

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

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The synonyms of “Poorly” are: badly, ill, imperfectly, unsuccessfully, incompetently, inexpertly, abjectly, appallingly, abysmally, atrociously, awfully, terribly, dismally, dreadfully, ailing, indisposed, peaked, seedy, sickly, under the weather, unwell, not well, not very well, not in good shape, out of sorts, not up to par, under par, peaky, liverish

Poorly as an Adjective

Definitions of "Poorly" as an adjective

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

- *Somewhat ill or prone to illness.*
- *Unwell.*

Synonyms of "Poorly" as an adjective (16 Words)

[ailing](#)

Somewhat ill or prone to illness.
*I went to see my **ailing** mother.*

[ill](#)

Presaging ill fortune P B Shelley.
***Ill** manners.*

indisposed	Slightly unwell. <i>Feeling a bit indisposed today.</i>
liverish	Unhappy and bad-tempered. <i>A liverish red.</i>
not in good shape	Directed or bound inward.
not up to par	Being or moving higher in position or greater in some value; being above a former position or level.
not very well	Being the exact same one; not any other.
not well	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.
out of sorts	No longer fashionable.
<u>peaked</u>	Having or rising to a peak. <i>You look a little peaked.</i>
peaky	Having or as if having especially high-pitched spots. <i>You re looking a bit peaky a change of scene would do you good.</i>
seedy	Unwell. <i>She felt weak and seedy.</i>
<u>sickly</u>	Excessively sentimental or mawkish. <i>A sickly vaporous swamp.</i>
under par	Lower in rank, power, or authority.
under the weather	Lower in rank, power, or authority.
unwell	Ill. <i>He was admitted to hospital for tests after feeling unwell.</i>

Usage Examples of "Poorly" as an adjective

- *She looked poorly.*
- *Feeling poorly.*

Poorly as an Adverb

Definitions of "Poorly" as an adverb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "poorly" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- *In a poor or improper or unsatisfactory manner; not well.*
- *With insufficient money.*

- ('ill' is often used as a combining form) in a poor or improper or unsatisfactory manner; not well.
- In a way that is unsatisfactory or inadequate.

Synonyms of "Poorly" as an adverb (14 Words)

abjectly	In a hopeless resigned manner. <i>She shrugged her shoulders abjectly.</i>
abysmally	In an extremely bad way; appallingly. <i>She treats me abysmally at times.</i>
appallingly	To a horrifying or shocking degree. <i>There are people who suffer appallingly all the time.</i>
atrociously	In a terrible manner. <i>Atrociously expensive.</i>
awfully	Used as intensifiers. <i>We played awfully.</i>
badly	With great intensity bad is a nonstandard variant for badly. <i>The cables had sagged badly.</i>
dismally	In a dreadful manner. <i>The wolves howl dismally.</i>
dreadfully	Very badly. <i>I m dreadfully sorry.</i>
<u>ill</u>	Ill is often used as a combining form in a poor or improper or unsatisfactory manner not well. <i>It ill becomes one so beautiful to be gloomy.</i>
imperfectly	In an imperfect or faulty way- Jane Austen. <i>The lobe was imperfectly developed.</i>
incompetently	In an incompetent manner. <i>He did the job rather incompetently.</i>
inexpertly	In a crude and unskilled manner. <i>An inexpertly constructed lean to.</i>
<u>terribly</u>	Used as intensifiers. <i>Terribly interesting.</i>
unsuccessfully	In a way that fails to accomplish a desired aim or result. <i>I have tried unsuccessfully to secure a mortgage.</i>

Usage Examples of "Poorly" as an adverb

- *Schools that were performing poorly.*
- *A poorly attended church.*
- *He lived as poorly as his peasant parishioners.*
- *The team played poorly.*

Associations of "Poorly" (30 Words)

afflicted	Mentally or physically unfit.
ailing	In poor health. <i>My poor ailing grandmother.</i>
asthmatic	A person who suffers from asthma. <i>She is a chronic asthmatic.</i>
badly	With great intensity bad is a nonstandard variant for badly. <i>He performed badly on the exam.</i>
bedridden	Confined to bed (by illness).
bilious	Irritable as if suffering from indigestion. <i>A bilious attack.</i>
boring	The act of drilling. <i>A boring evening with uninteresting people.</i>
consumptive	Relating to the using up of resources. <i>For some consumptives the outlook was hopeless.</i>
delirious	In an acutely disturbed state of mind characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence; affected by delirium. <i>A crowd of delirious baseball fans.</i>
dyspeptic	Suffering from dyspepsia.
giddy	Having or causing a whirling sensation; liable to falling. <i>Luke felt almost giddy with relief.</i>
ill	Ill is often used as a combining form in a poor or improper or unsatisfactory manner not well. <i>You certainly did me an ill turn.</i>
indisposed	Averse; unwilling. <i>Clearly indisposed to grant their request.</i>
malingering	Pretend to be ill in order to escape duty or work. <i>People who had psychosomatic complaints were probably malingering.</i>

nauseous	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>The smell was nauseous.</i>
normal	Conforming with or constituting a norm or standard or level or type or social norm not abnormal. <i>The service will be back to normal next week.</i>
ordinary	A judge of a probate court. Ordinary everyday objects.
pallid	(of light) lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble. Pallid liberalism.
<u>paralyzed</u>	Affected with paralysis.
pathological	Compulsive; obsessive. Pathological bodily processes.
sallow	Cause to become sallow. Sallow faced addicts.
seedy	Sordid and disreputable. <i>As seedy as a fig.</i>
seriously	With earnest intent; not lightly or superficially. <i>The doctor looked seriously at him.</i>
severely	In a very plain style. <i>She was severely affected by the bank s failure.</i>
sick	People who are sick. <i>He was starting to feel sick.</i>
<u>silent</u>	Implied by or inferred from actions or statements. <i>A silent prayer.</i>
uncharacteristically	In uncharacteristic manner. <i>She seemed uncharacteristically quiet.</i>
unwell	Somewhat ill or prone to illness. <i>Is unwell and can t come to work.</i>
wearied	Exhausted.
wheelchair	A movable chair mounted on large wheels; for invalids or those who cannot walk; frequently propelled by the occupant.