

Need another word that means the same as “forlorn”? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for “forlorn” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Forlorn” are: unhappy, sad, miserable, sorrowful, dejected, despondent, disconsolate, wretched, abject, morose, regretful, heartbroken, down, downcast, dispirited, downhearted, crestfallen, depressed, melancholy, blue, gloomy, glum, mournful, despairing, doleful, weebegone, woeful, tearful, long-faced, joyless, cheerless, out of sorts, desolate, deserted, abandoned, forsaken, forgotten, neglected, hopeless, with no chance of success

Forlorn as an Adjective

Definitions of "Forlorn" as an adjective

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

- *(of an aim or endeavour) unlikely to succeed or be fulfilled.*
- *Marked by or showing hopelessness.*
- *Pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely.*



Synonyms of "Forlorn" as an adjective (40 Words)

abandoned	Free from constraint- Liam O'Flaherty. <i>An abandoned car.</i>
<u>abject</u>	Of the most contemptible kind. <i>The most abject slaves joined in the revolt.</i>
blue	Used to signify the Union forces in the American Civil War who wore blue uniforms. <i>A blue jay.</i>
cheerless	Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy. <i>Something cheerless about the room.</i>
crestfallen	Brought low in spirit. <i>He came back empty handed and crestfallen.</i>
dejected	Affected or marked by low spirits. <i>Is dejected but trying to look cheerful.</i>
depressed	(of an object or part of an object) in a lower position, having been pushed down. <i>Depressed inner city areas.</i>
<u>deserted</u>	Forsaken by owner or inhabitants. <i>Deserted beaches of soft sand.</i>

desolate	Crushed by grief. <i>A low desolate wail.</i>
despairing	Showing the loss of all hope. <i>He gave a despairing little shrug.</i>
despondent	In low spirits from loss of hope or courage. <i>Despondent about his failure.</i>
disconsolate	Causing dejection. <i>She left Fritz looking disconsolate.</i>
dispirited	Marked by low spirits; showing no enthusiasm. <i>A dispirited and resigned expression on her face.</i>
doleful	Causing grief or misfortune. <i>The child s doleful expression.</i>
<u>down</u>	Denoting a flavour variety of stable quark having relatively low mass and an electric charge of $1/3$ In the Standard Model protons and neutrons are composed of up and down quarks. <i>Click on the down arrow.</i>
downcast	Directed downward. <i>You mustn't be downcast.</i>
downhearted	Discouraged; in low spirits. <i>Fans must not be downhearted even though we lost.</i>
forgotten	Not noticed inadvertently. <i>He was scolded for his forgotten chores.</i>
forsaken	Abandoned or deserted. <i>A journey into forgotten and forsaken places.</i>
<u>gloomy</u>	Dark or poorly lit, especially so as to appear depressing or frightening. <i>Gloomy predictions.</i>
<u>glum</u>	Showing a brooding ill humor. <i>A glum hopeless shrug.</i>
<u>heartbroken</u>	Full of sorrow. <i>He was heartbroken at the thought of leaving the house.</i>
hopeless	Very bad or incompetent. <i>I m hopeless at mathematics.</i>
joyless	Not experiencing or inspiring joy. <i>A joyless man.</i>
long-faced	Having a face longer than the usual.

melancholy

Having a feeling of melancholy sad and pensive.

*She felt a little **melancholy**.*

miserable

Contemptible (used as a term of abuse or for emphasis).

*You **miserable** skunk.*

morose

Showing a brooding ill humor.

*She was **morose** and silent when she got home.*

mournful

Filled with or evoking sadness.

*Her large **mournful** eyes.*

neglected

Lacking a caretaker.

*Shaw s **neglected** one act comedy A Village Wooing.*

out of sorts

Directed outward or serving to direct something outward.

regretful

Feeling or expressing regret or sorrow or a sense of loss over something done or undone.

*Felt **regretful** over his vanished youth.*

sad

Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti.

