

Need another word that means the same as “incapable”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “incapable” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Incapable” are: incompetent, unequal to, unable to, not capable of, lacking the ability to, not equipped to, lacking the experience to, not open to, not susceptible to, resistant to, impervious to, incapacitated, helpless, powerless, impotent

Incapable as an Adjective

Definitions of "Incapable" as an adjective

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

- *Not being susceptible to or admitting of something (usually followed by `of.*
- *(of a person) too caring or moral to do (something).*
- *(followed by `of) lacking capacity or ability.*
- *Not meeting requirements.*
- *Unable to do or achieve (something).*
- *Unable to behave rationally or manage one's affairs.*
- *Not allowing the possibility of (a particular action).*
- *Lacking capacity or ability.*
- *Not having the temperament or inclination for.*

Synonyms of "Incapable" as an adjective (15 Words)

[**helpless**](#)

Unable to manage independently.
Lying ill and **helpless**.

impervious to	Not admitting of passage or capable of being affected.
impotent	(of a male animal) unable to copulate. <i>He was on medication which had made him impotent.</i>
incapacitated	Lacking in or deprived of strength or power. <i>Richard was temporarily incapacitated.</i>
incompetent	Not qualified to act in a particular capacity. <i>The patient is deemed legally incompetent.</i>
lacking the ability to	Nonexistent.
lacking the experience to	Inadequate in amount or degree.
not capable of	Having capacity or ability.
not equipped to	Provided or fitted out with what is necessary or useful or appropriate.
not open to	With no protection or shield.
not susceptible to	Easily impressed emotionally.
powerless	Lacking power. <i>Troops were powerless to stop last night's shooting.</i>
resistant to	Incapable of absorbing or mixing with.
unable to	Lacking in power or forcefulness.
unequal to	Lacking the requisite qualities or resources to meet a task.

Usage Examples of "Incapable" as an adjective

- *Incapable of doing the work.*
- *The pilot may become incapable from the lack of oxygen.*
- *He is incapable of understanding the matter.*
- *Wilson blushed and was incapable of speech.*
- *Incapable of carrying a tune.*
- *With the battery removed the car was incapable of being driven.*
- *A man incapable of any kind of prejudice.*
- *Incapable of solution.*

Associations of "Incapable" (30 Words)

<u>awkwardness</u>	Unskillfulness resulting from a lack of training. <i>The awkwardness of youth.</i>
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bootless	(of a task or undertaking) ineffectual; useless. <i>Remonstrating with him seems ever to have been a bootless task.</i>
carelessness	Failure to act with the prudence that a reasonable person would exercise under the same circumstances. <i>Most road accidents are caused by carelessness on the part of motorists.</i>
counterproductive	Tending to hinder the achievement of a goal. <i>Child experts fear the Executive's plans may prove counterproductive.</i>
defect	A mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something (especially on a person's body). <i>The property is free from defect.</i>
disabled	Relating to or specifically designed for people with a physical or mental disability. <i>Disabled access is available at all venues.</i>
feckless	Lacking initiative or strength of character; irresponsible. <i>Her feckless younger brother.</i>
fruitless	(of a tree or plant) not producing fruit. <i>A banana leaf from a fruitless palm.</i>
futile	Unproductive of success. <i>It is futile to allocate blame for this.</i>
handicapped	People collectively who are crippled or otherwise physically handicapped. <i>His third child was born severely handicapped.</i>
incompetence	Inability of a part or organ to function properly. <i>Allegations of professional incompetence.</i>
incompetent	An incompetent person. <i>The patient is deemed legally incompetent.</i>
ineffective	Not producing an intended effect. <i>An ineffective administration.</i>
ineffectual	Not producing an intended effect. <i>An ineffectual ruler.</i>
inefficiency	The state of not achieving maximum productivity; failure to make the best use of time or resources. <i>The idea is to eliminate inefficiency creating a seamless manufacturing process.</i>
inept	Revealing lack of perceptiveness or judgment or finesse. <i>An inept remark.</i>

ineptitude	Lack of skill or ability. <i>The officials displayed remarkable ineptitude.</i>
infertile	(of a person, animal, or plant) unable to reproduce itself; unable to have young. <i>Infertile couples are offered specialist advice.</i>
powerless	Lacking power. <i>Troops were powerless to stop last night's shooting.</i>
<u>sterile</u>	(of land or soil) too poor in quality to produce crops. <i>He found the fraternity's teachings sterile.</i>
torpor	A state of physical or mental inactivity; lethargy. <i>He fell into a deep torpor.</i>
<u>unable</u>	Lacking in power or forcefulness. <i>Like an unable phoenix in hot ashes.</i>
unavailing	Achieving little or nothing; ineffective. <i>Their efforts were unavailing.</i>
unequal	A person or thing regarded as unequal to another in status or level. <i>Two rooms of unequal size.</i>
<u>unproductive</u>	Not producing or able to produce large amounts of goods, crops, or other commodities. <i>Elimination of high cost or unproductive industries.</i>
<u>unskilled</u>	Not having or showing or requiring special skill or proficiency. <i>Unskilled manual workers.</i>
<u>useless</u>	Having no beneficial use or incapable of functioning usefully. <i>A piece of useless knowledge.</i>
vain	Characteristic of false pride; having an exaggerated sense of self-importance. <i>Vain about her clothes.</i>
<u>wasteful</u>	Laying waste. <i>A clumsy and wasteful process.</i>
<u>weak</u>	Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin. <i>He had a weak stomach.</i>