

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**.*

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

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

