

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)

<u>afflicted</u>	Mentally or physically unfit.
<u>ailing</u>	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>
<u>bedridden</u>	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>
<u>delirious</u>	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>
<u>ill</u>	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.