

Need another word that means the same as “pathos”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “pathos” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pathos” are: commiseration, pity, ruth, poignancy, tragedy, sadness, piteousness, plaintiveness, sorrowfulness

Pathos as a Noun

Definitions of "Pathos" as a noun

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

- *A quality that arouses emotions (especially pity or sorrow.*
- *A quality that evokes pity or sadness.*
- *A style that has the power to evoke feelings.*
- *A feeling of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortunes of others.*

Synonyms of "Pathos" as a noun (9 Words)

commiseration	An expression of sympathy with another’s grief. <i>Our commiserations to those who didn t win.</i>
piteousness	The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience. <i>A piteousness of doves pecked at his window.</i>
pity	An unfortunate development. <i>The blind are too often objects of pity.</i>
plaintiveness	Expressing sorrowfulness.

poignancy	A state of deeply felt distress or sorrow. <i>The pregnancy has a special poignancy for her family.</i>
ruth	A book of the Old Testament that tells the story of Ruth who was not an Israelite but who married an Israelite and who stayed with her mother-in-law Naomi after her husband died.
sadness	The quality of excessive mournfulness and uncheerfulness. <i>She tired of his perpetual sadness.</i>
sorrowfulness	Something that causes great unhappiness.
<u>tragedy</u>	The dramatic genre represented by tragedies. <i>A tragedy that killed 95 people.</i>

Usage Examples of "Pathos" as a noun

- *The film captured all the pathos of their situation.*
- *The actor injects his customary humour and pathos into the role.*

Associations of "Pathos" (30 Words)

compassion	A deep awareness of and sympathy for another's suffering. <i>The victims should be treated with compassion.</i>
compassionate	Showing or having compassion. <i>She tried to sound compassionate.</i>
deplore	Express strong disapproval of. <i>We deplore all violence.</i>
<u>disastrous</u>	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>A disastrous fire swept through the museum.</i>
emotion	A strong feeling deriving from one's circumstances, mood, or relationships with others. <i>Responses have to be based on historical insight not simply on emotion.</i>
emotional	Of more than usual emotion. <i>An emotional speech.</i>
empathy	The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
hangdog	Showing a sense of guilt. <i>The hangdog and shamefaced air of the retreating enemy.</i>
hapless	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>A hapless victim.</i>

lamentable	(of an event, action, or attitude) unfortunate; regrettable. <i>The lamentable friends trailing their long black garments.</i>
maudlin	(of a book, film, or song) highly sentimental. <i>Maudlin expressions of sympathy.</i>
mawkish	Effusively or insincerely emotional. <i>The mawkish smell of warm beer.</i>
melodrama	Behaviour or events that resemble melodrama. <i>What little is known of his early life is cloaked in melodrama.</i>
<u>pathetic</u>	Miserably inadequate; of very low standard. <i>It was a pathetic sight.</i>
piteous	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>A piteous cry.</i>
pitiable	Contemptibly poor or small. <i>A pitiable imitation of the real thing.</i>
<u>pitiful</u>	Inspiring mixed contempt and pity. <i>Pitiful exhibition of cowardice.</i>
<u>pity</u>	A cause for regret or disappointment. <i>What a pity we can't be friends.</i>
poignancy	A state of deeply felt distress or sorrow. <i>A moment of extraordinary poignancy.</i>
regretful	Feeling or expressing regret or sorrow or a sense of loss over something done or undone. <i>He sounded regretful but pointed out that he had committed himself.</i>
regrettable	(of conduct or an event) giving rise to regret; undesirable; unwelcome. <i>The loss of this number of jobs is regrettable.</i>
<u>romantic</u>	Relating to or denoting the artistic and literary movement of romanticism. <i>Romantic fiction.</i>
ruth	The great-grandmother of king David whose story is told in the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament.
sadness	Emotions experienced when not in a state of well-being. <i>It is one of life's sadnesses.</i>
sentimentality	Extravagant or affected feeling or emotion. <i>There are passages which verge on sentimentality.</i>
<u>sorry</u>	Without merit; of little or no value or use. <i>He said he was sorry he had upset me.</i>

<u>sympathetic</u>	Of characters in literature or drama evoking empathic or sympathetic feelings. A <i>sympathetic</i> gesture.
<u>sympathy</u>	A relation of affinity or harmony between people; whatever affects one correspondingly affects the other. <i>The magnetic field oscillates in sympathy.</i>
telepathy	Apparent communication from one mind to another without using sensory perceptions.
touching	Arousing affect. <i>Your loyalty is very touching.</i>