

Need another word that means the same as “helplessly”? Find 1 synonym and 30 related words for “helplessly” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Helplessly” are: impotently**

## Helplessly as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Helplessly" as an adverb

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

- *In a helpless manner.*
- *With no ability to act or help oneself.*
- *In an uncontrollable manner.*

### Synonyms of "Helplessly" as an adverb (1 Word)

**impotently** In a helpless manner.

### Usage Examples of "Helplessly" as an adverb

- *Workers watched helplessly as black smoke engulfed the building.*
- *He now lies helplessly in the intensive care unit.*
- *The crowd watched him helplessly.*
- *They fell about, giggling helplessly.*

## Associations of "Helplessly" (30 Words)

<b><u>astray</u></b>	Away from the correct path or direction. <i>He was led <b>astray</b> by boozy colleagues.</i>
<b><u>bemused</u></b>	Puzzled, confused, or bewildered. <i>Lucy looked a little <b>bemused</b>.</i>
<b><u>bleak</u></b>	(of an area of land) lacking vegetation and exposed to the elements. <i><b>Bleak</b> winds of the North Atlantic.</i>
<b>crestfallen</b>	Sad and disappointed. <i>He came back empty handed and <b>crestfallen</b>.</i>
<b>dejected</b>	Affected or marked by low spirits. <i>Is <b>dejected</b> but trying to look cheerful.</i>
<b>depressed</b>	(of an object or part of an object) in a lower position, having been pushed down. <i>A <b>depressed</b> fracture of the skull.</i>
<b>despair</b>	The feeling that everything is wrong and nothing will turn out well. <i>One harsh word would send her into the depths of <b>despair</b>.</i>
<b>despairing</b>	Arising from or marked by despair or loss of hope. <i>The last <b>despairing</b> plea of the condemned criminal.</i>
<b><u>desperate</u></b>	Desperately determined. <i>I am <b>desperate</b> for a cigarette.</i>
<b>despondent</b>	Without or almost without hope. <i>She grew more and more <b>despondent</b>.</i>
<b>disappointed</b>	(of hopes or expectations) prevented from being realized. <i>The rising was a revolution of <b>disappointed</b> hopes.</i>
<b>disconsolate</b>	Very unhappy and unable to be comforted. <i>She left Fritz looking <b>disconsolate</b>.</i>
<b><u>discouraged</u></b>	Having lost confidence or enthusiasm; disheartened. <i>He must be feeling pretty <b>discouraged</b>.</i>
<b>dreary</b>	Causing dejection. <i>The <b>dreary</b> round of working eating and trying to sleep.</i>
<b><u>gloomy</u></b>	Depressingly dark. <i>A <b>gloomy</b> corridor badly lit by oil lamps.</i>
<b>heartsick</b>	Very despondent, typically from grief or loss of love. <i>Too <b>heartsick</b> to fight back.</i>
<b>hopeless</b>	Certain to fail. <i>She handed me a <b>hopeless</b> jumble of papers.</i>

<b><u>ineffective</u></b>	Not producing any significant or desired effect. <i>An <b>ineffective</b> teacher.</i>
<b><u>ineffectual</u></b>	Producing no result or effect. <i>The therapy was <b>ineffectual</b>.</i>
<b>insoluble</b>	Incapable of being dissolved. <i>The problem is not <b>insoluble</b>.</i>
<b>lost</b>	Having lost your bearings confused as to time or place or personal identity. <i>Words <b>lost</b> in the din.</i>
<b><u>misplaced</u></b>	Put in the wrong place or position. <i><b>Misplaced</b> tickets.</i>
<b>path</b>	A way especially designed for a particular use. <i>The missile traced a fiery <b>path</b> in the sky.</i>
<b>powerless</b>	Without ability, influence, or power. <i>Troops were <b>powerless</b> to stop last night s shooting.</i>
<b><u>road</u></b>	The part of a road intended for vehicles especially in contrast to a verge or pavement. <i>They waited for a clear <b>road</b> at Hellifield Junction.</i>
<b>ruined</b>	Destroyed physically or morally. <i>The unsuccessful run for office left him <b>ruined</b> politically and economically.</i>
<b><u>stark</u></b>	Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>Facing the <b>stark</b> reality of the deadline.</i>
<b>torpor</b>	A state of motor and mental inactivity with a partial suspension of sensibility. <i>They veered between apathetic <b>torpor</b> and hysterical fanaticism.</i>
<b><u>trapped</u></b>	Forced to turn and face attackers. <i>Like a <b>trapped</b> animal.</i>
<b><u>unsuccessful</u></b>	Failing to accomplish an intended result. <i>An <b>unsuccessful</b> attempt to enter Parliament.</i>