

Need another word that means the same as “shabby”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “shabby” in this overview.

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Shabby as an Adjective

Definitions of "Shabby" as an adjective

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

- *In poor condition through long use or lack of care.*
- *(of behaviour) mean and unfair.*
- *Mean and unworthy and despicable.*
- *Dressed in old or worn clothes.*
- *Showing signs of wear and tear.*



Synonyms of "Shabby" as an adjective (43 Words)

base

Serving as or forming a base.
*An attempt to eliminate the **base** coinage.*

battered

Having suffered repeated violence from a spouse, partner, or parent.
***Battered** babies.*

cheap

Of very poor quality; flimsy.
*A **cheap** restaurant.*

contemptible

Deserving of contempt or scorn.
*A display of **contemptible** cowardice.*

decrepit

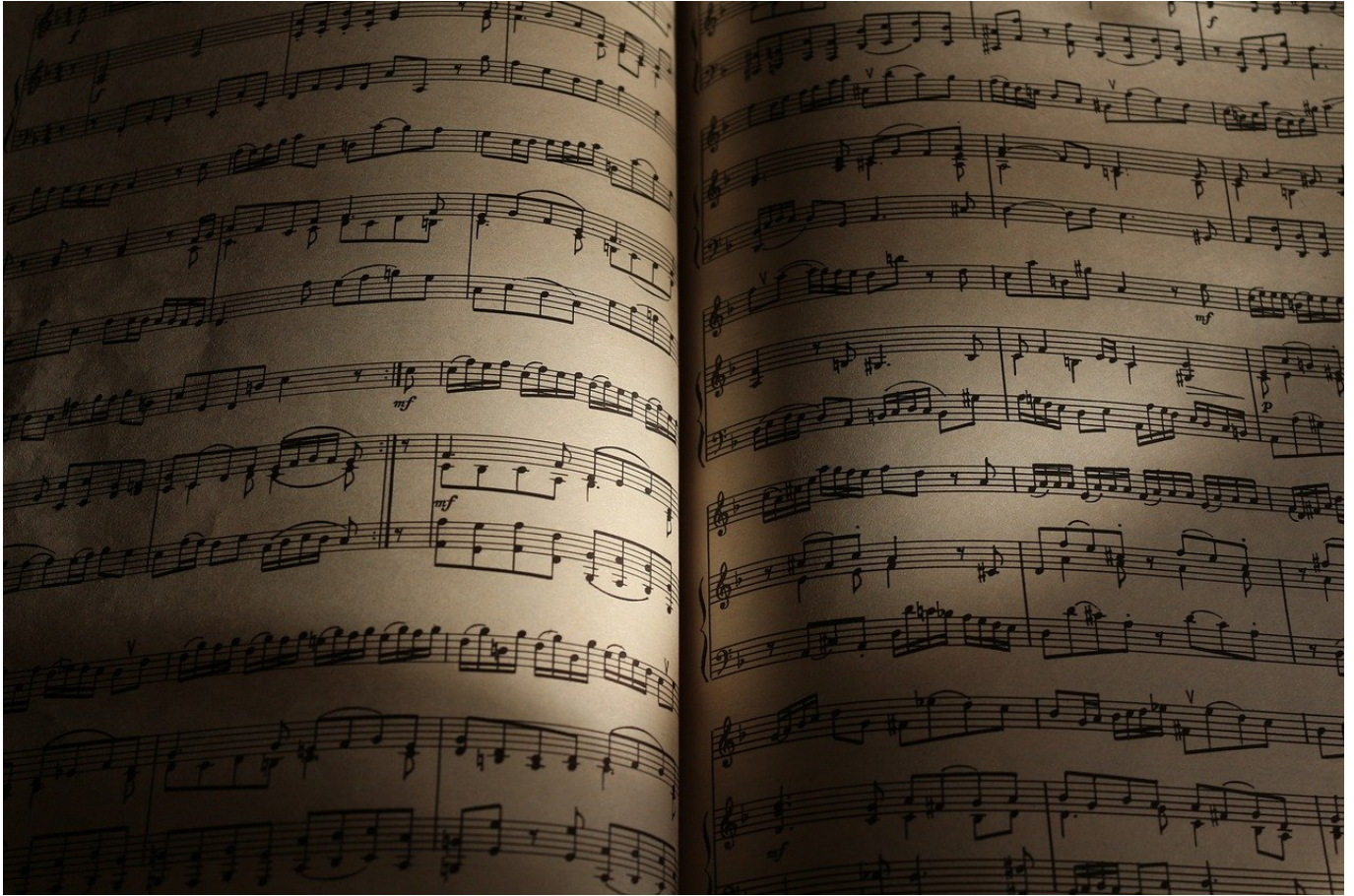
Worn and broken down by hard use.
*A **decrepit** bus its seats held together with friction tape.*

