

Need another word that means the same as “miserable”? Find 143 synonyms and 30 related words for “miserable” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Miserable” are: deplorable, execrable, woeful, wretched, measly, paltry, hapless, misfortunate, pathetic, piteous, pitiable, pitiful, poor, abject, low, low-down, scummy, scurvy, suffering, unhappy, sad, sorrowful, dejected, depressed, downcast, downhearted, down, despondent, despairing, disconsolate, out of sorts, desolate, bowed down, glum, gloomy, dismal, blue, melancholy, melancholic, low-spirited, mournful, woebegone, doleful, forlorn, crestfallen, heartbroken, inconsolable, luckless, grief-stricken, dreary, dark, drab, sombre, depressing, grim, cheerless, godforsaken, bleak, joyless, uninviting, discouraging, disheartening, unpromising, hopeless, dire, tragic, distressing, grievous, unpleasant, disagreeable, displeasing, uncomfortable, grumpy, sullen, sulky, bad-tempered, ill-tempered, in a bad mood, dour, surly, sour, moody, unsmiling, humourless, uncommunicative, taciturn, unresponsive, unsociable, scowling, glowering, ill-humoured, sober, saturnine, pessimistic, lugubrious, irritable, churlish, cantankerous, crotchety, cross, crabbed, crabby, grouchy, testy, snappish, peevish, crusty, waspish, contemptible, despicable, confounded, inadequate, meagre, scanty, scant, limited, restricted, insufficient, deficient, negligible, insubstantial, skimpy, short, little, lean, small, slight, slender, lamentable, puny, niggardly, beggarly, miserly, parsimonious, penny-pinching, ungenerous, penurious, illiberal, close, grasping, greedy, avaricious, acquisitive

Miserable as an Adjective

Definitions of "Miserable" as an adjective

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

- *Contemptibly small in amount.*
- *Of very poor quality or condition.*
- *Of the most contemptible kind.*
- *(of a person) wretchedly unhappy or uncomfortable.*
- *Deserving or inciting pity.*
- *(of a person) habitually morose.*
- *Pitiably small or inadequate.*
- *Characterized by physical misery.*
- *Very unhappy; full of misery.*
- *Contemptible (used as a term of abuse or for emphasis).*
- *Miserly.*
- *Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy.*
- *Causing unhappiness or discomfort.*



Synonyms of "Miserable" as an adjective (143 Words)

abject	Most unfortunate or miserable. <i>Abject</i> cowardice.
acquisitive	Excessively interested in acquiring money or material things. <i>We live in a competitive and acquisitive society.</i>
avaricious	Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth. <i>A corrupt and avaricious government.</i>
bad-tempered	Annoyed and irritable.
beggarly	Marked by poverty befitting a beggar. <i>The stipend in 1522 was a beggarly 26 shillings.</i>
bleak	(of an area of land) lacking vegetation and exposed to the elements. <i>He looked round the bleak little room in despair.</i>
blue	Of a bird or other animal having blue markings. <i>Blue blood.</i>
bowed down	Have legs that curve outward at the knees.
cantankerous	Stubbornly obstructive and unwilling to cooperate. <i>A cantankerous and venomous tongued old lady.</i>
cheerless	Gloomy; depressing. <i>The corridors were ill lit and cheerless.</i>
churlish	Rude and boorish. <i>It seems churlish to complain.</i>
close	Fitting closely but comfortably. <i>A close secret.</i>
confounded	Perplexed by many conflicting situations or statements; filled with bewilderment. <i>A cloudy and confounded philosopher.</i>
contemptible	Deserving contempt; despicable. <i>A display of contemptible cowardice.</i>
crabbed	Bad-tempered. <i>A crabbed unhappy middle age.</i>
crabby	Annoyed and irritable. <i>He was crabby at having his siesta interrupted.</i>
crestfallen	Brought low in spirit. <i>He came back empty handed and crestfallen.</i>

<u>cross</u>	Extending or lying across in a crosswise direction at right angles to the long axis. <i>He seemed to be very cross about something.</i>
crotchety	Having a difficult and contrary disposition- Dorothy Sayers. <i>He was tired and crotchety.</i>
crusty	Having or acting as a hard outer layer or covering. <i>A crusty old Scots judge.</i>
dark	Having a dark hue. <i>A dark purpose.</i>
<u>deficient</u>	Insufficient or inadequate. <i>The documentary evidence is deficient.</i>
dejected	Sad and depressed; dispirited. <i>Is dejected but trying to look cheerful.</i>
deplorable	Bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure. <i>Deplorable housing conditions in the inner city.</i>
depressed	(of a person) in a state of unhappiness or despondency. <i>The market is depressed.</i>
depressing	Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy. <i>The mortgage rate increase will have a depressing effect on the housing market.</i>
desolate	Providing no shelter or sustenance. <i>A low desolate wail.</i>
despairing	Showing the loss of all hope. <i>The last despairing plea of the condemned criminal.</i>
despicable	Deserving hatred and contempt. <i>A despicable crime.</i>
despondent	Without or almost without hope. <i>She grew more and more despondent.</i>
<u>dire</u>	Of a very poor quality. <i>A career or vengeance so direful that London was shocked.</i>
<u>disagreeable</u>	Not agreeing with your tastes or expectations. <i>Aspects of his work are disagreeable to him.</i>
disconsolate	Very unhappy and unable to be comforted. <i>She left Fritz looking disconsolate.</i>
<u>discouraging</u>	Expressing disapproval. <i>Where never is heard a discouraging word.</i>

