

Need another word that means the same as “shortcomings”? Find 1 synonym and 30 related words for “shortcomings” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Shortcomings” are: defect

Shortcomings as a Noun

Definitions of "Shortcomings" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “shortcomings” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A failing or deficiency.*



Synonyms of "Shortcomings" as a noun (1 Word)

defect A failing or deficiency.
*This device permits detection of **defects** in the lungs.*

Associations of "Shortcomings" (30 Words)

blemish Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective.
*Her face was **blemished**.*

con An argument opposed to a proposal.
*The Charter is a glossy public relations **con**.*

defect Desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army.
*Genetic **defects**.*

defective Having mental disabilities.
*Complaints over **defective** goods.*

deficiency	Lack of an adequate quantity or number. <i>Water is the critical deficiency in desert regions.</i>
demerit	A mark against a person for misconduct or failure; usually given in school or armed forces. <i>They discussed the merits and demerits of her novel.</i>
disadvantage	Put at a disadvantage hinder harm. <i>Situations of serious social and economic disadvantage.</i>
<u>downside</u>	A negative aspect of something that is generally positive. <i>There is a downside even to motherhood.</i>
<u>drawback</u>	A feature that renders something less acceptable; a disadvantage or problem. <i>The main drawback of fitting catalytic converters is the cost.</i>
<u>error</u>	A misconception resulting from incorrect information. <i>An error of judgement.</i>
failing	A weakness, especially in a person's character; a shortcoming. <i>His failing the course led to his disqualification.</i>
<u>fault</u>	Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>It took much longer to find the fault than to fix it.</i>
flaw	Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective. <i>There were fundamental flaws in the case for reforming local government.</i>
<u>flawed</u>	Having a blemish or flaw. <i>A flawed hero.</i>
gaffe	An unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator; a blunder. <i>His comments are a major diplomatic gaffe.</i>
<u>harm</u>	Cause or do harm to. <i>I can't see any harm in it.</i>
<u>imperfect</u>	The imperfect tense. <i>Drainage here is imperfect.</i>
<u>inadequacy</u>	The state or quality of being inadequate; lack of the quantity or quality required. <i>The inadequacy of available resources.</i>
ineptitude	Lack of skill or ability. <i>The sheer ineptitude of their economic plan.</i>
injury	An accident that results in physical damage or hurt. <i>Compensation for injury to feelings.</i>

insufficiency	The inability of an organ to perform its normal function. <i>Renal insufficiency.</i>
<u>insufficient</u>	Of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement. <i>There was insufficient evidence to convict him.</i>
lacking	Not available or in short supply. <i>Her appetite was lacking.</i>
lapse	(of a state or activity) fail to be maintained; come to an end. <i>Many Christians in Britain have lapsed.</i>
misconceive	Judge or plan badly, typically on the basis of faulty understanding. <i>Criticism of the trade surplus in Washington is misconceived.</i>
<u>misunderstanding</u>	Putting the wrong interpretation on. <i>He left the army after a slight misunderstanding with his commanding officer.</i>
nitpick	Be overly critical; criticize minor details. <i>The state is nitpicking about minor administrative matters.</i>
<u>shortage</u>	An acute insufficiency. <i>A shortage of hard cash.</i>
undermanned	Inadequate in number of workers or assistants etc.
unforced	Not brought about by coercion or force. <i>His retirement was an unforced departure.</i>