

Need another word that means the same as “poignant”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “poignant” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Poignant” are: affecting, touching, moving, sad, pitiful, piteous, pitiable, pathetic, sorrowful, mournful, tearful, wretched, miserable, bitter, painful, distressing, disturbing, heartbreaking, plaintive, upsetting, tragic

Poignant as an Adjective

Definitions of "Poignant" as an adjective

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

- *Sharp or pungent in taste or smell.*
- *Keenly distressing to the mind or feelings.*
- *Evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret.*
- *Arousing affect.*



Synonyms of "Poignant" as an adjective (21 Words)

- affecting** Touching the emotions; moving.
*The homecoming of the released hostages was an **affecting** scene.*
- bitter** Proceeding from or exhibiting great hostility or animosity.
*Raw berries have an intensely **bitter** flavour.*
- distressing** Bad; unfortunate.
***Distressing** or disturbing news.*
- disturbing** Causing distress or worry or anxiety.
*A **disturbing** amount of crime.*
- heartbreaking** Causing or marked by grief or anguish.
*It would be **heartbreaking** to see it all collapse.*
- miserable** Contemptibly small in amount.
*A lousy dollar a day could any government be more **miserable**.*

mournful	Expressing sorrow. <i>Stared with mournful eyes.</i>
moving	Used of a series of photographs presented so as to create the illusion of motion. <i>She laid her case of destitution before him in a very moving letter.</i>
painful	Very bad. <i>Her ankle was very painful.</i>
pathetic	Relating to the emotions. <i>The shabby room struck her as extraordinarily pathetic.</i>
piteous	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>A piteous cry.</i>
pitiable	Inspiring mixed contempt and pity. <i>The men were in a pitiable condition.</i>
pitiful	Deserving or arousing pity. <i>Pitiful exhibition of cowardice.</i>
plaintive	Expressing sorrow. <i>A plaintive cry.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad. <i>Her clothes were in sad shape.</i>
sorrowful	Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss. <i>A sorrowful tale of death and despair.</i>
tearful	Crying or inclined to cry. <i>Tearful entreaties.</i>
touching	Arousing affect. <i>Your loyalty is very touching.</i>
tragic	Relating to tragedy in a literary work. <i>A tragic accident.</i>
upsetting	Causing unhappiness, disappointment, or worry. <i>An upsetting experience.</i>
wretched	Characterized by physical misery. <i>Wretched prisoners huddled in stinking cages.</i>



Usage Examples of "Poignant" as an adjective

- *Poignant grief cannot endure forever.*
- *Poignant anxiety.*
- *A poignant reminder of the passing of time.*
- *The poignant scent of her powder.*



Associations of "Poignant" (30 Words)

- bitterly** In an angry, hurt, or resentful way.
*Its humour is cutting and **bitterly** sarcastic.*
- cry** Utter a sudden loud cry.
*This situation is **crying** for attention.*
- disappointed** Disappointingly unsuccessful.
*The rising was a revolution of **disappointed** hopes.*
- disastrous** (of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.
*The battle was a **disastrous** end to a **disastrous** campaign.*
- disillusioned** Disappointed in someone or something that one discovers to be less good than one had believed.
*The minority groups were completely **disillusioned** with the party.*
- distressing** Causing distress or worry or anxiety.
*Some very **distressing** news.*

doleful	Causing grief or misfortune. <i>The child s doleful expression.</i>
<u>frustrated</u>	Feeling or expressing distress and annoyance resulting from an inability to change or achieve something. <i>Years of frustrated attempts to regain control of the site.</i>
<u>frustrating</u>	Discouraging by hindering. <i>It can be very frustrating to find that the size you want isn t there.</i>
<u>haunting</u>	The action of haunting a place. <i>From two handsome and talented young men to two haunting horrors of disintegration.</i>
lament	A mournful poem a lament for the dead. <i>Their pitiful laments could be heard throughout the ward.</i>
lamentable	Bad; unfortunate. <i>The lamentable friends trailing their long black garments.</i>
lamentation	The passionate expression of grief or sorrow; weeping. <i>Scenes of lamentation.</i>
maudlin	Self-pityingly or tearfully sentimental. <i>A maudlin jukebox tune.</i>
mood	A characteristic (habitual or relatively temporary) state of feeling. <i>He was obviously in a mood.</i>
mournful	Feeling, expressing, or inducing sadness, regret, or grief. <i>Stared with mournful eyes.</i>
moving	Producing strong emotion, especially sadness or sympathy. <i>The moving parts of the machine.</i>
<u>painful</u>	Causing distress or trouble. <i>The painful process of growing up.</i>
<u>pathetic</u>	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>Their efforts were pathetic.</i>
<u>pitiful</u>	Compassionate. <i>A pitiful attempt to impress her.</i>
<u>plaintive</u>	Sounding sad and mournful. <i>A plaintive cry.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>They looked at her with sad anxious faces.</i>
<u>sorrowful</u>	Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss. <i>The sorrowful news of his father s death.</i>

- sorry** Feeling or expressing regret or sorrow or a sense of loss over something done or undone.
*A **sorry** state of affairs.*
- stressful** Causing mental or emotional stress.
*Corporate finance work can be **stressful**.*
- sulk** A period of sulking.
*He was **sulking** over the break up of his band.*
- tragic** Of or relating to or characteristic of tragedy.
*A **tragic** plight.*
- unhappy** Not happy.
*An **unhappy** marriage.*
- wail** Utter a wail.
***Wail** in self pity.*
- weep** A fit or period of weeping.
*A young widow **weeping** her lost lord.*

