

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**.*

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

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

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

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

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

