

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)

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

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