despicable

Morally reprehensible.
*A **despicable** crime.*

dilapidated	(of a building or object) in a state of disrepair or ruin as a result of age or neglect. <i>The tank was now rather dilapidated.</i>
discreditable	Tending to bring discredit or disrepute; blameworthy. <i>His marks were not at all discreditable.</i>
dishonourable	Lacking honor or integrity; deserving dishonor. <i>His crimes are petty and dishonourable.</i>
disreputable	Lacking respectability in character or behavior or appearance. <i>He was heavy grubby and vaguely disreputable.</i>
down at heel	Filled with melancholy and despondency.
falling apart at the seams	Decreasing in amount or degree.
frayed	Worn away or tattered along the edges. <i>An effort to soothe frayed nerves.</i>
ignoble	Of humble origin or social status. <i>I think it a less evil that some criminals should escape than that the government should play an ignoble part.</i>
in disrepair	Directed or bound inward.
low	Subdued or brought low in condition or status. <i>The low neckline of her blouse.</i>
mangy	In poor condition; shabby. <i>A mangy carpet.</i>
mean	Excellent. <i>Taking a mean advantage.</i>
moth-eaten	Worn or eaten away by (or as if by) moths.
nasty	Damaging or harmful. <i>A nasty shock.</i>
neglected	Disregarded. <i>Some severely neglected children.</i>
old	Used informally especially for emphasis old adj of a very early stage in development. <i>He gave his old clothes away.</i>
ragged	Being or dressed in clothes that are worn or torn. <i>A ragged tramp.</i>
ramshackle	In deplorable condition. <i>A ramshackle cottage.</i>

ratty	Bad-tempered and irritable. <i>A ratty old overcoat.</i>
scruffy	Shabby and untidy- Mark Twain. <i>A surge of ragged scruffy children.</i>
<u>shameful</u>	Worthy of or causing shame or disgrace. <i>The wicked rascally shameful conduct of the bankrupt.</i>
<u>shoddy</u>	Cheap and shoddy Judith Crist. <i>We re not paying good money for shoddy goods.</i>
<u>sorry</u>	Causing dejection. <i>I m sorry you were saying.</i>
<u>tattered</u>	Worn to shreds; or wearing torn or ragged clothing. <i>The tattered remnants of my pride.</i>
tatty	Tastelessly showy. <i>The generally tatty output of the current Celtic revival.</i>
<u>threadbare</u>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>Threadbare rugs.</i>
tumbledown	(of a building or other structure) falling or fallen into ruin; dilapidated. <i>Tumbledown cottages.</i>
uncared-for	Lacking needed care and attention.
unfair	Not based on or behaving according to the principles of equality and justice. <i>Took an unfair advantage.</i>
ungenerous	Lacking in magnanimity. <i>He was not an ungenerous man.</i>
ungentlemanly	Not appropriate to or behaving like a gentleman. <i>An ungentlemanly lack of sportsmanship.</i>
<u>unkind</u>	Deficient in humane and kindly feelings. <i>The unkindest cut of all.</i>
<u>unpleasant</u>	Offensive or disagreeable; causing discomfort or unhappiness. <i>When drunk he could become very unpleasant.</i>
<u>unworthy</u>	Morally reprehensible. <i>Dispel a student whose conduct is deemed unworthy.</i>
well worn	Resulting favorably.
<u>worn</u>	Damaged and shabby as a result of much use. <i>The worn pockets on the jacket.</i>



Usage Examples of "Shabby" as an adjective

- *A conscript in a shabby uniform saluted the car.*
- *Snooping, was he? That's a shabby trick.*
- *Shabby furniture.*
- *A shabby fellow in slippers and an undershirt.*
- *Shabby treatment.*



Associations of "Shabby" (30 Words)

- decayed** Damaged by decay; hence unsound and useless.
*A **decayed** foundation.*
- dilapidated** In deplorable condition.
*The tank was now rather **dilapidated**.*
- fetid** Offensively malodorous.
*The **fetid** water of the marsh.*
- filthy** Contemptible (used for emphasis).
*Had a **filthy** mouth.*
- foul** Commit a foul break the rules.
*A **foul** tackle.*
- grimy** Covered with or characterized by grime.
*The **grimy** industrial city.*
- malodorous** Having an unpleasant smell.
*Leaking taps and **malodorous** drains.*
- mangy** In poor condition; shabby.
*A girl in a **mangy** fur coat.*

mop	To wash or wipe with or as if with a mop. <i>We rearranged the room swept and mopped.</i>
obscenity	An extremely offensive word or expression. <i>The book was banned for obscenity.</i>
old	Past times especially in the phrase in days of old. <i>A nineteen year old.</i>
putrid	Morally corrupt or evil. <i>A butcher who sold putrid meat.</i>
rag	Play in ragtime. <i>A piece of rag.</i>
ragged	(of an animal) having a rough, shaggy coat. <i>A ragged child.</i>
rancid	Highly unpleasant; repugnant. <i>Rancid bacon.</i>
rotten	Very bad. <i>He believed that the whole art business was rotten.</i>
scabrous	Dealing with salacious or indecent material. <i>A scabrous novel.</i>
seamy	Morally degraded- Seattle Weekly. <i>A seamy sex scandal.</i>
smell	Smell bad. <i>The whole thing is beginning to smell very fishy.</i>
squalid	Morally degraded. <i>The squalid atmosphere of intrigue and betrayal.</i>
stale	Make or become stale. <i>A top executive tends to get stale.</i>
stinking	Very bad. <i>He was locked in a stinking cell.</i>
tatter	A small piece of cloth or paper.
tatty	Of poor quality. <i>An old house with dirty windows and tatty curtains.</i>
toothed	Having an irregularly notched or toothed margin as though gnawed. <i>Saw toothed.</i>
unclean	Having a physical or moral blemish so as to make impure according to dietary or ceremonial laws-Leviticus 11:3. <i>Unclean meat.</i>

uneven

Not fairly matched as opponents.
*The floors are cracked and **uneven**.*

vulgarity

The state or quality of being vulgar.
*He was seen as the embodiment of the **vulgarity** of the 1980s.*

