

Need another word that means the same as “downside”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “downside” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Downside” are: **snag, drawback, disadvantage, stumbling block, catch, pitfall, fly in the ointment**

Downside as a Noun

Definitions of "Downside" as a noun

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

- *A negative aspect of something that is generally positive.*
- *The negative aspect of something otherwise regarded as good or desirable.*

Synonyms of "Downside" as a noun (7 Words)

catch	A chance or act of catching the ball to dismiss a batsman. <i>The window catch was rusty.</i>
disadvantage	An unfavourable circumstance or condition that reduces the chances of success or effectiveness. <i>A major disadvantage is the limited nature of the data.</i>
<u>drawback</u>	A feature that renders something less acceptable; a disadvantage or problem. <i>The main drawback of fitting catalytic converters is the cost.</i>
fly in the ointment	An opening in a garment that is closed by a zipper or by buttons concealed under a fold of cloth.

pitfall

An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty.

The **pitfalls** of buying goods at public auctions.

snag

A rent or tear in fabric caused by a snag.

There s one small **snag**.

stumbling block

An unsteady uneven gait.

Usage Examples of "Downside" as a noun

- *There is a downside even to motherhood.*
- *He says being a rock star is a fun line of work when you're young, but admits fame can have its downsides.*
- *A magazine feature on the downside of fashion modelling.*

Associations of "Downside" (30 Words)

backwards

Towards or into a worse state.

The songs look **backwards** to long ago battles.

blemish

Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective.

The girl s hands were without a **blemish**.

con

Persuade (someone) to do or believe something by lying to them.

The Charter is a glossy public relations **con**.

damage

Suffer or be susceptible to damage.

She was awarded 284 000 in **damages**.

damaging

(sometimes followed by `to') causing harm or injury.

New cars are less **damaging** to the environment.

deface

Mar or spoil the appearance of.

He **defaced** library books.

defect

A shortcoming, imperfection, or lack.

Visual **defects**.

deficiency

The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.

Water is the critical **deficiency** in desert regions.

demerit

A fault or disadvantage.

The merits and **demerits** of these proposals.

disadvantage

Put at a disadvantage hinder harm.

The pension scheme tends to **disadvantage** women.

disfigure

Spoil the appearance of.

Litter **disfigures** the countryside.

<u>drawback</u>	A feature that renders something less acceptable; a disadvantage or problem. <i>He pointed out all the drawbacks to my plan.</i>
<u>error</u>	Part of a statement that is not correct. <i>She was quick to point out my errors.</i>
<u>failing</u>	Below acceptable in performance. <i>Pride is a terrible failing.</i>
<u>fault</u>	Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>He studied the faulting of the earth's crust.</i>
<u>flaw</u>	Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective. <i>There were fundamental flaws in the case for reforming local government.</i>
<u>flawed</u>	(of a person) having a weakness in character. <i>A flawed hero.</i>
<u>harm</u>	Cause or do harm to. <i>It's unlikely to do much harm to the engine.</i>
<u>inadequacy</u>	A lack of competence. <i>Juvenile offenses often reflect an inadequacy in the parents.</i>
<u>injury</u>	The fact of being injured; harm or damage. <i>All escaped without serious injury.</i>
<u>insufficiency</u>	The condition of being insufficient. <i>Insufficiency of adequate housing.</i>
<u>misconceive</u>	Fail to understand (something) correctly. <i>Some academic latinists did misconceive Pound's poem in that way.</i>
<u>misunderstanding</u>	Putting the wrong interpretation on. <i>He left the army after a slight misunderstanding with his commanding officer.</i>
<u>neurotoxin</u>	Any toxin that affects neural tissues.
<u>nitpick</u>	Engage in fussy or pedantic fault-finding. <i>The state is nitpicking about minor administrative matters.</i>
<u>problem</u>	Denoting or relating to people whose behaviour causes difficulties to themselves and others. <i>She and her husband are having problems.</i>
<u>shortcoming</u>	A fault or failure to meet a certain standard, typically in a person's character, a plan, or a system. <i>He is so forthright about his shortcomings it's hard to chastise him.</i>

sideways	Directed or moving to, towards, or from the side. <i>He rambled through a number of subjects before making a sideways approach to what he really wanted.</i>
unforced	Not produced by effort; natural. <i>His retirement was an unforced departure.</i>
upside	An upward movement of share prices. <i>Upside potential.</i>