>
<b>shadowy</b>	Of uncertain identity or nature. <i>Strange fancies of unreal and <b>shadowy</b> worlds.</i>
<b>simple-minded</b>	Lacking mental capacity and subtlety.
<b><u>sketchy</u></b>	Not thorough or detailed. <i>A <b>sketchy</b> neighbourhood.</i>
<b>slow</b>	Of a sports field or ground likely to make the ball bounce or run slowly or to prevent competitors from travelling fast. <i>He was <b>slow</b> in reacting to the news.</i>
<b>slow-witted</b>	Retarded in intellectual development.
<b>soft</b>	Used chiefly as a direction or description in music soft in a quiet subdued tone. <i>Her hair felt very <b>soft</b>.</i>
<b>sombre</b>	Having or conveying a feeling of deep seriousness and sadness. <i>He looked at her with a <b>sombre</b> expression.</i>
<b>subdued</b>	In a softened tone. <i>I felt strangely <b>subdued</b> as I drove home.</i>
<b><u>unclear</u></b>	Not clear to the mind. <i>Users are still <b>unclear</b> about what middleware does.</i>

<b>unfavourable</b>	Expressing or showing a lack of approval or support. <i>Single mothers are often the target of <b>unfavourable</b> press attention.</i>
<b><u>unintelligent</u></b>	Having or showing a low level of intelligence. <i>A dull job with lazy and <b>unintelligent</b> co workers.</i>
<b>unpromising</b>	Unlikely to bring about favorable results or enjoyment. <i>Music for <b>unpromising</b> combinations of instruments.</i>
<b>vacuous</b>	Devoid of intelligence. <i><b>Vacuous</b> comments.</i>
<b><u>vague</u></b>	Thinking or communicating in an unfocused or imprecise way. <i><b>Vague</b> feelings of sadness.</i>
<b><u>vapid</u></b>	Lacking taste or flavor or tang. <i>A bunch of <b>vapid</b> schoolgirls.</i>
<b><u>weak</u></b>	Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin. <i>A <b>weak</b> president.</i>
<b>wispy</b>	(of hair, threads, smoke, etc.) fine; feathery. <i>A few <b>wispy</b> memories of childhood.</i>
<b>witless</b>	Lacking sense or understanding or judgment. <i>He was scared <b>witless</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Dim" as an adjective

- *Took a dim view of things.*
- *The dimmed houselights brought a hush of anticipation.*
- *Long dim corridors.*
- *Dimmed headlights.*
- *Dim memories.*
- *His eyes became dim.*
- *We like dimmed lights when we have dinner.*
- *The matter was in the dim and distant past.*
- *You're just incredibly dim.*
- *Never met anyone quite so dim.*
- *A dim figure in the distance.*
- *A dim figure in the dark kitchen.*
- *A dim light beside the bed.*
- *Their prospects for the future looked fairly dim.*

- *The dim drone of their voices.*
- *The dim glow of the fire.*



## Associations of "Dim" (30 Words)

<b><u>blur</u></b>	Make unclear indistinct or blurred. <i>The day before was a <b>blur</b>.</i>
<b>blurred</b>	Unclear in form or expression- H.G.Wells. <i>A landscape of <b>blurred</b> outlines.</i>
<b><u>blurry</u></b>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>Video projectors provided extremely <b>blurry</b> images.</i>
<b><u>cave</u></b>	Hollow out as if making a cave or opening. <i>They say they <b>cave</b> for the adventure challenge and physical exercise.</i>
<b><u>cloudy</u></b>	Uncertain; unclear. <i>A very grey <b>cloudy</b> day.</i>



<b>dark</b>	Used of color having a dark hue. <i>Dark eyes.</i>
<b>darkling</b>	Growing dark or characterized by darkness. <i>The <b>darkling</b> sky.</i>
<b>darkness</b>	An unenlightened state. <i>He moved off into the <b>darkness</b>.</i>
<b>dusky</b>	Used in names of animals with dark coloration e g dusky dolphin dusky warbler. <i>A <b>dusky</b> complexion.</i>
<b><u>fade</u></b>	Gradually ceasing to be visible. <i>The ball <b>faded</b> toward an area left of the green.</i>
<b><u>faint</u></b>	Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i><b>Faint</b> heart ne er won fair lady.</i>
<b><u>hazy</u></b>	Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>It was a beautiful day but quite <b>hazy</b>.</i>
<b><u>inconspicuous</u></b>	Not clearly visible or attracting attention. <i>He pushed the string through an <b>inconspicuous</b> hole.</i>
<b>indistinct</b>	Not clearly defined or easy to perceive or understand. <i><b>Indistinct</b> shapes in the gloom.</i>
<b>murkiness</b>	An atmosphere in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of some substance.
<b><u>obfuscate</u></b>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>The spelling changes will deform some familiar words and <b>obfuscate</b> their etymological origins.</i>
<b><u>obscure</u></b>	Make obscure or unclear. <i>An impulse to go off and fight certain <b>obscure</b> battles of his own spirit.</i>
<b><u>overshadow</u></b>	Cast a shadow upon. <i>He was always <b>overshadowed</b> by his brilliant elder brother.</i>
<b><u>puzzling</u></b>	Not clear to the understanding. <i>Only one very <b>puzzling</b> question remains unanswered.</i>
<b><u>shadow</u></b>	Cast a shadow over. <i>The poor child was his mother s <b>shadow</b>.</i>
<b>shadowy</b>	Lacking in substance- W.A.Butler. <i>A long <b>shadowy</b> cobbled passage.</i>
<b><u>shady</u></b>	Unscrupulous. <i>They sprawled under a <b>shady</b> carob tree.</i>

<b><u>subtlety</u></b>	The quality or state of being subtle. <i>The textural <b>subtlety</b> of Degas.</i>
<b>swarthy</b>	Naturally having skin of a dark color. <i><b>Swarthy</b> men with gleaming teeth.</i>
<b>tenebrous</b>	Dark and gloomy. <i>A <b>tenebrous</b> cave.</i>
<b>turbid</b>	Clouded as with sediment. <i>A <b>turbid</b> piece of cinema.</i>
<b><u>unclear</u></b>	Not obvious or definite; ambiguous. <i>Their future remains <b>unclear</b>.</i>
<b>unintelligible</b>	Hard or impossible to understand. <i>Dolphin sounds are <b>unintelligible</b> to humans.</i>
<b><u>vague</u></b>	Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i>Their descriptions of human behavior become <b>vague</b> dull and unclear.</i>
<b>wispy</b>	Lacking clarity or distinctness. <i>The sky was blue with a few <b>wispy</b> clouds.</i>

