

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



