

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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**The synonyms of “Gloomy” are: gloomful, glooming, sulky, blue, dark, dingy, disconsolate, dismal, drab, drear, dreary, grim, sorry, depressed, dispirited, down, down in the mouth, downcast, downhearted, low, low-spirited, poorly lit, shadowy, sunless, dim, sombre, frowzy, murky, depressing, unwelcoming, uninviting, cheerless, joyless, comfortless, funereal, despondent, dejected, crestfallen, disappointed, disheartened, discouraged, demoralized, desolate, in low spirits, sad, unhappy, glum, full of gloom, doleful, melancholy, miserable, weebegone, mournful, sorrowful, forlorn, long-faced, in the doldrums, subdued, wretched, lugubrious, morose, sepulchral, saturnine, dour, mirthless, woeful, pessimistic, downbeat, disheartening, disappointing, dispiriting, unpromising, unfavourable, bleak, bad, black, distressing, hopeless**

## 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)

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

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

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

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



<b>saturnine</b>	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. <i>His <b>saturnine</b> face and dark watchful eyes.</i>
<b>sepulchral</b>	Gloomy; dismal. <i>A speech delivered in <b>sepulchral</b> tones.</i>
<b>shadowy</b>	Of uncertain identity or nature. <i>A long <b>shadowy</b> cobbled passage.</i>
<b>sombre</b>	Grave or even gloomy in character. <i>The night skies were <b>sombre</b> and starless.</i>
<u><b>sorrowful</b></u>	Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss- Proverbs 14:13. <i><b>Sorrowful</b> news.</i>
<u><b>sorry</b></u>	Used as a polite request that someone should repeat something that one has failed to hear or understand. <i>He looks a <b>sorry</b> sight with his broken jaw.</i>
<b>subdued</b>	In a softened tone. <i><b>Subdued</b> lighting.</i>
<b>sulky</b>	Moving slowly. <i>Disappointment was making her <b>sulky</b>.</i>
<b>sunless</b>	Without any sun. <i>The windowless <b>sunless</b> headquarters.</i>
<b>unfavourable</b>	Not favorable. <i><b>Unfavourable</b> economic conditions.</i>
<b>unhappy</b>	Not happy. <i><b>Unhappy</b> caravans straggling afoot through swamps and canebrakes.</i>
<u><b>uninviting</b></u>	Not tempting. <i>The house was dark and <b>uninviting</b>.</i>
<b>unpromising</b>	Not giving hope of future success or good results. <i>The boy s natural intellect had survived in <b>unpromising</b> circumstances.</i>
<b>unwelcoming</b>	Having an inhospitable or uninviting quality. <i>Jean crept into her cold and <b>unwelcoming</b> bed.</i>
<b>woebegone</b>	Worn and broken down by hard use. <i>His sorrow made him look haggard and <b>woebegone</b>.</i>
<b>woeful</b>	Affected by or full of grief or woe. <i><b>Woeful</b> errors of judgment.</i>
<b>wretched</b>	Of poor quality; very bad. <i>Spent a <b>wretched</b> 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.  
*The **bleak** treeless regions of the high Andes.*
- cheerless** Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy.  
*The corridors were ill lit and **cheerless**.*
- contemplative** A person devoted to the contemplative life.  
*She regarded me with a **contemplative** eye.*
- dejected** Sad and depressed; dispirited.  
*He stood in the street looking **dejected**.*
- depressed** (of a place or economic activity) suffering the damaging effects of a lack of demand or employment.  
***Depressed** by the loss of his job.*
- despair** A state in which all hope is lost or absent.  
*They were rescued from **despair** at the last minute.*



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

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

