

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.*

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

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

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

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



