

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

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The synonyms of “Pathetic” are: ridiculous, silly, pitiable, pitiful, hapless, miserable, misfortunate, piteous, poor, wretched, moving, touching, poignant, plaintive, stirring, feeble, woeful, sorry, lamentable, deplorable, contemptible, despicable, inadequate, meagre, paltry, insufficient, negligible, insubstantial, unsatisfactory, worthless

Pathetic as an Adjective

Definitions of "Pathetic" as an adjective

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

- *Relating to the emotions.*
- *Inspiring scornful pity.*
- *Miserably inadequate; of very low standard.*
- *Arousing pity, especially through vulnerability or sadness.*
- *Inspiring scornful pity- Dashiell Hammett.*
- *Deserving or inciting pity.*
- *Inspiring mixed contempt and pity.*
- *Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy.*



Synonyms of "Pathetic" as an adjective (30 Words)

- contemptible** Deserving contempt; despicable.
*A display of **contemptible** cowardice.*
- deplorable** Of very poor quality or condition.
*Children living in **deplorable** conditions.*
- despicable** Morally reprehensible.
*A **despicable** crime.*
- feeble** Lacking physical strength, especially as a result of age or illness.
*A **feeble** voice.*
- hapless** Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy.
*The **hapless** victims of the disaster.*
- inadequate** Of insufficient quantity to meet a need.
*A sad solitary **inadequate** man.*
- insubstantial** Lacking in nutritive value.
*The huts are relatively few and **insubstantial**.*

<u>insufficient</u>	Not enough; inadequate. Insufficient funds.
lamentable	(of an event, action, or attitude) unfortunate; regrettable. <i>The industry is in a lamentable state.</i>
meagre	Deficient in amount or quality or extent. <i>They were forced to supplement their meagre earnings.</i>
<u>miserable</u>	Pitiably small or inadequate. <i>Their happiness made Anne feel even more miserable.</i>
misfortunate	Especially of a person: unfortunate.
moving	Producing strong emotion, especially sadness or sympathy. <i>She laid her case of destitution before him in a very moving letter.</i>
<u>negligible</u>	Not worth considering. <i>The effect was negligible.</i>
paltry	Contemptibly small in amount. <i>A paltry wage.</i>
piteous	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>A piteous cry.</i>
pitiable	Contemptibly poor or small. Pitiable lack of character.
<u>pitiful</u>	Compassionate. <i>Two children in a very pitiful state.</i>
<u>plaintive</u>	Expressing sorrow. <i>A plaintive cry.</i>
<u>poignant</u>	Arousing affect. Poignant anxiety.
poor	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>Many people are eating a very poor diet.</i>
ridiculous	Deserving or inviting derision or mockery; absurd. <i>That ridiculous tartan cap.</i>
silly	Denoting fielding positions very close to the batsman. <i>He often drank himself silly.</i>
<u>sorry</u>	Bad; unfortunate. <i>I felt sorry for the poor boys working for him.</i>
<u>stirring</u>	Capable of arousing enthusiasm or excitement. Stirring songs.
touching	Arousing feelings of sympathy or gratitude. <i>His gratitude was simple and touching.</i>

unsatisfactory	Not giving satisfaction. <i>Shops should take back unsatisfactory goods.</i>
woeful	Affected by or full of grief or woe. <i>Woeful errors of judgment.</i>
worthless	Lacking in usefulness or value. <i>That promise is worthless.</i>
wretched	(of a person) in a very unhappy or unfortunate state. <i>A wretched life.</i>



Usage Examples of "Pathetic" as an adjective

- *The shabby room struck her as extraordinarily pathetic.*
- *It was a pathetic sight.*
- *Their efforts were pathetic.*
- *He's a pathetic excuse for a man.*
- *She looked so pathetic that I bent down to comfort her.*
- *His ball control was pathetic.*



Associations of "Pathetic" (30 Words)

- calamitous** Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.
*A **calamitous** defeat.*
- catastrophic** Relating to geological catastrophism.
*The body undergoes **catastrophic** collapse towards the state of a black hole.*
- defeated** People who are defeated.
*The **defeated** enemy.*
- dejected** Affected or marked by low spirits.
*Is **dejected** but trying to look cheerful.*
- deplorable** Deserving strong condemnation; completely unacceptable.
*Children living in **deplorable** conditions.*
- disastrous** Highly unsuccessful.
*United made a **disastrous** start to the season.*

hapless	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>A hapless victim.</i>
inauspicious	Not auspicious; boding ill. <i>This is the inauspicious star of disaster.</i>
inferior	An inferior letter figure or symbol. <i>Inferior alveolar artery.</i>
lamentable	(of an event, action, or attitude) unfortunate; regrettable. <i>A lamentable decision.</i>
loser	A contestant who loses the contest. <i>A ragtag community of rejects and losers.</i>
miserable	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>Their happiness made Anne feel even more miserable.</i>
mournful	Feeling, expressing, or inducing sadness, regret, or grief. <i>Her large mournful eyes.</i>
moving	In motion. <i>Her ambition was to be in moving pictures or the movies.</i>
piteous	Deserving or arousing pity. <i>Piteous appeals for help.</i>
pitiable	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>A pitiable imitation of the real thing.</i>
pitiful	Compassionate. <i>A pitiful attempt to impress her.</i>
pity	A cause for regret or disappointment. <i>It s a pity he couldn t do it.</i>
regrettable	Deserving regret. <i>It s regrettable that she didn t go to college.</i>
ruinous	Disastrous or destructive. <i>The castle is ruinous.</i>
ruth	A feeling of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortunes of others.
sad	Of things that make you feel sad. <i>Better by far that you should forget and smile Than that you should remember and be sad.</i>
sadly	To a regrettable extent; regrettably. <i>His schemes went sadly awry.</i>
sadness	The state of being sad. <i>It is one of life s sadnesses.</i>

- sorry** Feeling regret or penitence.
*He said he was **sorry** he had upset me.*
- touching** Arousing affect.
*His gratitude was simple and **touching**.*
- tragic** Causing or characterized by extreme distress or sorrow.
*A **tragic** accident.*
- unfortunate** Not favored by fortune; marked or accompanied by or resulting in ill fortune.
*An **unfortunate** turn of events.*
- unlucky** Marked by or promising bad fortune- W.H.Prescott.
*An **unlucky** defeat.*
- wretched** Used to express anger or annoyance.
*I felt so **wretched** because I thought I might never see you again.*

