

Need another word that means the same as “misfortune”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “misfortune” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Misfortune” are: bad luck, ill luck, tough luck, problem, difficulty, issue, trouble, setback, reverse, adversity, reverse of fortune, misadventure, mishap, stroke of bad luck, blow, failure, accident, disaster, tragedy, affliction, sorrow, misery, woe, trial, tribulation, catastrophe, calamity

Misfortune as a Noun

Definitions of "Misfortune" as a noun

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

- *Unnecessary and unforeseen trouble resulting from an unfortunate event.*
- *An unfortunate condition or event.*
- *Bad luck.*
- *An unfortunate state resulting from unfavorable outcomes.*



Synonyms of "Misfortune" as a noun (27 Words)

accident

An unfortunate incident that happens unexpectedly and unintentionally, typically resulting in damage or injury.
*He had a little **accident** but I washed his shorts out.*

adversity

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

affliction

A state of great suffering and distress due to adversity.
*A crippling **affliction** of the nervous system.*

bad luck

That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.

blow

An act of blowing one's nose.
*He gave his nose a loud **blow**.*

calamity

An event resulting in great loss and misfortune.
*The journey had led to **calamity** and ruin.*

catastrophe

The denouement of a drama, especially a classical tragedy.
*Lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our school system.*

difficulty	A condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and requiring great effort to bear or overcome. <i>I managed with difficulty to struggle upright.</i>
disaster	A state of extreme (usually irremediable) ruin and misfortune. <i>Disaster struck within minutes of take off.</i>
failure	An event that does not accomplish its intended purpose. <i>An economic policy that is doomed to failure.</i>
ill luck	An often persistent bodily disorder or disease; a cause for complaining.
issue	Supplies as food or clothing or ammunition issued by the government. <i>The December issue of the magazine.</i>
misadventure	Death caused by a person accidentally while performing a legal act without negligence or intent to harm. <i>The coroner recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.</i>
<u>misery</u>	A person who is constantly miserable or discontented. <i>The misery and wretchedness of those slums is intolerable.</i>
<u>mishap</u>	An unlucky accident. <i>Although there were a few minor mishaps none of the pancakes stuck to the ceiling.</i>
problem	A question raised for consideration or solution. <i>Practitioners help families develop strategies for managing problem behaviour in teens.</i>
reverse	The gears by which the motion of a machine can be reversed. <i>The gall actuates a reverse of photosynthesis.</i>
reverse of fortune	The gears by which the motion of a machine can be reversed.
setback	A plain, flat offset in a wall. <i>They had to get permission to overlap the city's setback lines.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>He tried to express his sorrow at her loss.</i>
stroke of bad luck	The oarsman nearest the stern of the shell who sets the pace for the rest of the crew.
tough luck	Someone who learned to fight in the streets rather than being formally trained in the sport of boxing.
<u>tragedy</u>	Drama in which the protagonist is overcome by some superior force or circumstance; excites terror or pity. <i>Greek tragedy.</i>

trial	(sports) a preliminary competition to determine qualifications. <i>He called each flip of the coin a new trial.</i>
tribulation	An annoying or frustrating or catastrophic event. <i>His time of tribulation was just beginning.</i>
trouble	A cause of worry or inconvenience. <i>Friends should support each other when they are in trouble.</i>
woe	Misery resulting from affliction. <i>The Everton tale of woe continued.</i>



Usage Examples of "Misfortune" as a noun

- *Never laugh at other people's misfortunes.*
- *The project was dogged by misfortune.*



Associations of "Misfortune" (30 Words)

accident	A crash involving road or other vehicles. <i>If you are unable to work owing to accident or sickness.</i>
adversity	A state of misfortune or affliction. <i>Resilience in the face of adversity.</i>
aftermath	New grass growing after mowing or harvest. <i>Food prices soared in the aftermath of the drought.</i>
befall	Happen, occur, or be the case in the course of events or by chance. <i>He promised that no harm would befall her.</i>
beset	Hem in. <i>The zebra was beset by leopards.</i>
betide	Happen to (someone). <i>I waited with beating heart not knowing what would betide.</i>
blow	Free of obstruction by blowing air through. <i>It took him maybe five choruses to warm up but then he could really blow.</i>
calamity	An event resulting in great loss and misfortune. <i>Emergency measures may be necessary in order to avert a calamity.</i>
cataclysm	A sudden violent political or social upheaval. <i>The cataclysm at the end of the Cretaceous Period.</i>
cataclysmic	Severely destructive. <i>A novel about a cataclysmic world war.</i>
catastrophe	A sudden violent change in the earth's surface. <i>Inaction will only bring us closer to catastrophe.</i>
disaster	An event or fact that has unfortunate consequences. <i>Reduced legal aid could spell financial disaster.</i>
dystopia	A work of fiction describing an imaginary place where life is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror.
earthquake	Shaking and vibration at the surface of the earth resulting from underground movement along a fault plane or from volcanic activity. <i>A political earthquake.</i>
funeral	A sermon delivered at a funeral. <i>The community would call him to preach the funeral.</i>
harass	Subject to aggressive pressure or intimidation. <i>Being harassed at work can leave you feeling confused and helpless.</i>
hardship	Severe suffering or privation. <i>A life of hardship.</i>

harry	Annoy continually or chronically. <i>He is known to harry his staff when he is overworked.</i>
misadventure	An unfortunate incident; a mishap. <i>The coroner recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.</i>
mischance	An instance of misfortune. <i>By pure mischance the secret was revealed.</i>
<u>mishap</u>	An unpredictable outcome that is unfortunate. <i>The event passed without mishap.</i>
<u>needy</u>	Needy people collectively. <i>Those from needy backgrounds.</i>
omen	Indicate as with a sign or an omen. <i>A rise in imports might be an omen of recovery.</i>
presage	Indicate by signs. <i>He had a strong presage that he had only a very short time to live.</i>
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>Weapons that cause unnecessary suffering.</i>
<u>tragedy</u>	Drama in which the protagonist is overcome by some superior force or circumstance; excites terror or pity. <i>A tragedy that killed 95 people.</i>
<u>unfortunate</u>	Unsuitable or regrettable. <i>An unfortunate speech.</i>
unfortunately	By bad luck. <i>Unfortunately it rained all day.</i>
unhappy	Unfortunate. <i>After the argument they lapsed into an unhappy silence.</i>
unlucky	Marked by or promising bad fortune- W.H.Prescott. <i>The unlucky prisoner was again put in irons.</i>

