

Need another word that means the same as “ineffectual”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “ineffectual” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ineffectual” are: ineffective, uneffective, futile, meaningless, otiose, unavailing, unable, inefficient, ineffectacious, unsuccessful, powerless, impotent, inadequate, inept, incompetent, incapable, unfit, lame, feeble, weak, poor, unproductive, profitless, fruitless, failed, abortive, vain, useless, worthless, bungled, bungling**

## Ineffectual as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Ineffectual" as an adjective

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

- *Not producing an intended effect.*
- *Lacking in power or forcefulness.*
- *Producing no result or effect.*
- *Not producing any significant or desired effect.*
- *(of a person) lacking the ability or qualities to fulfil a role or handle a situation.*

### Synonyms of "Ineffectual" as an adjective (31 Words)

<b>abortive</b>	Failing to accomplish an intended result. <i>Abortive medusae.</i>
<b>bungled</b>	(of a task) carried out clumsily or incompetently. <i>A bungled job.</i>

<b>bungling</b>	Making or characterized by many clumsy mistakes. <i>A <b>bungling</b> performance.</i>
<b>failed</b>	(of an undertaking or a relationship) not achieving its end or not lasting; unsuccessful. <i>A <b>failed</b> coup attempt.</i>
<b>feeble</b>	Failing to convince or impress. <i>A <b>feeble</b> excuse.</i>
<b>fruitless</b>	(of a tree or plant) not producing fruit. <i>A <b>fruitless</b> search.</i>
<b>futile</b>	Unproductive of success. <i>It is <b>futile</b> to allocate blame for this.</i>
<b>impotent</b>	Unable to take effective action; helpless or powerless. <i>He was seized with an <b>impotent</b> anger.</i>
<b>inadequate</b>	Lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a purpose. <i>The staff was <b>inadequate</b>.</i>
<b>incapable</b>	Unable to do or achieve (something). <i><b>Incapable</b> of carrying a tune.</i>
<b>incompetent</b>	Not having or showing the necessary skills to do something successfully. <i><b>Incompetent</b> witnesses.</i>
<b>ineffective</b>	Lacking in power or forcefulness. <i>The legal sanctions against oil spills are virtually <b>ineffective</b>.</i>
<b>inefficacious</b>	Lacking the power to produce a desired effect. <i>Laws that are <b>inefficacious</b> in stopping crime.</i>
<b>inefficient</b>	Not producing desired results; wasteful. <i>An <b>inefficient</b> campaign against drugs.</i>
<b>inept</b>	Having or showing no skill; clumsy. <i>An <b>inept</b> remark.</i>
<b>lame</b>	(of an explanation or excuse) unconvincingly feeble. <i>Despite his <b>lame</b> leg he fled.</i>
<b>meaningless</b>	Producing no result or effect. <i>Rules are <b>meaningless</b> to a child if they do not have a rationale.</i>
<b>otiose</b>	Producing no result or effect. <i><b>Otiose</b> lines in a play.</i>
<b>poor</b>	Of insufficient quantity to meet a need. <i>He is in my <b>poor</b> opinion a more handsome young man.</i>
<b>powerless</b>	Without ability, influence, or power. <i>Troops were <b>powerless</b> to stop last night's shooting.</i>

<b>profitless</b>	Without profit or reward. <i>Let us have no part in <b>profitless</b> quarrels.</i>
<b>unable</b>	Lacking the skill, means, or opportunity to do something. <i><b>Unable</b> to obtain funds.</i>
<b>unavailing</b>	Achieving little or nothing; ineffective. <i>An <b>unavailing</b> attempt.</i>
<b>ineffective</b>	Not producing an intended effect.
<b>unfit</b>	Below the required standards for a purpose. <i>An <b>unfit</b> parent.</i>
<b>unproductive</b>	Not producing or able to produce large amounts of goods, crops, or other commodities. <i>Elimination of high cost or <b>unproductive</b> industries.</i>
<b>unsuccessful</b>	Failing to accomplish an intended result. <i>An <b>unsuccessful</b> attempt to enter Parliament.</i>
<b>useless</b>	Having no ability or skill in a specified activity or area. <i>A kitchen full of <b>useless</b> gadgets.</i>
<b>vain</b>	Producing no result; useless. <i>The <b>vain</b> hope of finding work.</i>
<b>weak</b>	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>Their commitment to the project is <b>weak</b>.</i>
<b>worthless</b>	Having no real value or use. <i>Joan had been deserted by a <b>worthless</b> husband.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Ineffectual" as an adjective

