

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, weebegone, 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 [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “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)

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

desolate	Providing no shelter or sustenance. <i>Depressed and desolate of soul.</i>
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. <i>She grew more and more despondent.</i>
disconsolate	Causing dejection. <i>She left Fritz looking disconsolate.</i>
dismal	Pitifully or disgracefully bad. <i>His dismal mood was not dispelled by finding the house empty.</i>
dispiriting	Destructive of morale and self-reliance. <i>It was a dispiriting occasion.</i>
disquieting	Causing mental discomfort. <i>He found Jean s gaze disquieting.</i>
distressing	Causing distress or worry or anxiety. <i>Distressing or disturbing news.</i>
disturbing	Causing anxiety; worrying. <i>A disturbing amount of crime.</i>
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 down hip hop homie.</i>
downcast	Directed downward. <i>Her modestly downcast eyes.</i>
downhearted	Filled with melancholy and despondency. <i>Fans must not be downhearted even though we lost.</i>
<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 predictions.</i>
<u>glum</u>	Showing a brooding ill humor- Bruce Bli. <i>The princess looked glum but later cheered up.</i>
grief-stricken	Sorrowful through loss or deprivation.
grievous	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm. <i>A grievous crime.</i>

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

woeful

Of very poor quality or condition.

Woeful errors of judgment.

wretched

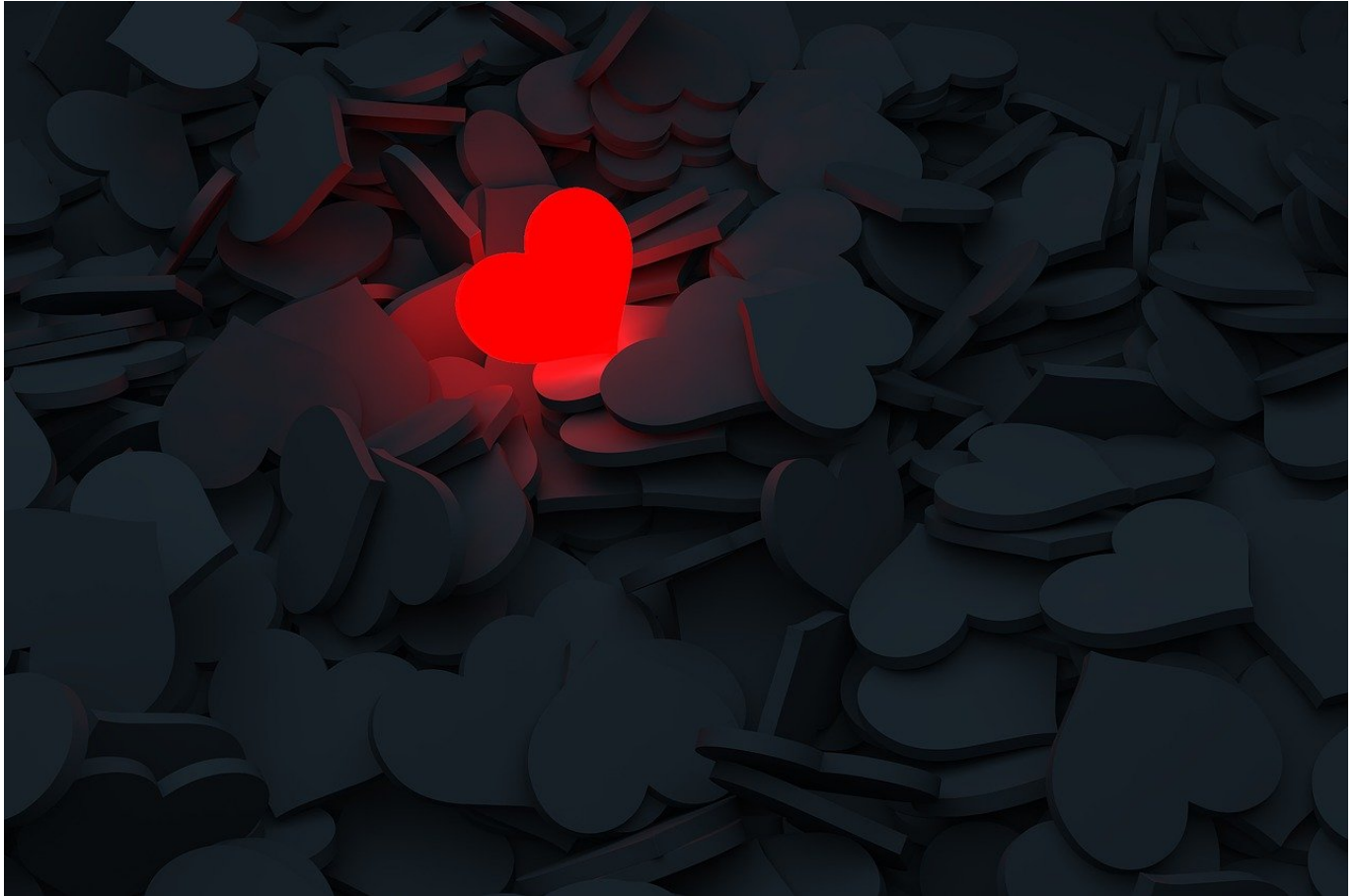
Of very poor quality or condition.

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. <i>The original shallow depressions were slowly converted to creeks.</i>
despair	Lose or be without hope. <i>They were rescued from despair at the last minute.</i>
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. <i>A dolorous and repetitive tale of atrocity.</i>
elegiac	Verses in an elegiac metre. <i>She watched repeat serials fixed on their moody and elegiac characterization.</i>
elegy	(in Greek and Latin verse) a poem written in elegiac couplets, as notably by Catullus and Propertius.
grieve	Feel intense sorrow. <i>His behavior grieves his mother.</i>
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. <i>The heartrending words of Rabin s granddaughter.</i>
heartsick	Very despondent, typically from grief or loss of love. <i>Weary and heartsick she forced herself to search throughout the remains of the village.</i>
lament	A mournful poem a lament for the dead. <i>She lamented the lack of shops in the town.</i>
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. <i>Scenes of lamentation.</i>
lugubrious	Excessively mournful. <i>His face looked even more lugubrious than usual.</i>
<u>melancholy</u>	A humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and melancholy. <i>An air of melancholy surrounded him.</i>
mournful	Expressing sorrow. <i>Mournful music.</i>
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. <i>Their attempts at reggae are painful.</i>
<u>plaintive</u>	Sounding sad and mournful. <i>A plaintive cry.</i>

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

