

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.*

**distraught**

**Distraught** parents looking for a runaway teenager.

**distressed**

## nonadaptive

Failing to serve an adjustive purpose.

troubled

**unsettled**

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**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)

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

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