<u>disheartening</u>	Causing someone to lose determination or confidence; discouraging or dispiriting. <i>Her death is particularly disheartening because it was preventable.</i>
dismal	Causing dejection. <i>The dismal weather made the late afternoon seem like evening.</i>
displeasing	Causing displeasure or lacking pleasing qualities. <i>It was not entirely displeasing to be the centre of such a drama.</i>
distressing	Causing anxiety, sorrow or pain; upsetting. <i>Some very distressing news.</i>
doleful	Expressing sorrow; mournful. <i>The child s doleful expression.</i>
dour	Relentlessly severe, stern, or gloomy in manner or appearance. <i>A hard dour humourless fanatic.</i>
<u>down</u>	Denoting a flavour variety of stable quark having relatively low mass and an electric charge of $-\frac{1}{3}$. In the Standard Model protons and neutrons are composed of up and down quarks. <i>Sorry but the computer s down.</i>
downcast	Directed downward. <i>A downcast glance.</i>
downhearted	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>Fans must not be downhearted even though we lost.</i>
<u>drab</u>	Lacking brightness or color; dull. <i>Drab faded curtains.</i>
dreary	Lacking in liveliness or charm or surprise. <i>A series of dreary dinner parties.</i>
execrable	Unequivocally detestable. <i>Execrable cheap wine.</i>
<u>forlorn</u>	(of an aim or endeavour) unlikely to succeed or be fulfilled. <i>Forlorn figures at bus stops.</i>
<u>gloomy</u>	Depressingly dark. <i>Gloomy forecasts about the economy.</i>
glowering	Showing a brooding ill humor.
<u>glum</u>	Looking or feeling dejected; morose. <i>The princess looked glum but later cheered up.</i>
godforsaken	Lacking any merit or attraction. <i>What are you doing in this godforsaken place.</i>

grasping	Avaricious; greedy. <i>A grasping old miser.</i>
greedy	Wanting to eat or drink more than one can reasonably consume. <i>Don't be greedy with the cookies.</i>
grief-stricken	Sorrowful through loss or deprivation.
grievous	Of great gravity or crucial import; requiring serious thought. <i>The American fleet suffered grievous losses.</i>
<u>grim</u>	Depressing or worrying to consider. <i>Took a grim view of the economy.</i>
grouchy	Annoyed and irritable. <i>The old man grew sulky and grouchy.</i>
<u>grumpy</u>	Bad-tempered and irritable. <i>His performance as the grumpy gateman.</i>
hapless	(especially of a person) unfortunate. <i>The hapless victims of the disaster.</i>
<u>heartbroken</u>	Full of sorrow. <i>He was heartbroken at the thought of leaving the house.</i>
hopeless	Of a person unable to do something skillfully. <i>The situation is hopeless.</i>
humourless	Lacking humour; not able to appreciate or express humour. <i>They are such a humourless bunch.</i>
ill-humoured	Brusque and surly and forbidding.
ill-tempered	Annoyed and irritable.
illiberal	Not generous; mean. <i>Illiberal and anti democratic policies.</i>
in a bad mood	Currently fashionable.
<u>inadequate</u>	Of insufficient quantity to meet a need. <i>These labels prove to be wholly inadequate.</i>
inconsolable	Sad beyond comforting; incapable of being consoled. <i>His widow Jane was inconsolable.</i>
insubstantial	Lacking in nutritive value. <i>Insubstantial evidence.</i>
<u>insufficient</u>	Not enough; inadequate. <i>There was insufficient evidence to convict him.</i>
irritable	(of a body part) abnormally sensitive. <i>She was tired and irritable.</i>

