

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)

<b>catch</b>	A chance or act of catching the ball to dismiss a batsman. <i>The window <b>catch</b> was rusty.</i>
<b>disadvantage</b>	An unfavourable circumstance or condition that reduces the chances of success or effectiveness. <i>A major <b>disadvantage</b> is the limited nature of the data.</i>
<a href="#"><u>drawback</u></a>	A feature that renders something less acceptable; a disadvantage or problem. <i>The main <b>drawback</b> of fitting catalytic converters is the cost.</i>
<b>fly in the ointment</b>	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.

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

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