

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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| 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> |

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| 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> |