

Need another word that means the same as “gloomy”? Find 78 synonyms and 30 related words for “gloomy” in this overview.

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Gloomy as an Adjective

Definitions of "Gloomy" as an adjective

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

- *Dark or poorly lit, especially so as to appear depressing or frightening.*
- *Filled with melancholy and despondency.*
- *Causing dejection.*
- *Causing or feeling depression or despondency.*
- *Depressingly dark.*



Synonyms of "Gloomy" as an adjective (78 Words)

bad	Feeling physical discomfort or pain tough is occasionally used colloquially for bad. <i>The news was very bad.</i>
black	Relating to black people. <i>As black as coal.</i>
<u>bleak</u>	(of an area of land) lacking vegetation and exposed to the elements. <i>He paints a bleak picture of a company that has lost its way.</i>
blue	Of a ski run of the second lowest level of difficulty as indicated by blue markers positioned along it. <i>Blue laws.</i>
cheerless	Gloomy; depressing. <i>Something cheerless about the room.</i>

comfortless	Having or offering nothing that serves to ease feelings or grief or distress. <i>A comfortless room.</i>
crestfallen	Brought low in spirit. <i>He came back empty handed and crestfallen.</i>
dark	Having a dark hue. <i>Dark green.</i>
dejected	Affected or marked by low spirits. <i>Is dejected but trying to look cheerful.</i>
demoralized	Having lost confidence or hope; disheartened. <i>Desperate demoralized people looking for work.</i>
depressed	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>Depressed inner city areas.</i>
depressing	Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy. <i>The economic outlook is depressing.</i>
desolate	Providing no shelter or sustenance. <i>Depressed and desolate of soul.</i>
despondent	Without or almost without hope. <i>She grew more and more despondent.</i>
<u>dim</u>	Made dim or less bright. <i>The matter was in the dim and distant past.</i>
<u>dingy</u>	(of color) discolored by impurities; not bright and clear. <i>A dirty or dingy white.</i>
disappointed	Sad or displeased because someone or something has failed to fulfil one's hopes or expectations. <i>Thousands of disappointed customers were kept waiting.</i>
<u>disappointing</u>	Not up to expectations. <i>A disappointing performance from one who had seemed so promising.</i>
disconsolate	Very unhappy and unable to be comforted. <i>A disconsolate winter landscape.</i>
<u>discouraged</u>	Made less hopeful or enthusiastic. <i>Felt discouraged by the magnitude of the problem.</i>
<u>disheartened</u>	Made less hopeful or enthusiastic. <i>The disheartened instructor tried vainly to arouse their interest.</i>
<u>disheartening</u>	Destructive of morale and self-reliance. <i>Her death is particularly disheartening because it was preventable.</i>

dismal	Causing dejection. <i>The dismal weather made the late afternoon seem like evening.</i>
dispirited	Having lost enthusiasm and hope; disheartened. <i>A dispirited and divided Party.</i>
dispiriting	Destructive of morale and self-reliance. <i>It was a dispiriting occasion.</i>
distressing	Bad; unfortunate. <i>Distressing or disturbing news.</i>
doleful	Causing grief or misfortune. <i>A doleful look.</i>
dour	Stubbornly unyielding. <i>A dour self sacrificing life.</i>
down	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>Had his algebra problems down.</i>
down in the mouth	Extending or moving from a higher to a lower place.
downbeat	Pessimistic or gloomy. <i>He responds to her enthusiasm with downbeat bemusement.</i>
downcast	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>Downcast after his defeat.</i>
downhearted	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>Fans must not be downhearted even though we lost.</i>
drab	Of a light brownish green color. <i>Drab camouflage uniforms.</i>
drear	Causing dejection.
dreary	Lacking in liveliness or charm or surprise. <i>The dreary round of working eating and trying to sleep.</i>
forlorn	Pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely. <i>Forlorn figures at bus stops.</i>
frowzy	Scruffy and neglected in appearance. <i>Frowzy white hair.</i>
full of gloom	Having the normally expected amount.
funereal	Having the mournful, sombre character appropriate to a funeral. <i>Funereal gloom.</i>
gloomful	Depressingly dark. <i>Gloomful is archaic.</i>

glooming	Depressingly dark. <i>The glooming interior of an old inn.</i>
glum	Moody and melancholic. <i>A glum hopeless shrug.</i>
grim	Harshly ironic or sinister. <i>Grim determination.</i>
hopeless	Certain to fail. <i>I m hopeless at mathematics.</i>
in low spirits	Currently fashionable.
in the doldrums	Holding office.
joyless	Not giving or feeling any pleasure or satisfaction; grim or dismal. <i>She had to face the thought of a joyless future.</i>
long-faced	Having a face longer than the usual.
low	Subdued or brought low in condition or status. <i>The sun is low.</i>
low-spirited	Filled with melancholy and despondency.
lugubrious	Excessively mournful. <i>His face looked even more lugubrious than usual.</i>
melancholy	Having a feeling of melancholy sad and pensive. <i>Growing more melancholy every hour.</i>
mirthless	(of a smile or laugh) lacking real amusement and typically expressing irony. <i>He gave a short mirthless laugh.</i>
miserable	Very unhappy; full of misery. <i>You miserable old creep.</i>
morose	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. <i>She was morose and silent when she got home.</i>
mournful	Filled with or evoking sadness. <i>Stared with mournful eyes.</i>
murky	Clouded as with sediment. <i>Murky waters.</i>
pessimistic	Expecting the worst possible outcome. <i>He was pessimistic about the prospects.</i>
poorly lit	Somewhat ill or prone to illness.
sad	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>Her clothes were in sad shape.</i>

