

Need another word that means the same as “grief”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “grief” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Grief” are: brokenheartedness, heartache, heartbreak, sorrow, misery, sadness, anguish, pain, distress, agony, torment, affliction, suffering, heaviness of heart, woe, desolation, despondency, dejection, despair, angst, mortification, trouble, annoyance, bother, irritation, vexation, harassment, nuisance

Grief as a Noun

Definitions of "Grief" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “grief” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Trouble or annoyance.*
- *Intense sorrow, especially caused by someone's death.*
- *Something that causes great unhappiness.*
- *An instance or cause of intense sorrow.*
- *Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death).*



Synonyms of "Grief" as a noun (28 Words)

- affliction** An instance of one celestial body afflicting another.
*A crippling **affliction** of the nervous system.*
- agony** The final stages of a difficult or painful death.
*An **agony** of doubt.*
- angst** An acute but unspecific feeling of anxiety; usually reserved for philosophical anxiety about the world or about personal freedom.
*Rock and pop have a tradition of celebrating adolescent **angst**.*
- anguish** Extreme mental distress.
*She shut her eyes in **anguish**.*
- annoyance** The psychological state of being irritated or annoyed.
*He turned his charm on Tara much to Hegarty's **annoyance**.*
- bother** An angry disturbance.
*It may seem like too much **bother** to cook just for yourself.*
- brokenheartedness** Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death).

<u>dejection</u>	Solid excretory product evacuated from the bowels. <i>He was slumped in deep dejection.</i>
<u>desolation</u>	An event that results in total destruction. <i>The stony desolation of the desert.</i>
despair	A state in which all hope is lost or absent. <i>They moaned in despair and dismay.</i>
despondency	Low spirits from loss of hope or courage; dejection. <i>An air of despondency.</i>
distress	The seizure and holding of property as security for payment of a debt or satisfaction of a claim. <i>The patient appeared to be in distress.</i>
<u>harassment</u>	The act of tormenting by continued persistent attacks and criticism. <i>So great was his harassment that he wanted to destroy his tormentors.</i>
heartache	Emotional anguish or grief, typically caused by the loss or absence of someone loved. <i>The familiar pang of heartache.</i>
<u>heartbreak</u>	Overwhelming distress. <i>An unforgettable tale of joy and heartbreak.</i>
heaviness of heart	Used of a line or mark.
<u>irritation</u>	The psychological state of being irritated or annoyed. <i>Much to my irritation Chris fell asleep.</i>
<u>misery</u>	A state or feeling of great physical or mental distress or discomfort. <i>The misery of the miner's existence.</i>
mortification	Great embarrassment and shame. <i>They mistook my mortification for an admission of guilt.</i>
nuisance	A bothersome annoying person. <i>It's a nuisance having all those people clomping through the house.</i>
pain	Mental suffering or distress. <i>The pain of loneliness.</i>
sadness	The state of being sad. <i>A source of great sadness.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>He tried to express his sorrow at her loss.</i>
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>His disregard for the sufferings of his fellow countrymen.</i>

torment	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>The torments of the damned.</i>
trouble	A situation in which one is liable to incur punishment or blame. <i>He got several girls in trouble.</i>
<u>vexation</u>	Something or someone that causes anxiety; a source of unhappiness. <i>Jenna bit her lip in vexation.</i>
woe	Misery resulting from affliction. <i>To add to his woes customers have been spending less.</i>



Usage Examples of "Grief" as a noun

- *We were too tired to cause any grief.*
- *Time heals griefs and quarrels.*
- *Her death was a great grief to John.*
- *She was overcome with grief.*



Associations of "Grief" (30 Words)

affliction	A condition of suffering or distress due to ill health. <i>A crippling affliction of the nervous system.</i>
angst	A feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general. <i>Rock and pop have a tradition of celebrating adolescent angst.</i>
deplore	Feel or express strong disapproval of (something). <i>We deplore all violence.</i>
despair	Lose or be without hope. <i>In despair I hit the bottle.</i>
despondency	Feeling downcast and disheartened and hopeless. <i>An air of despondency.</i>
dirge	A mournful song, piece of music, or sound. <i>After his ten minute dirge the audience booed.</i>
disappointment	A person or thing that causes disappointment. <i>The job proved a disappointment.</i>
distraught	Deeply agitated especially from emotion. <i>Distraught with grief.</i>
distressed	Afflicted with or marked by anxious uneasiness or trouble or grief. <i>Distressed companies need loans and technical advice.</i>
frustration	The feeling that accompanies an experience of being thwarted in attaining your goals. <i>The frustration of their wishes.</i>
gloom	An atmosphere of depression and melancholy. <i>He strained his eyes peering into the gloom.</i>

grieve	Cause great distress to (someone). <i>She grieved for her father.</i>
heartache	Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death). <i>A good friend understands your heartaches as well as your joys.</i>
horrible	Very unpleasant. <i>The tea tasted horrible.</i>
jeremiad	A long, mournful complaint or lamentation; a list of woes. <i>The jeremiads of puritan preachers warning of moral decay.</i>
lament	A mournful poem a lament for the dead. <i>A song full of lament and sorrow.</i>
lamentation	A book of the Bible telling of the desolation of Judah after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC. <i>Scenes of lamentation.</i>
loneliness	A disposition toward being alone. <i>The loneliness of the farm.</i>
<u>melancholy</u>	Having a feeling of melancholy sad and pensive. <i>An air of melancholy surrounded him.</i>
<u>mourn</u>	Observe the customs of mourning after the death of a loved one. <i>Isobel mourned her husband.</i>
mourning	The expression of sorrow for someone's death. <i>She s still in mourning after the death of her husband.</i>
<u>nostalgia</u>	Something done or presented in order to evoke feelings of nostalgia. <i>An evening of TV nostalgia.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>It was a very sad story.</i>
sadly	In an unfortunate way. <i>He smiled sadly.</i>
sadness	The quality of excessive mournfulness and uncheerfulness. <i>A source of great sadness.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>A bereaved person needs time to work through their sorrow.</i>
<u>sorry</u>	Unpleasant and regrettable, especially on account of incompetence or misbehaviour. <i>A sorry state of affairs.</i>
threnody	A lament. <i>A brooding threnody to urban desolation.</i>

tragedy

The dramatic genre represented by tragedies.

*His life had been plagued by **tragedy**.*

woe

Great sorrow or distress (often used hyperbolically).

*The Everton tale of **woe** continued.*

