

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.*

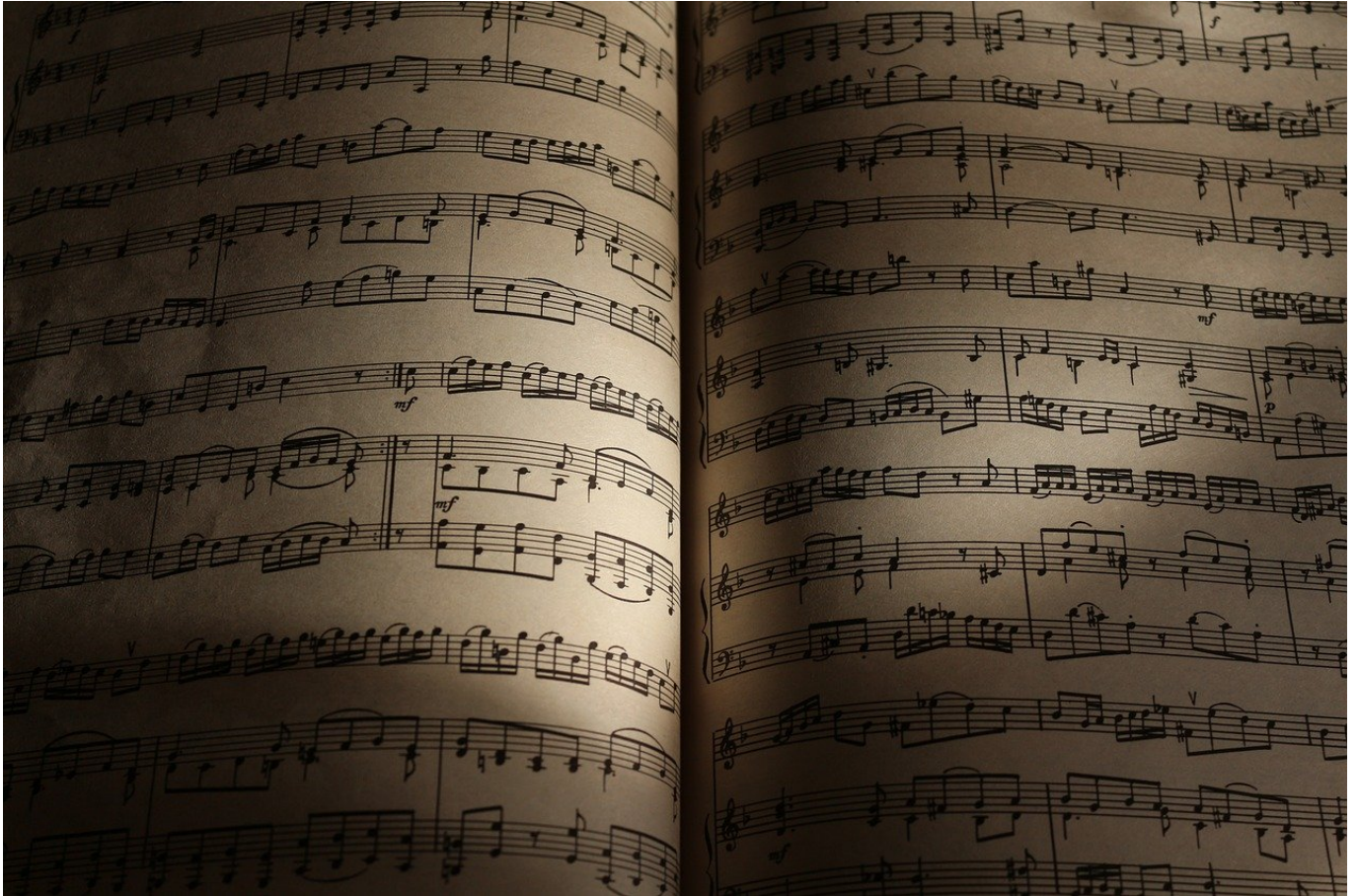
**despicable**

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

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

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

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