saturnine	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. <i>His saturnine face and dark watchful eyes.</i>
sepulchral	Gloomy; dismal. <i>A speech delivered in sepulchral tones.</i>
shadowy	Of uncertain identity or nature. <i>A long shadowy cobbled passage.</i>
sombre	Grave or even gloomy in character. <i>The night skies were sombre and starless.</i>
<u>sorrowful</u>	Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss- Proverbs 14:13. <i>Sorrowful news.</i>
<u>sorry</u>	Used as a polite request that someone should repeat something that one has failed to hear or understand. <i>He looks a sorry sight with his broken jaw.</i>
subdued	In a softened tone. <i>Subdued lighting.</i>
sulky	Moving slowly. <i>Disappointment was making her sulky.</i>
sunless	Without any sun. <i>The windowless sunless headquarters.</i>
unfavourable	Not favorable. <i>Unfavourable economic conditions.</i>
unhappy	Not happy. <i>Unhappy caravans straggling afoot through swamps and canebrakes.</i>
<u>uninviting</u>	Not tempting. <i>The house was dark and uninviting.</i>
unpromising	Not giving hope of future success or good results. <i>The boy s natural intellect had survived in unpromising circumstances.</i>
unwelcoming	Having an inhospitable or uninviting quality. <i>Jean crept into her cold and unwelcoming bed.</i>
woebegone	Worn and broken down by hard use. <i>His sorrow made him look haggard and woebegone.</i>
woeful	Affected by or full of grief or woe. <i>Woeful errors of judgment.</i>
wretched	Of poor quality; very bad. <i>Spent a wretched night on the floor.</i>



Usage Examples of "Gloomy" as an adjective

- *A gloomy silence.*
- *A dark gloomy day.*
- *A gloomy corridor badly lit by oil lamps.*
- *Gloomy predictions.*
- *Gloomy at the thought of what he had to face.*
- *Gloomy forecasts about the economy.*
- *The gloomy forest.*



Associations of "Gloomy" (30 Words)

bleak	(of a building or room) charmless and inhospitable; dreary. <i>The bleak treeless regions of the high Andes.</i>
cheerless	Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy. <i>The corridors were ill lit and cheerless.</i>
contemplative	A person devoted to the contemplative life. <i>She regarded me with a contemplative eye.</i>
dejected	Sad and depressed; dispirited. <i>He stood in the street looking dejected.</i>
depressed	(of a place or economic activity) suffering the damaging effects of a lack of demand or employment. <i>Depressed by the loss of his job.</i>
despair	A state in which all hope is lost or absent. <i>They were rescued from despair at the last minute.</i>

despairing	Showing the loss of all hope. <i>The last despairing plea of the condemned criminal.</i>
despondent	Without or almost without hope. <i>She grew more and more despondent.</i>
<u>dingy</u>	Discolored by impurities; not bright and clear is often used in combination. <i>A dirty or dingy white.</i>
disconsolate	Very unhappy and unable to be comforted. <i>A disconsolate winter landscape.</i>
<u>discouraged</u>	Lacking in resolution. <i>Felt discouraged by the magnitude of the problem.</i>
dismal	(of a person or their mood) gloomy. <i>The first dismal dispiriting days of November.</i>
dispirited	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>A dispirited and resigned expression on her face.</i>
dour	Showing a brooding ill humor. <i>A hard dour humourless fanatic.</i>
<u>drab</u>	Clothes especially trousers made of drab. <i>The landscape was drab and grey.</i>
dreary	Causing dejection. <i>The dreary round of working eating and trying to sleep.</i>
gloom	A feeling of melancholy apprehension. <i>A black yew gloom d the stagnant air.</i>
<u>glum</u>	Looking or feeling dejected; morose. <i>A glum hopeless shrug.</i>
<u>grim</u>	Harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance. <i>Grim determination.</i>
hopeless	Without hope because there seems to be no possibility of comfort or success. <i>With a hopeless sigh he sat down.</i>
<u>melancholy</u>	A humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and melancholy. <i>We acquainted him with the melancholy truth.</i>
mourning	State of sorrow over the death or departure of a loved one. <i>If he dies she ll put on mourning but she won t cry.</i>
<u>nostalgia</u>	Something done or presented in order to evoke feelings of nostalgia. <i>An evening of TV nostalgia.</i>

pensive	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A pensive mood.</i>
<u>pessimistic</u>	Expecting the worst possible outcome. <i>He was pessimistic about the prospects.</i>
sadden	Cause to feel sorrow; make unhappy. <i>He was greatly saddened by the death of his only son.</i>
<u>somber</u>	Grave or even gloomy in character. <i>A somber mood.</i>
sulky	Sullen or moody. <i>She had a sultry sulky mouth.</i>
sullen	Bad-tempered and sulky. <i>A sullen crowd.</i>
<u>wistful</u>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>The sensitive and wistful response of a poet to the gentler phases of beauty.</i>

