

Need another word that means the same as “sickly”? Find 35 synonyms for “sickly” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sickly” are: ailing, indisposed, peaked, poorly, seedy, under the weather, unwell, sallow, unhealthy, in poor health, chronically ill, pale, wan, pasty, colourless, pallid, white, waxen, ashen, bilious, nauseating, distasteful, unattractive, sentimental, overemotional, mawkish, cloying, sugary, syrupy, saccharine, sickening, maudlin, lachrymose, banal, trite**

## Sickly as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Sickly" as an adjective

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

- *Excessively sentimental or mawkish.*
- *(of a place or climate) causing or characterized by unhealthiness.*
- *Somewhat ill or prone to illness.*
- *Unhealthy looking.*
- *Often ill; in poor health.*
- *(of a flavour, smell, colour, etc.) unpleasant in a way that induces discomfort or nausea.*
- *(of a person's complexion or expression) indicative of poor health.*



## Synonyms of "Sickly" as an adjective (35 Words)

### [ailing](#)

Somewhat ill or prone to illness.

*I went to see my **ailing** mother.*

### [ashen](#)

(of a person's face) very pale with shock, fear, or illness.

*A face turned **ashen**.*

### [banal](#)

Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse.

*Songs with **banal** repeated words.*

### **bilious**

Suffering from or suggesting a liver disorder or gastric distress.

*A **bilious** attack.*

### **chronically ill**

Being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering.

### **cloying**

Overly sweet.

*A romantic rather **cloying** story.*

### **colourless**

Dull or pale in hue.

*A **colourless** liquid.*

<b>distasteful</b>	Highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust. <i><b>Distasteful</b> language.</i>
<b>in poor health</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>indisposed</b>	Strongly opposed. <i>Feeling a bit <b>indisposed</b> today.</i>
<b>lachrymose</b>	Showing sorrow. <i>She was pink eyed and <b>lachrymose</b>.</i>
<b>maudlin</b>	Self-pityingly or tearfully sentimental. <i>A bout of <b>maudlin</b> self pity.</i>
<b>mawkish</b>	Sentimental in an exaggerated or false way. <i>The <b>mawkish</b> smell of warm beer.</i>
<b>nauseating</b>	Causing or liable to cause a feeling of nausea or disgust; disgusting. <i>The stench was <b>nauseating</b>.</i>
<b>overemotional</b>	Having feelings that are too easily excited and displayed. <i>We re not an <b>overemotional</b> family.</i>
<u><b>pale</b></u>	Abnormally deficient in color as suggesting physical or emotional distress. <i>The late afternoon light coming through the el tracks fell in <b>pale</b> oblongs on the street.</i>
<b>pallid</b>	(of light) lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble. <i>The <b>pallid</b> face of the invalid.</i>
<b>pasty</b>	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>He looked <b>pasty</b> and red eyed.</i>
<u><b>peaked</b></u>	Having or rising to a peak. <i>You look a little <b>peaked</b>.</i>
<u><b>poorly</b></u>	Somewhat ill or prone to illness. <i>She looked <b>poorly</b>.</i>
<u><b>saccharine</b></u>	Excessively sweet or sentimental. <i><b>Saccharine</b> music.</i>
<b>sallow</b>	Unhealthy looking. <i>His skin was <b>sallow</b> and pitted.</i>
<b>seedy</b>	Shabby and squalid. <i>She felt weak and <b>seedy</b>.</i>
<u><b>sentimental</b></u>	Given to or marked by sentiment or sentimentality. <i>She felt a <b>sentimental</b> attachment to the place creep over her.</i>
<u><b>sickening</b></u>	Causing great annoyance or disappointment. <i>A <b>sickening</b> stench.</i>

<b>sugary</b>	Resembling or coated in sugar. <i>Energy restoring <b>sugary</b> drinks.</i>
<b>syrupy</b>	With honey added. <i>A particularly <b>syrupy</b> moment from a corny film.</i>
<b><u>trite</u></b>	(of a remark or idea) lacking originality or freshness; dull on account of overuse. <i>The <b>trite</b> metaphor hard as nails.</i>
<b><u>unattractive</u></b>	Not appealing to the senses. <i>As <b>unattractive</b> as most mining regions.</i>
<b>under the weather</b>	Lower in rank, power, or authority.
<b><u>unhealthy</u></b>	Not in or exhibiting good health in body or mind. <i>An <b>unhealthy</b> obsession with fast cars.</i>
<b>unwell</b>	Somewhat ill or prone to illness. <i>Is <b>unwell</b> and can't come to work.</i>
<b><u>wan</u></b>	(of the sea) without lustre; dark and gloomy. <i>He gave a <b>wan</b> smile.</i>
<b>waxen</b>	Made of or covered with wax. <i>A canopy of <b>waxen</b> creamy blooms.</i>
<b>white</b>	Restricted to whites only. <i>Under segregation there were even <b>white</b> restrooms and <b>white</b> drinking fountains.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Sickly" as an adjective

- *A sickly child.*
- *A sickly vaporous swamp.*
- *A sickly fable of delicate young lovers.*
- *His usual sickly pallor.*
- *She was a thin, sickly child.*
- *The walls were painted a sickly green.*
- *She liked her coffee sweet and sickly.*