

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.*

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

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

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

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