

Need another word that means the same as “misery”? Find 52 synonyms and 30 related words for “misery” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Misery” are: miserableness, wretchedness, unhappiness, distress, hardship, suffering, affliction, anguish, anxiety, angst, torment, torture, hell, agony, pain, discomfort, deprivation, poverty, grief, heartache, heartbreak, despair, despondency, dejection, depression, desolation, gloom, gloominess, low spirits, moroseness, doldrums, melancholy, melancholia, woe, sadness, sorrow, misfortune, difficulty, problem, adversity, ordeal, trouble, killjoy, dog in the manger, damper, dampener, spoilsport, pessimist, prophet of doom, complainer, moaner, mope**

## Misery as a Noun

### Definitions of "Misery" as a noun

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

- *A person who is constantly miserable or discontented.*
- *A state or feeling of great physical or mental distress or discomfort.*
- *A feeling of intense unhappiness.*
- *A cause or source of great distress or discomfort.*
- *A state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune.*



## Synonyms of "Misery" as a noun (52 Words)

### [adversity](#)

A difficult or unpleasant situation.  
*Debt ridden farmers struggling with **adversity**.*

### **affliction**

A cause of great suffering and distress.  
*A crippling **affliction** of the nervous system.*

### [agony](#)

The final stages of a difficult or painful death.  
*He crashed to the ground in **agony**.*

### [angst](#)

An acute but unspecific feeling of anxiety; usually reserved for philosophical anxiety about the world or about personal freedom.  
*Rock and pop have a tradition of celebrating adolescent **angst**.*

### [anguish](#)

Severe mental or physical pain or suffering.  
*She shut her eyes in **anguish**.*

<b>anxiety</b>	A relatively permanent state of worry and nervousness occurring in a variety of mental disorders, usually accompanied by compulsive behavior or attacks of panic. <i>He felt a surge of <b>anxiety</b>.</i>
<b>complainer</b>	A plaintiff in certain lawsuits; a complainant. <i>It s also long past time for the chronic <b>complainers</b> to stop spreading discontent.</i>
<b>dampener</b>	A thing that has a restraining or subduing effect. <i>Television and booze those twin <b>dampeners</b> of the revolutionary spirit.</i>
<b>damper</b>	A depressing restraint. <i>This will be a <b>damper</b> on the liberal agenda for the next couple of years.</i>
<b><u>dejection</u></b>	A state of melancholy depression. <i>He was slumped in deep <b>dejection</b>.</i>
<b>depression</b>	A state of depression and anhedonia so severe as to require clinical intervention. <i><b>Depression</b> of the plunger delivers two units of insulin.</i>
<b><u>deprivation</u></b>	A state of extreme poverty. <i>Low wages mean that 3 75 million people suffer serious <b>deprivation</b>.</i>
<b><u>desolation</u></b>	The state of being decayed or destroyed. <i>The stony <b>desolation</b> of the desert.</i>
<b>despair</b>	The complete loss or absence of hope. <i>One harsh word would send her into the depths of <b>despair</b>.</i>
<b>despondency</b>	Low spirits from loss of hope or courage; dejection. <i>An air of <b>despondency</b>.</i>
<b>difficulty</b>	A thing that is hard to accomplish, deal with, or understand. <i>Had <b>difficulty</b> walking.</i>
<b><u>discomfort</u></b>	A state of unease, worry, or embarrassment. <i>The <b>discomforts</b> of air travel.</i>
<b>distress</b>	A state of adversity (danger or affliction or need). <i>A <b>distress</b> call.</i>
<b>dog in the manger</b>	Metal supports for logs in a fireplace.
<b>doldrums</b>	A state or period of stagnation or depression. <i>Hurricane Verity had been born in the <b>doldrums</b>.</i>
<b>gloom</b>	A state of depression or despondency. <i>The meadow hen floats off to sink into remoter shades and ferny <b>glooms</b>.</i>

<b>gloominess</b>	An atmosphere of depression and melancholy.
<b><u><a href="#">grief</a></u></b>	An instance or cause of intense sorrow. <i>She was overcome with <b>grief</b>.</i>
<b>hardship</b>	Something hard to endure. <i>I cannot think it a <b>hardship</b> that more indulgence is allowed to men than to women.</i>
<b>heartache</b>	Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death). <i>The familiar pang of <b>heartache</b>.</i>
<b><u><a href="#">heartbreak</a></u></b>	Overwhelming distress. <i>An unforgettable tale of joy and <b>heartbreak</b>.</i>
<b>killjoy</b>	A person who deliberately spoils the enjoyment of others. <i>A few <b>killjoys</b> try to reform the seasonal activities.</i>
<b>low spirits</b>	An air mass of lower pressure; often brings precipitation.
<b>melancholia</b>	Extreme depression characterized by tearful sadness and irrational fears. <i>The haunting <b>melancholia</b> that dominates the album.</i>
<b><u><a href="#">melancholy</a></u></b>	A humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and melancholy. <i>An air of <b>melancholy</b> surrounded him.</i>
<b>miserableness</b>	A state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune.
<b><u><a href="#">misfortune</a></u></b>	An unfortunate state resulting from unfavorable outcomes. <i>Never laugh at other people's <b>misfortunes</b>.</i>
<b>moaner</b>	A person given to excessive complaints and crying and whining.
<b>mope</b>	Someone who wastes time. <i>They switched to treating him like a child just bravely out of its <b>mopes</b>.</i>
<b>moroseness</b>	A sullen moody resentful disposition.
<b><u><a href="#">ordeal</a></u></b>	A very unpleasant and prolonged experience. <i><b>Ordeals</b> conducted in the twelfth century.</i>
<b>pain</b>	A somatic sensation of acute discomfort. <i>Chest <b>pains</b>.</i>
<b><u><a href="#">pessimist</a></u></b>	A person who tends to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen. <i>The <b>pessimists</b> point to ways in which life has deteriorated.</i>
<b>poverty</b>	The state of being extremely poor. <i>Thousands of families are living in abject <b>poverty</b>.</i>

