

Need another word that means the same as “disappointing”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “disappointing” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Disappointing” are: dissatisfactory, unsatisfying, disheartening, dispiriting, discouraging, upsetting, dismaying, depressing, distressing, unsatisfactory, inadequate, insufficient, unworthy, substandard, not good enough

Disappointing as an Adjective

Definitions of "Disappointing" as an adjective

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

- *Failing to fulfil someone's hopes or expectations.*
- *Not up to expectations.*



Synonyms of "Disappointing" as an adjective (15 Words)

depressing

Causing or resulting in a feeling of miserable dejection.

*The economic outlook is **depressing**.*

discouraging

Depriving of confidence or hope or enthusiasm and hence often deterring action.

*Where never is heard a **discouraging** word.*

<u>disheartening</u>	Causing someone to lose determination or confidence; discouraging or dispiriting. <i>Her death is particularly disheartening because it was preventable.</i>
dismaying	Causing concern and distress. <i>The list of complaints was dismaying.</i>
dispiriting	Causing someone to lose enthusiasm and hope; disheartening. <i>It was a dispiriting occasion.</i>
dissatisfactory	Not up to expectations.
distressing	Causing anxiety, sorrow or pain; upsetting. <i>Some very distressing news.</i>
<u>inadequate</u>	Of insufficient quantity to meet a need. <i>Inadequate training.</i>
<u>insufficient</u>	Not enough; inadequate. <i>Insufficient funds.</i>
not good enough	Exerting force or influence.
substandard	Below the usual or required standard. <i>Substandard spellings.</i>
<u>unsatisfactory</u>	Not satisfactory; not good enough. <i>Her performance proved to be unsatisfactory.</i>
<u>unsatisfying</u>	Not satisfying. <i>An unsatisfying relationship.</i>
<u>unworthy</u>	Having little merit. <i>Such a suggestion is unworthy of the Honourable Gentleman.</i>
upsetting	Causing an emotional disturbance. <i>An upsetting experience.</i>



Usage Examples of "Disappointing" as an adjective

- *It was disappointing that there were relatively few possibilities.*
- *The team made a disappointing start.*
- *A disappointing performance from one who had seemed so promising.*



Associations of "Disappointing" (30 Words)

bitterly	With bitterness, in a resentful manner. <i>Passengers complained bitterly about grand promises made by the company.</i>
cry	Utter a sudden loud cry. <i>A cry of rage.</i>
deplore	Express strong disapproval of. <i>We deplore all violence.</i>
despair	A state in which all hope is lost or absent. <i>She despaired of finding a good restaurant nearby.</i>
<u>desperation</u>	A state in which all hope is lost or absent. <i>Courage born of desperation.</i>

despond	Become dejected and lose confidence. <i>The supporters of the Presidential candidate desponded when they learned the early results of the election.</i>
despondent	In low spirits from loss of hope or courage. <i>She grew more and more despondent.</i>
dirge	A song or piece of music that is considered too slow, miserable, or boring. <i>Singers chanted dirges.</i>
disappoint	Fail to meet the hopes or expectations of. <i>I have no wish to disappoint everyone by postponing the visit.</i>
doleful	Filled with or evoking sadness. <i>The child s doleful expression.</i>
elegiac	Verses in an elegiac metre. <i>Haunting and elegiac poems.</i>
elegy	(in modern literature) a poem of serious reflection, typically a lament for the dead.
<u>expect</u>	Consider obligatory request and expect. <i>They were not expecting him to continue.</i>
<u>frustrated</u>	Feeling or expressing distress and annoyance resulting from an inability to change or achieve something. <i>Young people get frustrated with the system.</i>
<u>frustrating</u>	Causing annoyance or upset because of an inability to change or achieve something. <i>It can be very frustrating to find that the size you want isn t there.</i>
heartsick	Full of sorrow. <i>Too heartsick to fight back.</i>
lamentation	The passionate expression of grief or sorrow; weeping. <i>Scenes of lamentation.</i>
loss	The amount by which the cost of a business exceeds its revenue. <i>Loss making industries.</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>She felt a little melancholy.</i>
<u>mourn</u>	Observe the customs of mourning after the death of a loved one. <i>Publishers mourned declining sales of hardback fiction.</i>
mournful	Filled with or evoking sadness. <i>Mournful news.</i>

mourning	Black clothes worn as an expression of sorrow when someone dies. <i>If he dies she ll put on mourning but she won t cry.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad. <i>The show is tongue in cheek anyone who takes it seriously is a bit sad.</i>
sadness	The condition or quality of being sad. <i>A source of great sadness.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>He drank to drown his sorrows.</i>
<u>sorrowful</u>	Causing grief. <i>Sorrowful widows.</i>
threnody	A song or hymn of mourning composed or performed as a memorial to a dead person. <i>A brooding threnody to urban desolation.</i>
unhappy	Not happy. <i>The unhappy truth.</i>
<u>unsatisfactory</u>	Not satisfactory; not good enough. <i>Our discussion was very unsatisfactory.</i>
wail	Utter a wail. <i>The wind wailed and buffeted the timber structure.</i>

