

Need another word that means the same as “inadequacy”? Find 37 synonyms and 30 related words for “inadequacy” in this overview.

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Inadequacy as a Noun

Definitions of "Inadequacy" as a noun

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

- *Inability to deal with a situation or with life.*
- *A lack of competence.*
- *The state or quality of being inadequate; lack of the quantity or quality required.*
- *Unsatisfactoriness by virtue of being inadequate.*
- *Lack of an adequate quantity or number.*

Synonyms of "Inadequacy" as a noun (37 Words)

achilles heel	The part of the clubhead where it joins the shaft.
dearth	A situation where food is in short supply. <i>There is a dearth of evidence.</i>

defect	An imperfection in an object or machine. <i>Visual defects.</i>
deficiency	Lack of an adequate quantity or number. <i>Water is the critical deficiency in desert regions.</i>
failing	Failure to reach a minimum required performance. <i>His failing the course led to his disqualification.</i>
<u>fault</u>	(geology) a crack in the earth's crust resulting from the displacement of one side with respect to the other. <i>My worst fault is impatience.</i>
flaw	A mistake or shortcoming in a plan, theory, etc. which causes it to fail or reduces its effectiveness. <i>He had his flaws but he was great nonetheless.</i>
hopelessness	The despair you feel when you have abandoned hope of comfort or success. <i>His face bears the expression of utter hopelessness.</i>
imperfection	A fault, blemish, or undesirable feature. <i>He accepted me without question in all my imperfection.</i>
impotence	The quality of lacking strength or power; being weak and feeble. <i>People speak constantly of their social and political impotence.</i>
inadequateness	Unsatisfactoriness by virtue of being inadequate.
incapability	Lack of potential for development.
incompetence	Lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications. <i>Allegations of professional incompetence.</i>
ineffectiveness	Lacking the power to be effective. <i>The guidelines advise against antibiotics because of their ineffectiveness.</i>
ineffectuality	Lacking the power to be effective.
inefficacy	A lack of efficacy. <i>Doctors were lampooned for the inefficacy of their cures.</i>
<u>inefficiency</u>	Unskillfulness resulting from a lack of efficiency. <i>The idea is to eliminate inefficiency creating a seamless manufacturing process.</i>
ineptness	The quality of having the wrong properties for a specific purpose.
insufficiency	(pathology) inability of a bodily part or organ to function normally. <i>Renal insufficiency.</i>
lack	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable. <i>The case was dismissed for lack of evidence.</i>

lack of proficiency	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
lack of skill	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
limitation	A limiting rule or circumstance; a restriction. <i>Statute of limitations.</i>
paucity	The presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts. <i>A paucity of information.</i>
poverty	The state of being inferior in quality or insufficient in amount. <i>Thousands of families are living in abject poverty.</i>
powerlessness	The quality of lacking strength or power; being weak and feeble. <i>The feeling of powerlessness due to poverty.</i>
scantness	The quality of being meager.
scarceness	A small and inadequate amount.
scarcity	A small and inadequate amount. <i>The growing scarcity of resources.</i>
<u>shortage</u>	An acute insufficiency. <i>Food shortages.</i>
<u>shortcoming</u>	A fault or failure to meet a certain standard, typically in a person's character, a plan, or a system. <i>He is so forthright about his shortcomings it's hard to chastise him.</i>
sparseness	The property of being scanty or scattered; lacking denseness.
undersupply	An insufficient stock or amount of something. <i>House price inflation has largely been caused by undersupply.</i>
unfitness	Poor physical condition; being out of shape or out of condition (as from a life of ease and luxury). <i>The judges agreed on his unfitness for the appointment.</i>
uselessness	Lack of skill or competence. <i>He goes on to talk about the general uselessness of marketing forecasts.</i>
want	The state of being poor and in need of essentials; poverty. <i>Freedom from want.</i>
<u>weakness</u>	The state or condition of being weak. <i>You're his one weakness he should never have met you.</i>

Usage Examples of "Inadequacy" as a noun

- Her feelings of personal inadequacy.

- *The inadequacies of the present system.*
- *The inadequacy of available resources.*
- *The inadequacy of unemployment benefits.*
- *Juvenile offenses often reflect an inadequacy in the parents.*

Associations of "Inadequacy" (30 Words)

<u>dearth</u>	An insufficient quantity or number. <i>There is a dearth of evidence.</i>
defect	A shortcoming, imperfection, or lack. <i>This device permits detection of defects in the lungs.</i>
<u>defective</u>	Having a defect. <i>Complaints over defective goods.</i>
deficiency	A lack or shortage. <i>Water is the critical deficiency in desert regions.</i>
demerit	A fault or disadvantage. <i>The merits and demerits of these proposals.</i>
disadvantage	Put at a disadvantage hinder harm. <i>A major disadvantage is the limited nature of the data.</i>
<u>drawback</u>	An amount of excise or import duty remitted on goods exported. <i>He pointed out all the drawbacks to my plan.</i>
drought	A shortage of rainfall. <i>Crops have failed because of drought.</i>
failing	Below acceptable in performance. <i>Pride is a terrible failing.</i>
<u>fault</u>	Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>He knew his own faults much better than she did.</i>
flaw	Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective. <i>A flaw in the glass.</i>
<u>flawed</u>	Having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection. <i>A flawed hero.</i>
gaffe	A socially awkward or tactless act. <i>His comments are a major diplomatic gaffe.</i>
<u>inadequate</u>	Of insufficient quantity to meet a need. <i>An inadequate income.</i>
ineptitude	Unskillfulness resulting from a lack of training. <i>The sheer ineptitude of their economic plan.</i>

insufficiency	The inability of an organ to perform its normal function. <i>Renal insufficiency.</i>
<u>insufficient</u>	Of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement. <i>There was insufficient evidence to convict him.</i>
lack	Be without or deficient in. <i>The novel lacks imagination.</i>
lacking	Deficient or inadequate. <i>Lacking in stamina.</i>
minus	On the negative side or lower end of a scale. <i>Minus 5 degrees.</i>
need	Have need of. <i>They need to win tomorrow.</i>
paucity	An insufficient quantity or number. <i>A paucity of information.</i>
scant	Supply sparingly and with restricted quantities. <i>He does not scant his attention to the later writings.</i>
scanty	Lacking in magnitude or quantity. <i>They paid whatever they could out of their scanty wages to their families.</i>
scarcity	A small and inadequate amount. <i>A time of scarcity.</i>
<u>shortage</u>	An acute insufficiency. <i>Food shortages.</i>
<u>shortcoming</u>	A failing or deficiency. <i>He is so forthright about his shortcomings it s hard to chastise him.</i>
shortfall	The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required. <i>They are facing an expected 10 billion shortfall in revenue.</i>
undermanned	Inadequate in number of workers or assistants etc.
wanting	Nonexistent. <i>They weren t wanting in confidence.</i>