

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)

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

<b>poignancy</b>	A state of deeply felt distress or sorrow. <i>The pregnancy has a special <b>poignancy</b> for her family.</i>
<b>ruth</b>	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.
<b>sadness</b>	The quality of excessive mournfulness and uncheerfulness. <i>She tired of his perpetual <b>sadness</b>.</i>
<b>sorrowfulness</b>	Something that causes great unhappiness.
<b>tragedy</b>	The dramatic genre represented by tragedies. <i>A <b>tragedy</b> 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)

<b>compassion</b>	A deep awareness of and sympathy for another's suffering. <i>The victims should be treated with <b>compassion</b>.</i>
<b>compassionate</b>	Showing or having compassion. <i>She tried to sound <b>compassionate</b>.</i>
<b>deplore</b>	Express strong disapproval of. <i>We <b>deplore</b> all violence.</i>
<b>disastrous</b>	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>A <b>disastrous</b> fire swept through the museum.</i>
<b>emotion</b>	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 <b>emotion</b>.</i>
<b>emotional</b>	Of more than usual emotion. <i>An <b>emotional</b> speech.</i>
<b>empathy</b>	The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
<b>hangdog</b>	Showing a sense of guilt. <i>The <b>hangdog</b> and shamefaced air of the retreating enemy.</i>
<b>hapless</b>	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>A <b>hapless</b> victim.</i>

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

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