

Need another word that means the same as "sorrowful"? Find 47 synonyms and 30 related words for "sorrowful" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Sorrowful" are: sad, unhappy, dejected, regretful, depressed, downcast, miserable, downhearted, down, despondent, despairing, disconsolate, desolate, bowed down, wretched, glum, gloomy, doleful, dismal, blue, melancholy, melancholic, low-spirited, mournful, woeful, woebegone, forlorn, crestfallen, heartbroken, inconsolable, grief-stricken, tragic, awful, sorry, pitiful, pitiable, grievous, traumatic, upsetting, depressing, distressing, disturbing, disquieting, dispiriting, heartbreaking, agonizing, harrowing

Sorrowful as an Adjective

Definitions of "Sorrowful" as an adjective

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "sorrowful" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- Causing grief.
- Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss.
- Feeling or showing grief.
- Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss- Proverbs 14:13.





Synonyms of "Sorrowful" as an adjective (47 Words)

<u>agonizing</u>	Extremely painful. An agonizing death.
awful	(of a person) very unwell or troubled. <i>Awful</i> worshippers with bowed heads.
blue	Used to signify the Union forces in the American Civil War who wore blue uniforms. Deep blue eyes.
bowed down	Of a stringed instrument; sounded by stroking with a bow.
crestfallen	Sad and disappointed. He came back empty handed and crestfallen .
dejected	Affected or marked by low spirits. Is dejected but trying to look cheerful.
depressed	(of an object or part of an object) in a lower position, having been pushed down. She felt lonely and depressed .
depressing	Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy. The economic outlook is depressing .



desolate	Providing no shelter or sustenance. Depressed and desolate of soul.	
despairing	Arising from or marked by despair or loss of hope. <i>He gave a despairing little shrug.</i>	
despondent	In low spirits from loss of hope or courage. She grew more and more despondent .	
disconsolate	Causing dejection. She left Fritz looking disconsolate .	
dismal	Pitifully or disgracefully bad. His dismal mood was not dispelled by finding the house empty.	
dispiriting	Destructive of morale and self-reliance. It was a dispiriting occasion.	
disquieting	Causing mental discomfort. <i>He found Jean s gaze disquieting.</i>	
distressing	Causing distress or worry or anxiety. <i>Distressing</i> or disturbing news.	
disturbing	Causing anxiety; worrying. A disturbing amount of crime.	
doleful	Expressing sorrow; mournful. <i>He could be struck off with doleful consequences.</i>	
<u>down</u>	Denoting a flavour variety of stable quark having relatively low mass and an electric charge of 1 3 In the Standard Model protons and neutrons are composed of up and down quarks. <i>A seriously</i> down <i>hip hop homie</i> .	
downcast	Directed downward. Her modestly downcast eyes.	
downhearted	Filled with melancholy and despondency. Fans must not be downhearted even though we lost.	
<u>forlorn</u>	(of an aim or endeavour) unlikely to succeed or be fulfilled. <i>Forlorn figures at bus stops.</i>	
<u>gloomy</u>	Dark or poorly lit, especially so as to appear depressing or frightening. <i>Gloomy</i> predictions.	
<u>glum</u>	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. The princess looked glum but later cheered up.	
grief-stricken	Sorrowful through loss or deprivation.	
grievous	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. A grievous crime.	



