

Need another word that means the same as “sordid”? Find 48 synonyms and 30 related words for “sordid” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sordid” are: dirty, shoddy, flyblown, squalid, seamy, seedy, sleazy, unsavoury, vile, foul, tawdry, louche, cheap, base, low, debased, degenerate, corrupt, dishonest, dishonourable, disreputable, despicable, discreditable, contemptible, ignominious, ignoble, shameful, wretched, abhorrent, abominable, disgusting, filthy, mucky, grimy, muddy, grubby, shabby, messy, soiled, stained, scummy, slimy, sticky, sooty, dusty, unclean, flea-bitten, slummy**

## **Sordid as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Sordid" as an adjective**

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

- *Unethical or dishonest.*
- *Morally degraded.*
- *Involving immoral or dishonourable actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt.*
- *Dirty or squalid.*
- *Meanly avaricious and mercenary.*
- *Foul and run-down and repulsive.*
- *Morally degraded- Seattle Weekly.*

### **Synonyms of "Sordid" as an adjective (48 Words)**

<b>abhorrent</b>	Offensive to the mind. <i>An <b>abhorrent</b> deed.</i>
<b>abominable</b>	Unequivocally detestable. <i>The uprising was suppressed with <b>abominable</b> cruelty.</i>
<b>base</b>	Debased not genuine. <i>That liberal obedience without which your army would be a <b>base</b> rabble.</i>
<b>cheap</b>	Inexpensive because of inferior quality. <i>She s too <b>cheap</b> to send me a postcard.</i>
<b>contemptible</b>	Deserving contempt; despicable. <i>A display of <b>contemptible</b> cowardice.</i>
<b>corrupt</b>	Lacking in integrity. <i>A <b>corrupt</b> text.</i>
<b>debased</b>	Lowered in value. <i>A <b>debased</b> currency.</i>
<b>degenerate</b>	(of a type of equation, curve, etc.) equivalent to a simpler type, especially when a variable or parameter is set to zero. <i>A <b>degenerate</b> form of a higher civilization.</i>
<b>despicable</b>	Morally reprehensible. <i>A <b>despicable</b> crime.</i>
<b>discreditable</b>	Tending to bring harm to a reputation. <i>Allegations of <b>discreditable</b> conduct.</i>
<b>disgusting</b>	Arousing revulsion or strong indignation. <i>A <b>disgusting</b> smell.</i>
<b>dishonest</b>	Intended to mislead or cheat. <i>He gave the editor a <b>dishonest</b> account of events.</i>
<b>dishonourable</b>	Lacking honor or integrity; deserving dishonor. <i>His crimes are petty and <b>dishonourable</b>.</i>
<b>disreputable</b>	Not considered to be respectable in character or appearance. <i>He was heavy grubby and vaguely <b>disreputable</b>.</i>
<b>dusty</b>	Staid and uninteresting. <i><b>Dusty</b> old records.</i>
<b>filthy</b>	Contemptible (used for emphasis). <i>It looked like being a <b>filthy</b> night.</i>
<b>flea-bitten</b>	Worn and broken down by hard use.
<b>flyblown</b>	Foul and run-down and repulsive. <i>The <b>flyblown</b> pool halls of his youth.</i>

<b>foul</b>	Not hit between the foul lines. <i>A <b>foul</b> odor.</i>
<b>grimy</b>	Covered with or characterized by grime. <i><b>Grimy</b> hands.</i>
<b>grubby</b>	Covered with dirt; grimy. <i>The <b>grubby</b> face of a young boy.</i>
<b>ignoble</b>	Completely lacking nobility in character or quality or purpose- Oliver We. <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>ignominious</b>	(used of conduct or character) deserving or bringing disgrace or shame. <i>An <b>ignominious</b> retreat.</i>
<b>louche</b>	Disreputable and dissolute, somewhat agreeably. <i>A <b>louche</b> nightclub.</i>
<b>low</b>	Subdued or brought low in condition or status. <i>A <b>low</b> cut black dress.</i>
<b>messy</b>	Untidy or dirty. <i>His <b>messy</b> hair.</i>
<b>mucky</b>	Covered with dirt or filth. <i>Wet <b>mucky</b> lowland.</i>
<b>muddy</b>	Soft and watery. <i>They changed their <b>muddy</b> boots.</i>
<b>scummy</b>	Of the most contemptible kind. <i>The <b>scummy</b> surface of the polluted pond.</i>
<b>seamy</b>	Sordid and disreputable. <i>The <b>seamy</b> side of life.</i>
<b>seedy</b>	Shabby and untidy. <i>An increasingly <b>seedy</b> and dilapidated property.</i>
<b>shabby</b>	Mean and unworthy and despicable. <i>Snooping was he That s a <b>shabby</b> trick.</i>
<b>shameful</b>	(used of conduct or character) deserving or bringing disgrace or shame. <i>A <b>shameful</b> display of cowardice.</i>
<b>shoddy</b>	Cheap and shoddy Judith Crist. <i>A <b>shoddy</b> misuse of the honours system.</i>
<b>slimy</b>	Covered with or resembling slime. <i>Thick <b>slimy</b> mud.</i>