*They looked at her with **sad** anxious faces.*

sorrowful

Feeling or showing grief.

*A **sorrowful** tale of death and despair.*

tearful

Causing tears; sad or emotional.

***Tearful** eyes.*

unhappy

Unfortunate.

*The **unhappy** or sad news.*

with no chance of success

Quantifier; used with either mass nouns or plural count nouns for indicating a complete or almost complete lack or zero quantity of.

woebegone

Affected by or full of grief or woe- George du Maurier.

*His sorrow made him look haggard and **woebegone**.*

woeful

Very bad; deplorable.

*The remark was enough to establish his **woeful** ignorance about the theatre.*

wretched

Characterized by physical misery.

*Spent a **wretched** night on the floor.*



Usage Examples of "Forlorn" as an adjective

- *A forlorn cause.*
- *A forlorn attempt to escape.*
- *Forlorn figures at bus stops.*
- *The last forlorn attempt.*



Associations of "Forlorn" (30 Words)

alone	Radically distinctive and without equal. <i>They were not alone in dissenting from the advice.</i>
celibate	A person who abstains from marriage and sexual relations. <i>Celibate priests.</i>
exclusively	As the only source. <i>I can exclusively reveal that Gail shares a birthday with Rod Stewart.</i>
<u>hermit</u>	A hummingbird found in the shady lower layers of tropical forests, foraging along a regular route.
homesick	Longing to return home. <i>He was homesick for America after five weeks in Europe.</i>

isolate	A culture of microorganisms isolated for study. <i>Social isolates often become careless of their own welfare.</i>
<u>isolation</u>	An instance of isolating something, especially a compound or microorganism. <i>He opposed a policy of American isolation.</i>
<u>lone</u>	Lacking companions or companionship. <i>A lone wolf.</i>
lonely	Lacking companions or companionship. <i>Felt sad and lonely.</i>
lonesome	Being the only one; single and isolated from others. <i>Spent a lonesome hour in the bar.</i>
<u>misunderstood</u>	Incorrectly interpreted or understood. <i>A misunderstood criticism.</i>
<u>outsider</u>	A contestant (human or animal) not considered to have a good chance to win. <i>He started as a rank outsider.</i>
pariah	An outcast. <i>They were treated as social pariahs.</i>
<u>privacy</u>	The state of being free from public attention. <i>She returned to the privacy of her own home.</i>
<u>recluse</u>	A person who lives a solitary life and tends to avoid other people. <i>He s a bit of a recluse.</i>
<u>remote</u>	A remote control device. <i>A remote possibility.</i>
seclude	Keep (someone) away from other people. <i>I secluded myself up here for a life of study and meditation.</i>
<u>secluded</u>	Hidden from general view or use. <i>A secluded romantic spot.</i>
separated	Separated at the joint. <i>A separated shoulder.</i>
<u>sequester</u>	A general cut in government spending. <i>Non precipitating water softeners use complex phosphates to sequester calcium and magnesium ions.</i>
<u>single</u>	Advance a runner by hitting a single. <i>The kingdom was ruled over by a single family.</i>
<u>sole</u>	Put a new sole on to a shoe. <i>The join between the upper and the sole.</i>

<u>solely</u>	Not involving anyone or anything else; only. <i>He is solely responsible for any debts the company may incur.</i>
<u>solitary</u>	One who lives in solitude. <i>Solitary farmsteads.</i>
troglodyte	A hermit.
<u>unappreciated</u>	Not fully understood, recognized, or valued. <i>She had been brought up in a family where she felt unappreciated and undervalued.</i>
unrewarding	Not rewarding or satisfying. <i>It was dull unrewarding work.</i>
unsociable	Not enjoying or making an effort to behave sociably in the company of others. <i>Watching TV is a fairly unsociable activity.</i>
unsung	Not celebrated or praised. <i>Unsung heroes of the war.</i>
<u>vacant</u>	Void of intelligence or thought. <i>The throne is never vacant.</i>

