

Need another word that means the same as “pity”? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for “pity” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pity” are: commiseration, pathos, ruth, compassion, shame, condolence, sorrow, regret, sadness, distress, sympathy, fellow feeling, understanding, feeling, emotion, crying shame, cause for disappointment, cause for regret, source of regret, unfortunate thing, bad luck, misfortune, compassionate, condole with, feel for, sympathize with, feel sorry for, feel pity for, feel sympathy for, be sympathetic towards, empathize with, commiserate with, have compassion for, be compassionate towards, take pity on, be moved by, bleed for, have one's heart go out to, weep for, grieve for

Pity as a Noun

Definitions of "Pity" as a noun

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

- *A cause for regret or disappointment.*
- *The humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it.*
- *The feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others.*
- *A feeling of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortunes of others.*

- *An unfortunate development.*



Synonyms of "Pity" as a noun (22 Words)

bad luck	That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.
cause for disappointment	Events that provide the generative force that is the origin of something.
cause for regret	Any entity that produces an effect or is responsible for events or results.
commiseration	Expressions of sympathy and sorrow for another. <i>The other actors offered him clumsy commiseration.</i>
compassion	Sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others. <i>The victims should be treated with compassion.</i>
condolence	An expression of sympathy, especially on the occasion of the death of a person's relative or close friend. <i>We offer our sincere condolences to his widow.</i>
crying shame	The process of shedding tears (usually accompanied by sobs or other inarticulate sounds).
distress	The seizure and holding of property as security for payment of a debt or satisfaction of a claim. <i>To his distress he saw that she was trembling.</i>
emotion	Instinctive or intuitive feeling as distinguished from reasoning or knowledge. <i>Responses have to be based on historical insight not simply on emotion.</i>
feeling	A sensitivity to or intuitive understanding of. <i>I had a strange feeling in my leg.</i>
fellow feeling	An informal form of address for a man.
<u>misfortune</u>	Unnecessary and unforeseen trouble resulting from an unfortunate event. <i>The project was dogged by misfortune.</i>
<u>pathos</u>	A style that has the power to evoke feelings. <i>The film captured all the pathos of their situation.</i>
regret	Used in polite formulas to express apology for or sadness at an occurrence or an inability to accept an invitation. <i>He wrote a note expressing his regret.</i>
ruth	United States professional baseball player famous for hitting home runs (1895-1948).

sadness

The quality of excessive mournfulness and uncheerfulness.
*She tired of his perpetual **sadness**.*

shame

A person, action, or situation that brings a loss of respect or honour.

*He felt a pang of **shame** at telling Alice a lie.*

sorrow

An event or circumstance that causes sorrow.

*He tried to express his **sorrow** at her loss.*

source of regret

Someone who originates or causes or initiates something.

sympathy

A relation of affinity or harmony between people; whatever affects one correspondingly affects the other.

*They had great **sympathy** for the flood victims.*

understanding

The cognitive condition of someone who understands.

*I knew I could count on his **understanding**.*

unfortunate thing

A person who suffers misfortune.



Usage Examples of "Pity" as a noun

- *It's a pity he couldn't do it.*
- *It's a pity you didn't contact us first.*
- *What a pity we can't be friends.*

- *Her voice was full of pity.*
- *The blind are too often objects of pity.*



Pity as a Verb

Definitions of "Pity" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "pity" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Feel sorrow for the misfortunes of.*
- *Share the suffering of.*



Synonyms of "Pity" as a verb (18 Words)

be compassionate towards	Represent, as of a character on stage.
be moved by	Form or compose.
be sympathetic towards	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
bleed for	Be diffused.
commiserate with	To feel or express sympathy or compassion.
compassionate	Share the suffering of.
condole with	Share the suffering of.
empathize with	Be understanding of.
feel for	Undergo passive experience of.
feel pity for	Find by testing or cautious exploration.
feel sorry for	Perceive by a physical sensation, e.g., coming from the skin or muscles.
feel sympathy for	Grope or feel in search of something.
grieve for	Cause to feel sorrow.
have compassion for	Have ownership or possession of.
have one's heart go out to	Have a personal or business relationship with someone.
sympathize with	Share the feelings of; understand the sentiments of.
take pity on	Head into a specified direction.
weep for	Shed tears because of sadness, rage, or pain.



Usage Examples of "Pity" as a verb

- *I could see from their faces that they pitied me.*



Associations of "Pity" (30 Words)

compassion	The humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it. <i>The victims should be treated with compassion.</i>
compassionate	Showing or having compassion. <i>She tried to sound compassionate.</i>
deplorable	Shockingly bad in quality. <i>A deplorable act of violence.</i>
<u>disastrous</u>	Highly unsuccessful. <i>The battle was a disastrous end to a disastrous campaign.</i>
<u>empathetic</u>	Showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of another. <i>A sensitive and empathetic school counselor.</i>
empathy	Understanding and entering into another's feelings.
frivolousness	The trait of being frivolous; not serious or sensible.

goodwill	The friendly hope that something will succeed. A goodwill gesture.
hangdog	Frightened into submission or compliance. The hangdog and shamefaced air of the retreating enemy.
hapless	(especially of a person) unfortunate. A hapless victim.
lamentable	(of circumstances or conditions) very bad; deplorable. The lamentable friends trailing their long black garments.
loser	A person who is disadvantaged by a particular situation or course of action. A ragtag community of rejects and losers .
merciful	(used conventionally of royalty and high nobility) gracious. William did not believe in being merciful to those who fought against him.
mercy	The feeling that motivates compassion. Distributing food and clothing to the flood victims was an act of mercy .
moving	In motion. A constantly moving crowd.
pathetic	Miserably inadequate; of very low standard. Their efforts were pathetic .
pathos	A feeling of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortunes of others. The actor injects his customary humour and pathos into the role.
piteous	Deserving or arousing pity. A piteous cry.
pitiable	Contemptibly poor or small. A pitiable imitation of the real thing.
pitiful	Deserving or arousing pity. A pitiful fate.
poignancy	A quality that arouses emotions (especially pity or sorrow). A moment of extraordinary poignancy .
regretful	Feeling or showing regret. Regretful over mistakes she had made.
regrettable	(of conduct or an event) giving rise to regret; undesirable; unwelcome. It is regrettable that she didn't go to college.
ruth	United States professional baseball player famous for hitting home runs (1895-1948).

sorry

Bad; unfortunate.

*He said he was **sorry** he had upset me.*

sympathetic

Of or relating to the sympathetic nervous system.

*A **sympathetic** observer.*

sympathy

Agreement with or approval of an opinion or aim; a favourable attitude.

*They had great **sympathy** for the flood victims.*

touching

Arousing affect.

*His gratitude was simple and **touching**.*

tragic

Suffering extreme distress or sorrow.

*A **tragic** plight.*

unfortunate

A person who is considered immoral or lacking in religious faith or instruction, especially a prostitute.

*An **unfortunate** choice of words.*