- *An ineffectual ruler.*
- *An ineffectual campaign.*
- *She was neglectful and ineffectual as a parent.*
- *The therapy was ineffectual.*

## Associations of "Ineffectual" (30 Words)

<b>bootless</b>	Unproductive of success. <i>Remonstrating with him seems ever to have been a <b>bootless</b> task.</i>
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<b><u>counterproductive</u></b>	Tending to hinder the achievement of a goal. <i>Child experts fear the Executive's plans may prove <b>counterproductive</b>.</i>
<b>disabled</b>	Relating to or specifically designed for people with a physical or mental disability. <i>Facilities for <b>disabled</b> people.</i>
<b>execrable</b>	Of very poor quality or condition. <i><b>Execrable</b> cheap wine.</i>
<b><u>feckless</u></b>	Lacking initiative or strength of character; irresponsible. <i>Her <b>feckless</b> younger brother.</i>
<b>fruitless</b>	(of a tree or plant) not producing fruit. <i>A banana leaf from a <b>fruitless</b> palm.</i>
<b><u>futile</u></b>	Unproductive of success. <i>A <b>futile</b> attempt to keep fans from mounting the stage.</i>
<b>futilely</b>	In a futile and unproductive manner.
<b>handicapped</b>	People collectively who are crippled or otherwise physically handicapped. <i>His third child was born severely <b>handicapped</b>.</i>
<b><u>helpless</u></b>	Lacking in or deprived of strength or power. <i>Lying ill and <b>helpless</b>.</i>
<b><u>incapable</u></b>	Not allowing the possibility of (a particular action). <i>A man <b>incapable</b> of any kind of prejudice.</i>
<b>incompetence</b>	Lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications. <i>Allegations of professional <b>incompetence</b>.</i>
<b>incompetent</b>	An incompetent person. <i><b>Incompetent</b> witnesses.</i>
<b><u>ineffective</u></b>	Lacking in power or forcefulness. <i>An <b>ineffective</b> teacher.</i>
<b><u>inefficiency</u></b>	Unskillfulness resulting from a lack of efficiency. <i>The idea is to eliminate <b>inefficiency</b> creating a seamless manufacturing process.</i>
<b>inept</b>	Not elegant or graceful in expression. <i>The referee's <b>inept</b> handling of the match.</i>
<b>ineptitude</b>	Lack of skill or ability. <i>The officials displayed remarkable <b>ineptitude</b>.</i>
<b>infertile</b>	Incapable of reproducing. <i>An <b>infertile</b> couple.</i>

<b><u>invalid</u></b>	Disable (someone) by injury or illness. <i>She spent the rest of her life as an <b>invalid</b>.</i>
<b>powerless</b>	Lacking power. <i>Troops were <b>powerless</b> to stop last night's shooting.</i>
<b><u>sterile</u></b>	(of a plant) not able to produce fruit or seeds. <i>A <b>sterile</b> needle and syringes.</i>
<b>torpor</b>	A state of motor and mental inactivity with a partial suspension of sensibility. <i>He fell into a deep <b>torpor</b>.</i>
<b><u>unable</u></b>	(usually followed by 'to') lacking necessary physical or mental ability. <i>Like an <b>unable</b> phoenix in hot ashes.</i>
<b>unavailing</b>	Producing no result or effect. <i>An <b>unavailing</b> attempt.</i>
<b>unfruitful</b>	Not producing fruit or crops; infertile. <i>The meeting was <b>unfruitful</b>.</i>
<b><u>unproductive</u></b>	Not producing desired results. <i>The talks between labor and management were <b>unproductive</b>.</i>
<b><u>useless</u></b>	Not fulfilling or not expected to achieve the intended purpose or desired outcome. <i>A kitchen full of <b>useless</b> gadgets.</i>
<b>vain</b>	Producing no result; useless. <i>A <b>vain</b> attempt.</i>
<b><u>wasteful</u></b>	Inefficient in use of time and effort and materials. <i><b>Wasteful</b> energy consumption.</i>
<b><u>weak</u></b>	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 <b>weak</b> stomach.</i>