

Need another word that means the same as “dysfunctional”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “dysfunctional” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Dysfunctional” are: nonadaptive, troubled, distressed, unsettled, upset, distraught

Dysfunctional as an Adjective

Definitions of "Dysfunctional" as an adjective

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

- *Failing to serve an adjustive purpose.*
- *Not operating normally or properly.*
- *Unable to deal adequately with normal social relations.*
- *(of a trait or condition) failing to serve an adjustive purpose.*
- *Impaired in function; especially of a bodily system or organ.*



Synonyms of "Dysfunctional" as an adjective (6 Words)

- [distraught](#) Very worried and upset.
***Distraught** parents looking for a runaway teenager.*
- distressed** Afflicted with or marked by anxious uneasiness or trouble or grief.
*Women in **distressed** circumstances.*
- nonadaptive** Failing to serve an adjustive purpose.
- [troubled](#) Characterized by or indicative of distress or affliction or danger or need.
*These **troubled** areas.*
- unsettled** Not settled or established.
*An **unsettled** childhood.*

upset

Thrown into a state of disarray or confusion.
*The Bills **upset** victory over the Houston Oilers.*



Usage Examples of "Dysfunctional" as an adjective

- Dysfunctional behavior.
- An emotionally dysfunctional businessman.
- The telephones are dysfunctional.
- Dysfunctional families.



Associations of "Dysfunctional" (30 Words)

accident	An incidence of incontinence by a child or animal. <i>He had a little accident but I washed his shorts out.</i>
afflicted	Grievously affected especially by disease.
anarchy	A state of lawlessness and disorder (usually resulting from a failure of government). <i>He must ensure public order in a country threatened with anarchy.</i>
casualty	A decrease of military personnel or equipment. <i>The Insurers acquire all the Policyholder s rights in respect of the casualty which caused the loss.</i>
chaotic	Completely unordered and unpredictable and confusing. <i>The political situation was chaotic.</i>
damaged	Harmed or injured or spoiled. <i>I won t buy damaged goods.</i>
deform	Become distorted or misshapen undergo deformation. <i>The sidewalk deformed during the earthquake.</i>
diminished	Of an organ or body part diminished in size or strength as a result of disease or injury or lack of use. <i>A diminished role for local government.</i>
disorderly	Lacking organization; untidy. <i>Disorderly conduct.</i>
disorganized	Unable to plan one's activities efficiently. <i>A thousand pages of muddy and disorganized prose.</i>
eddy	A circular movement of water causing a small whirlpool. <i>An eddy of chill air swirled into the carriage.</i>
eviscerate	Having been disembowelled. <i>Eviscerate the stomach.</i>
impaired	Mentally or physically unfit. <i>Sight impaired children.</i>
injured	Harmed. <i>A road accident left him severely injured.</i>
irreversibly	In an irreversible manner. <i>Our landscape will be irreversibly damaged.</i>
lacerate	Cut or tear irregularly. <i>The point had lacerated his neck.</i>

machine	Turn shape mold or otherwise finish by machinery. <i>The party's fund raising is helping it to build a formidable political machine.</i>
maelstrom	A powerful whirlpool in the sea or a river. <i>The train station was a maelstrom of crowds.</i>
<u>painfully</u>	Unpleasantly. <i>Progress was painfully slow.</i>
purl	Knit with a purl stitch. <i>The water was purling.</i>
rehabilitate	Help to readapt, as to a former state of health or good repute. <i>Deng Xiao Ping was rehabilitated several times throughout his lifetime.</i>
roil	Be agitated. <i>The sea roiled below her.</i>
<u>scarred</u>	Blemished by injury or rough wear. <i>A face scarred by anxiety.</i>
<u>swirl</u>	Turn in a twisting or spinning motion. <i>The smoke was swirling around him.</i>
<u>tornado</u>	A localized and violently destructive windstorm occurring over land characterized by a funnel-shaped cloud extending toward the ground. <i>Teenagers caught up in a tornado of sexual confusion.</i>
transformed	Given a completely different form or appearance. <i>Shocked to see the transformed landscape.</i>
tumultuous	Excited, confused, or disorderly. <i>A tumultuous crowd.</i>
vortex	The shape of something rotating rapidly. <i>A swirling vortex of emotions.</i>
whirlpool	Flow in a circular current, of liquids. <i>He was drawing her down into an emotional whirlpool.</i>
<u>wounded</u>	People who are wounded. <i>A wounded soldier.</i>