

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.
- $\bullet \ An \ emotionally \ dysfunctional \ business man.$
- The telephones are dysfunctional.
- Dysfunctional families.







# Associations of "Dysfunctional" (30 Words)

An incidence of incontinence by a child or animal.

He had a little **accident** but I washed his shorts out.

**afflicted** Grievously affected especially by disease.

A state of lawlessness and disorder (usually resulting from a failure of

**anarchy** government.

He must ensure public order in a country threatened with **anarchy**.

A decrease of military personnel or equipment.

**casualty** The Insurers acquire all the Policyholder's rights in respect of the **casualty** 

which caused the loss.

**chaotic** Completely unordered and unpredictable and confusing.

The political situation was **chaotic**.

damaged Harmed or injured or spoiled.

I won t buy **damaged** goods.

deform Become distorted or misshapen undergo deformation.

The sidewalk **deform**ed during the earthquake.

Of an organ or body part diminished in size or strength as a result of disease

**diminished** or injury or lack of use.

A **diminished** role for local government.

Lacking organization; untidy.

disorderly Disorderly conduct.

. Unable to plan one's activities efficiently.

disorganized A thousand pages of muddy and disorganized prose.

eddy A circular movement of water causing a small whirlpool.

An **eddy** of chill air swirled into the carriage.

eviscerate Having been disembowelled.

**Eviscerate** the stomach.

impaired Mentally or physically unfit.

Sight **impaired** children.

injured Harmed.

A road accident left him severely **injured**.

irreversibly In an irreversible manner.

Our landscape will be **irreversibly** damaged.

lacerate Cut or tear irregularly.

The point had **lacerate**d his neck.



Turn shape mold or otherwise finish by machinery.

machine The party s fund raising is helping it to build a formidable political

machine.

A powerful whirlpool in the sea or a river. maelstrom

The train station was a **maelstrom** of crowds.

Unpleasantly. **painfully** 

Progress was **painfully** slow.

Knit with a purl stitch. purl The water was **purl**ing.

Help to readapt, as to a former state of health or good repute. rehabilitate

Deng Xiao Ping was **rehabilitate**d several times throughout his lifetime.

Be agitated. roil

tornado

The sea **roil**ed below her.

Blemished by injury or rough wear. scarred

A face **scarred** by anxiety.

Turn in a twisting or spinning motion. **swirl** 

The smoke was **swirl**ing around him.

A localized and violently destructive windstorm occurring over land characterized by a funnel-shaped cloud extending toward the ground.

Teenagers caught up in a **tornado** of sexual confusion.

Given a completely different form or appearance. transformed

Shocked to see the **transformed** landscape.

Excited, confused, or disorderly. tumultuous

A tumultuous crowd.

The shape of something rotating rapidly. vortex

A swirling **vortex** of emotions.

Flow in a circular current, of liquids. whirlpool

He was drawing her down into an emotional **whirlpool**.

People who are wounded. wounded

A wounded soldier.