joyless	Not giving or feeling any pleasure or satisfaction; grim or dismal. <i>A joyless occasion.</i>
lamentable	Bad; unfortunate. <i>A lamentable decision.</i>
lean	Lacking excess flesh. <i>A lean year.</i>
limited	Denoting a limited company used after a company name. <i>A limited list of choices.</i>
little	Small and of little importance. <i>A little house.</i>
low	Very low in volume. <i>Training will be given low priority.</i>
low-down	Of the most contemptible kind.
low-spirited	Filled with melancholy and despondency.
luckless	Having bad luck; unfortunate. <i>An osprey seized the luckless fish with its talons.</i>
lugubrious	Looking or sounding sad and dismal. <i>His face looked even more lugubrious than usual.</i>
meagre	(of a person or animal) lean; thin. <i>A meagre diet of bread and beans.</i>
measly	Ridiculously small or few. <i>A measly tip.</i>
melancholic	Feeling or expressing pensive sadness. <i>Her melancholic smile.</i>
melancholy	Having a feeling of melancholy sad and pensive. <i>Growing more melancholy every hour.</i>
miserly	(used of persons or behavior) characterized by or indicative of lack of generosity. <i>The prize for the winner will be a miserly 3 500.</i>
misfortunate	Deserving or inciting pity.
moody	Giving an impression of melancholy or mystery. <i>His moody adolescent brother.</i>
mournful	Filled with or evoking sadness. <i>Her large mournful eyes.</i>
negligible	So small as to be meaningless; insignificant. <i>He said that the risks were negligible.</i>

niggardly	Meagre and given grudgingly. <i>A niggardly shoestring budget.</i>
out of sorts	Outer or outlying.
paltry	Petty; trivial. <i>She would earn a paltry 33 more a month.</i>
parsimonious	Very unwilling to spend money or use resources. <i>Parsimonious thrift relieved by few generous impulses.</i>
<u>pathetic</u>	Miserably inadequate; of very low standard. <i>The shabby room struck her as extraordinarily pathetic.</i>
peevish	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>A thin peevish voice.</i>
penny-pinching	Giving or spending with reluctance.
penurious	Unwilling to spend money; mean. <i>Penurious years.</i>
<u>pessimistic</u>	Tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen. <i>He was pessimistic about the prospects.</i>
piteous	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>Piteous appeals for help.</i>
pitiable	Contemptibly poor or small. <i>A pitiable imitation of the real thing.</i>
<u>pitiful</u>	Compassionate. <i>A pitiful attempt to impress her.</i>
poor	Unsatisfactory. <i>His poor distorted limbs.</i>
puny	Inferior in strength or significance. <i>The army was reduced to a puny 100 000 men.</i>
<u>restricted</u>	Restricted in meaning as e g man in a tall man. <i>Some enzymes cleave DNA at restricted sites.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>Feeling sad because his dog had died.</i>
saturnine	Showing a brooding ill humor. <i>A saturnine temperament.</i>
scant	Barely amounting to a specified number or quantity. <i>She weighed a scant two pounds.</i>

scanty	Small or insufficient in quantity or amount. <i>They paid whatever they could out of their scanty wages to their families.</i>
scowling	Sullen or unfriendly in appearance.
scummy	Covered with scum. <i>The scummy surface of the polluted pond.</i>
scurvy	Worthless or contemptible. <i>That was a scurvy trick.</i>
short	Of a broker position in the market etc buying or based on short stocks or other securities or commodities. <i>Money is short.</i>
skimpy	Containing little excess. <i>A skimpy allowance.</i>
<u>slender</u>	Being of delicate or slender build. <i>People of slender means.</i>
slight	(especially of a creative work) not profound or substantial; rather trivial or superficial. <i>A slight ankle injury.</i>
small	Have fine or very small constituent particles. <i>Helped in my own small way.</i>
snappish	Apt to speak irritably. <i>She was often snappish with the children.</i>
<u>sober</u>	Serious, sensible, and solemn. <i>As sober as a judge.</i>
sombre	Having or conveying a feeling of deep seriousness and sadness. <i>The night skies were sombre and starless.</i>
<u>sorrowful</u>	Causing grief. <i>Sorrowful news.</i>
<u>sour</u>	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. <i>She sampled the wine and found it was sour.</i>
suffering	Troubled by pain or loss. <i>A message of hope for suffering humanity.</i>
sulky	Expressing or suggesting gloom and bad temper. <i>Disappointment was making her sulky.</i>
sullen	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. <i>A sullen crowd.</i>