<b>slummy</b>	Squalid or unfit for human habitation. <i>A small <b>slummy</b> apartment where three generations of a family crowd together.</i>
<b>soiled</b>	Soiled or likely to soil with dirt or grime. <i>A chance to repair their <b>soiled</b> reputations.</i>
<b>sooty</b>	Used in names of birds and other animals that are mainly blackish or brownish black e.g sooty tern. <i>His olive skin and <b>sooty</b> eyes.</i>
<b>squalid</b>	Foul and run-down and repulsive. <i>The <b>squalid</b> overcrowded prison.</i>
<b>stained</b>	Marked or dyed or discolored with foreign matter. <i>Her ink <b>stained</b> fingers.</i>
<b>sticky</b>	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>More and more often web designers focus on the need to add <b>sticky</b> features to their sites.</i>
<b>unclean</b>	(in biblical use) ritually impure; (of a spirit) evil. <i>And the swine is <b>unclean</b> to you.</i>
<b>unsavoury</b>	Disagreeable to taste, smell, or look at. <i>An <b>unsavoury</b> reputation.</i>
<b>vile</b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>The <b>vile</b> development of slavery appalled them.</i>
<b>wretched</b>	Very unhappy; full of misery. <i>She disliked the <b>wretched</b> man intensely.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Sordid" as an adjective

- *A sordid political campaign.*
- *The sordid details of his orgies stank under his very nostrils.*
- *Sordid shantytowns.*
- *The story paints a sordid picture of bribes and scams.*
- *The overcrowded housing conditions were sordid and degrading.*
- *Sordid avarice.*
- *Sordid material interests.*

## Associations of "Sordid" (30 Words)

<b><u>acquisitive</u></b>	Excessively interested in acquiring money or material things. <i>An <b>acquisitive</b> society in which the craving for material things seems never satisfied.</i>
<b>corrupt</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>A backup copy will be needed if the original copy becomes <b>corrupted</b>.</i>
<b>discreditable</b>	Tending to bring discredit or disrepute; blameworthy. <i>His marks were not at all <b>discreditable</b>.</i>
<b>disreputable</b>	Not considered to be respectable in character or appearance. <i>He was heavy grubby and vaguely <b>disreputable</b>.</i>
<b><u>escapade</u></b>	Any carefree episode. <i>Schoolgirl <b>escapades</b>.</i>
<b><u>filthy</u></b>	Disgustingly dirty; filled or smeared with offensive matter. <i>A <b>filthy</b> traitor.</i>
<b>foul</b>	In sport commit a foul against an opponent. <i>We feared the anchor would <b>foul</b> in the heavy grasses.</i>
<b>genitive</b>	The genitive case. <i>The <b>genitive</b> endings.</i>
<b>gluttonous</b>	Excessively greedy. <i>Over fed women and their <b>gluttonous</b> husbands.</i>
<b>greedy</b>	Wanting to eat or drink more than one can reasonably consume. <i>He scoffed the lot the <b>greedy</b> pig.</i>
<b>grimy</b>	Thickly covered with ingrained dirt or soot. <i><b>Grimy</b> hands.</i>
<b><u>infamous</u></b>	Known widely and usually unfavorably. <i>An <b>infamous</b> war criminal.</i>
<b><u>lecherous</u></b>	Having or showing excessive or offensive sexual desire. <i>A <b>lecherous</b> good for nothing.</i>
<b><u>messy</u></b>	Generating or involving mess. <i>His <b>messy</b> hair.</i>
<b><u>notorious</u></b>	Known widely and usually unfavorably. <i>Los Angeles is <b>notorious</b> for its smog.</i>
<b><u>possessive</u></b>	A possessive word or form. <i>Has he become jealous or <b>possessive</b>.</i>
<b><u>predatory</u></b>	(of an animal) preying naturally on others. <i><b>Predatory</b> species of shark.</i>
<b>rapacious</b>	Living by preying on other animals especially by catching living prey. <i>A <b>rapacious</b> divorcee on the prowl.</i>

<b>raptorial</b>	Living by preying on other animals especially by catching living prey. <i><b>Raptorial</b> front legs.</i>
<b>ravening</b>	Living by preying on other animals especially by catching living prey. <i>They turned on each other like <b>ravening</b> wolves.</i>
<b>scabrous</b>	Unpleasant; unattractive. <i>A <b>scabrous</b> novel.</i>
<b>seamy</b>	Showing a seam. <i>A <b>seamy</b> sex scandal.</i>
<b>seedy</b>	Morally degraded. <i>A <b>seedy</b> district.</i>
<b>squalid</b>	Morally degraded- Seattle Weekly. <i>A <b>squalid</b> attempt to save themselves from electoral embarrassment.</i>
<b>unclean</b>	Morally wrong. <i>Both religions regard pork as <b>unclean</b>.</i>
<b><u>unscrupulous</u></b>	Having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair. <i><b>Unscrupulous</b> politicians who would be happy to sell their country in order to gain power.</i>
<b>vile</b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>He has a <b>vile</b> temper.</i>
<b><u>voracious</u></b>	Wanting or devouring great quantities of food. <i>She is a <b>voracious</b> reader.</i>