harrowing	Acutely distressing. It was a harrowing experience.	
<u>heartbreaking</u>	Causing overwhelming distress; very upsetting. Her sigh was heartbreaking .	
<u>heartbroken</u>	Suffering from overwhelming distress. He was heartbroken at the thought of leaving the house.	
inconsolable	Sad beyond comforting; incapable of being consoled. <i>Inconsolable</i> when her son died.	
low-spirited	Filled with melancholy and despondency.	
<u>melancholic</u>	Grave or even gloomy in character. His work often has a wistful or melancholic mood.	
<u>melancholy</u>	Having a feeling of melancholy sad and pensive. The melancholy tone of her writing.	
<u>miserable</u>	Pitiably small or inadequate. <i>He felt depressed and miserable.</i>	
mournful	Filled with or evoking sadness. Stared with mournful eyes.	
pitiable	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>Pitiable</i> lack of character.	
<u>pitiful</u>	Compassionate. A pitiful attempt to impress her.	
regretful	Feeling or showing regret. <i>He sounded</i> regretful but pointed out that he had committed himself.	
sad	Of things that make you feel sad. I was sad and subdued.	
<u>sorry</u>	Without merit; of little or no value or use. We feel so ashamed that we keep quiet about the whole sorry business.	
<u>tragic</u>	Suffering extreme distress or sorrow. A tragic face.	
<u>traumatic</u>	Relating to or denoting physical injury. She was going through a traumatic divorce.	
unhappy	Not happy. An unhappy marriage.	
upsetting	Causing unhappiness, disappointment, or worry. An upsetting experience.	
woebegone	Affected by or full of grief or woe. His sorrow made him look haggard and woebegone .	



woeful	Of very poor quality or condition. <i>Woeful errors of judgment.</i>
wretched	Of very poor quality or condition. Spent a wretched night on the floor.



Usage Examples of "Sorrowful" as an adjective

- A sorrowful tale of death and despair.
- She looked at him with sorrowful eyes.
- Sorrowful widows.
- Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful.
- The sorrowful news of his father's death.
- Sorrowful news.





Associations of "Sorrowful" (30 Words)

deplore	Feel or express strong disapproval of (something. <i>We deplore all violence.</i>
depression	A state of depression and anhedonia so severe as to require clinical intervention. The original shallow depression s were slowly converted to creeks.
despair	Lose or be without hope. They were rescued from despair at the last minute.
dirge	A mournful song, piece of music, or sound. <i>Singers chanted dirges.</i>
<u>disastrous</u>	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>The battle was a disastrous end to a disastrous campaign.</i>
dithyramb	A wildly enthusiastic speech or piece of writing.



doleful	Causing grief or misfortune. <i>The child s doleful expression.</i>
dolorous	Feeling or expressing great sorrow or distress. A dolorous and repetitive tale of atrocity.
elegiac	Verses in an elegiac metre. She watched repeat serials fixed on their moody and elegiac characterization.
elegy	(in Greek and Latin verse) a poem written in elegiac couplets, as notably by Catullus and Propertius.
grieve	Feel intense sorrow. His behavior grieve s his mother.
grievous	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>His death was a grievous blow.</i>
heartrending	Causing or marked by grief or anguish. The heartrending words of Rabin s granddaughter.
heartsick	Very despondent, typically from grief or loss of love. Weary and heartsick she forced herself to search throughout the remains of the village.
lament	A mournful poem a lament for the dead. She lament ed the lack of shops in the town.
lamentable	(of circumstances or conditions) very bad; deplorable. <i>Her open prejudice showed lamentable immaturity.</i>
lamentation	The passionate and demonstrative activity of expressing grief. Scenes of lamentation .
lugubrious	Excessively mournful. His face looked even more lugubrious than usual.
<u>melancholy</u>	A humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and melancholy. An air of melancholy surrounded him.
mournful	Expressing sorrow. <i>Mournful</i> music.
mourning	Sorrowful through loss or deprivation. <i>If he dies she ll put on mourning but she won t cry.</i>
<u>painful</u>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. Their attempts at reggae are painful .
<u>plaintive</u>	Sounding sad and mournful. A plaintive cry.



sad	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. Better by far that you should forget and smile Than that you should remember and be sad .
sadness	The condition or quality of being sad. She tired of his perpetual sadness .
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>He tried to express his sorrow at her loss.</i>
<u>sorry</u>	Filled with compassion for. I was sorry to hear about what happened to your family.
threnody	A lament. A brooding threnody to urban desolation.
<u>tragic</u>	A boring or socially inept person, typically having an obsessive and solitary interest. A tragic face.
wail	Utter a wail. <i>Tina ran off wailing.</i>