surly	Bad-tempered and unfriendly. <i>A surly waiter.</i>
taciturn	(of a person) reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little. <i>After such gatherings she would be taciturn and morose.</i>
testy	Easily irritated or annoyed. <i>His testy disapproving father.</i>
tragic	Relating to tragedy in a literary work. <i>The same rules apply whether the plot is tragic or comic.</i>
uncomfortable	Causing or feeling unease or awkwardness. <i>He began to feel uncomfortable at the man's hard stare.</i>
uncommunicative	Unwilling to talk or impart information. <i>The uncommunicative Emily disappeared.</i>
ungenerous	Lacking in magnanimity- Times Litt. Sup. <i>He was not an ungenerous man.</i>
unhappy	Generalized feeling of distress. <i>The unhappy or sad news.</i>
uninviting	Neither attractive nor tempting. <i>The house was dark and uninviting.</i>
unpleasant	Offensive or disagreeable; causing discomfort or unhappiness. <i>Unpleasant repercussions.</i>
unpromising	Not giving hope of future success or good results. <i>The boy's natural intellect had survived in unpromising circumstances.</i>
unresponsive	Aloof or indifferent. <i>Was unresponsive to her passionate advances.</i>
unsmiling	(of a person or their manner or expression) serious or unfriendly; not smiling. <i>A large unsmiling woman.</i>
unsociable	Not enjoying or making an effort to behave sociably in the company of others. <i>An unsociable nature shy and reserved.</i>
waspish	Readily expressing anger or irritation. <i>Witty and waspish about his colleagues.</i>
woebegone	Affected by or full of grief or woe. <i>Don't look so woebegone Joanna.</i>
woeful	Of very poor quality or condition. <i>Woeful errors of judgment.</i>

wretched

Of poor quality; very bad.

*I felt so **wretched** because I thought I might never see you again.*



Usage Examples of "Miserable" as an adjective

- *All they pay me is a miserable £8,000 a year.*
- *A lousy dollar a day—could any government be more miserable?*
- *The company donated a miserable \$100 for flood relief.*
- *A wet miserable weekend.*
- *His miserable treatment of his family.*
- *Their happiness made Anne feel even more miserable.*
- *A miserable man in his late sixties.*
- *Almost depleted his miserable store of dried beans.*
- *You miserable skunk!*
- *Horribly wet and miserable conditions.*
- *He felt depressed and miserable.*
- *You miserable old creep!*
- *Miserable victims of war.*



Associations of "Miserable" (30 Words)

abject	(of a person or their behaviour) completely without pride or dignity; self-abasing. <i>Abject</i> cowardice.
affliction	An instance of one celestial body afflicting another. <i>Poor people in great affliction.</i>
dejected	Sad and depressed; dispirited. <i>Is dejected but trying to look cheerful.</i>
dejection	A sad and depressed state; low spirits. <i>He was slumped in deep dejection.</i>
deplorable	Deserving strong condemnation; completely unacceptable. <i>Deplorable</i> housing conditions in the inner city.

<u>disappointment</u>	A person or thing that causes disappointment. <i>The job proved a disappointment.</i>
<u>disastrous</u>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>A disastrous fire swept through the museum.</i>
<u>discourage</u>	Deprive of courage or hope take away hope from cause to feel discouraged. <i>We should discourage this practice among our youth.</i>
<u>grief</u>	Intense sorrow, especially caused by someone's death. <i>Time heals griefs and quarrels.</i>
<u>grieve</u>	Feel intense sorrow about. <i>His behavior grieves his mother.</i>
<u>hapless</u>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>A hapless victim.</i>
<u>inferior</u>	Of low or inferior quality. <i>Her social and intellectual inferiors.</i>
<u>lamentable</u>	Full of or expressing sorrow or grief. <i>The lamentable friends trailing their long black garments.</i>
<u>mournful</u>	Filled with or evoking sadness. <i>Stared with mournful eyes.</i>
<u>mourning</u>	The expression of sorrow for someone's death. <i>She s still in mourning after the death of her husband.</i>
<u>pathetic</u>	Inspiring scornful pity. <i>Their efforts were pathetic.</i>
<u>piteous</u>	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>Piteous appeals for help.</i>
<u>pitiable</u>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>Pitiable lack of character.</i>
<u>pitiful</u>	Inspiring mixed contempt and pity. <i>Pitiful exhibition of cowardice.</i>
<u>pity</u>	The feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others. <i>Her voice was full of pity.</i>
<u>regrettable</u>	Deserving regret. <i>Regrettable remarks.</i>
<u>sad</u>	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>Feeling sad because his dog had died.</i>

sadness	The state of being sad. <i>She tired of his perpetual sadness.</i>
sorrowful	Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss. <i>Sorrowful widows.</i>
sorry	Used as a polite request that someone should repeat something that one has failed to hear or understand. <i>He said he was sorry he had upset me.</i>
unfortunate	A person who is considered immoral or lacking in religious faith or instruction, especially a prostitute. <i>An unfortunate decision.</i>
unhappy	Generalized feeling of distress. <i>After the argument they lapsed into an unhappy silence.</i>
unlucky	Having, bringing, or resulting from bad luck. <i>Friday the 13th is an unlucky date.</i>
worthless	(of a person) having no good qualities; deserving contempt. <i>Joan had been deserted by a worthless husband.</i>
wretched	Characterized by physical misery. <i>A wretched life.</i>