<b>problem</b>	A proposition in which something has to be constructed. <i>Our homework consisted of ten <b>problems</b> to solve.</i>
<b>prophet of doom</b>	Someone who speaks by divine inspiration; someone who is an interpreter of the will of God.
<b>sadness</b>	The quality of excessive mournfulness and uncheerfulness. <i>She tired of his perpetual <b>sadness</b>.</i>
<b><u>sorrow</u></b>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>He tried to express his <b>sorrow</b> at her loss.</i>
<b>spoilsport</b>	A person who behaves in a way that spoils others' pleasure, especially by not joining in an activity. <i>Don t be a <b>spoilsport</b> Sidney.</i>
<b>suffering</b>	Psychological suffering. <i>His disregard for the <b>sufferings</b> of his fellow countrymen.</i>
<b>torment</b>	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>The <b>torments</b> of the damned.</i>
<b><u>torture</u></b>	A cause of great suffering or anxiety. <i>Dances were absolute <b>torture</b> because I was so small.</i>
<b>trouble</b>	Public unrest or disorder. <i>I wouldn t want to put you to any <b>trouble</b>.</i>
<b>unhappiness</b>	The feeling of not being satisfied or pleased with a situation. <i>Residents expressed their <b>unhappiness</b> at the council s decision.</i>
<b>woe</b>	Great sorrow or distress (often used hyperbolically). <i>To add to his <b>woes</b> customers have been spending less.</i>
<b>wretchedness</b>	The character of being uncomfortable and unpleasant. <i>He has compiled a record second to none in its <b>wretchedness</b>.</i>



### **Usage Examples of "Misery" as a noun**

- *The misery and wretchedness of those slums is intolerable.*
- *The misery of the miner's existence.*
- *She was exhausted by her misery and grief.*
- *Have we really been such a bunch of miseries to work with?*
- *A man who had brought her nothing but misery.*
- *The miseries of war.*



## Associations of "Misery" (30 Words)

- abject** Of the most contemptible kind.  
*An **abject** apology.*
- ache** Feel intense sadness or compassion.  
*The **ache** in her head worsened.*
- affliction** The state of being in pain.  
*A crippling **affliction** of the nervous system.*
- agonize** Cause to agonize.  
*A question which will **agonize** the technocrats.*
- agony** Extreme physical or mental suffering.  
*He crashed to the ground in **agony**.*
- anguish** Cause emotional anguish or make miserable.  
*I spent the next two weeks **anguishing** about whether I d made the right decision.*

<b>bleeding</b>	Used for emphasis, or to express annoyance. <i>She looks so <b>bleeding</b> bored all day.</i>
<b>bruise</b>	Inflict a bruise or bruises on a part of the body. <i><b>Bruise</b> the berries with a wooden spoon and strain them.</i>
<b>cramp</b>	Fasten with a cramp or cramps. <i>An attack of <b>cramp</b>.</i>
<b>distress</b>	Bring into difficulties or distress especially financial hardship. <i>Originally <b>distress</b> was a landlord s remedy against a tenant for unpaid rents or property damage but now the landlord is given a landlord s lien.</i>
<b>distressed</b>	Impoverished. <i><b>Distressed</b> about her son s leaving home.</i>
<b>dolor</b>	(poetry) painful grief.
<b>grimace</b>	Make a grimace. <i>She made a <b>grimace</b> at the prospect.</i>
<b>hardship</b>	Severe suffering or privation. <i>A life of <b>hardship</b>.</i>
<b>hunger</b>	Feel or suffer hunger. <i><b>Hunger</b> for affection.</i>
<b>hurt</b>	Hurt the feelings of. <i>Our business was <b>hurt</b> by the new competition.</i>
<b>miserable</b>	(of a person) habitually morose. <i>A wet <b>miserable</b> weekend.</i>
<b>mishap</b>	An unpredictable outcome that is unfortunate. <i>Although there were a few minor <b>mishaps</b> none of the pancakes stuck to the ceiling.</i>
<b>neediness</b>	A state of extreme poverty. <i>He recognized her <b>neediness</b> but had no time to respond to it.</i>
<b>pain</b>	Cause mental or physical pain to. <i>It <b>pains</b> me to see my children not being taught well in school.</i>
<b>poor</b>	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>The country had a <b>poor</b> economy.</i>
<b>poverty</b>	The state of having little or no money and few or no material possessions. <i>The <b>poverty</b> of her imagination.</i>
<b>privation</b>	A state in which food and other essentials for well-being are lacking. <i>Nutritional <b>privation</b>.</i>



- splitting** Resembling a sound of violent tearing as of something ripped apart or lightning splitting a tree.  
*The **splitting** of water into its components of hydrogen and oxygen is critical.*
- suffer** Undergo or suffer.  
*My conscience would not **suffer** me to accept any more.*
- suffering** Psychological suffering.  
*A message of hope for **suffering** humanity.*
- throb** Beat or sound with a strong, regular rhythm; pulsate steadily.  
*The dull ache became a **throb**.*
- unfortunate** Not favored by fortune; marked or accompanied by or resulting in ill fortune.  
***Unfortunate** investments.*
- woe** Things that cause sorrow or distress; troubles.  
*The Everton tale of **woe** continued.*
- wretchedness** A state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune.  
*He has compiled a record second to none in its **wretchedness**.*

