

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.*

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

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