

Need another word that means the same as “sympathy”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “sympathy” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sympathy” are: fellow feeling, understanding, commiseration, pity, condolence, consolation, comfort, solace, support, encouragement, rapport, affinity, empathy, harmony, accord, compatibility, agreement, favour, approval, approbation, goodwill, commendation, partiality**

## Sympathy as a Noun

### Definitions of "Sympathy" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “sympathy” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The formal expression of pity or sorrow for someone else's misfortune.*
- *A relation of affinity or harmony between people; whatever affects one correspondingly affects the other.*
- *Sharing the feelings of others (especially feelings of sorrow or anguish).*
- *Support in the form of shared feelings or opinions.*
- *The state or fact of responding in a way similar or corresponding to an action elsewhere.*
- *An inclination to support or be loyal to or to agree with an opinion.*
- *Relating harmoniously to something else; in keeping.*
- *Feelings of pity and sorrow for someone else's misfortune.*
- *Agreement with or approval of an opinion or aim; a favourable attitude.*
- *Understanding between people; common feeling.*



## Synonyms of "Sympathy" as a noun (23 Words)

<b><u>accord</u></b>	An official agreement or treaty. <i>The government and the rebels are in <b>accord</b> on one point.</i>
<b><u>affinity</u></b>	A natural attraction or feeling of kinship. <i>An <b>affinity</b> for politics.</i>
<b>agreement</b>	The thing arranged or agreed to. <i>A trade <b>agreement</b>.</i>
<b><u>approbation</u></b>	Approval or praise. <i>A term of <b>approbation</b>.</i>
<b>approval</b>	Acceptance as satisfactory. <i>Words of <b>approval</b> seldom passed his lips.</i>
<b>comfort</b>	A freedom from financial difficulty that promotes a comfortable state. <i>His friendship was a great <b>comfort</b>.</i>
<b>commendation</b>	An award given for very good performance. <i>The book gives <b>commendations</b> for initiative.</i>

<b>commiseration</b>	Expressions of sympathy and sorrow for another. <i>Our <b>commiserations</b> to those who didn't win.</i>
<b>compatibility</b>	A feeling of sympathy and friendship; like-mindedness. <i>Software <b>compatibility</b> is another important factor to consider.</i>
<b>condolence</b>	An expression of sympathy, especially on the occasion of the death of a person's relative or close friend. <i>Letters of <b>condolence</b>.</i>
<b>consolation</b>	A person or thing providing consolation. <i>Second place was no <b>consolation</b> to him.</i>
<b>empathy</b>	The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
<b>encouragement</b>	The action of giving someone support, confidence, or hope. <i>Incentives and <b>encouragement</b> to play sports.</i>
<b>favour</b>	An act of kindness beyond what is due or usual. <i>He was accused of showing <b>favour</b> to one of the players.</i>
<b>fellow feeling</b>	One of a pair.
<b>goodwill</b>	The friendly hope that something will succeed. <i>The scheme is dependent on <b>goodwill</b> between the two sides.</i>
<b>harmony</b>	Agreement of opinions. <i>Delightful cities where old and new blend in <b>harmony</b>.</i>
<b>partiality</b>	A particular liking or fondness for something. <i>An attack on the <b>partiality</b> of judges.</i>
<b>pity</b>	A feeling of sympathy and sorrow for the misfortunes of others. <i>It's a <b>pity</b> you didn't contact us first.</i>
<b>rapprochement</b>	A close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well. <i>She was able to establish a good <b>rapprochement</b> with the children.</i>
<b>solace</b>	The comfort you feel when consoled in times of disappointment. <i>She sought <b>solace</b> in her religion.</i>
<b>support</b>	A musical part vocal or instrumental that supports or provides background for other musical parts. <i>The foundation provided <b>support</b> for the experiment.</i>
<b>understanding</b>	The ability to understand something; comprehension. <i>There was an <b>understanding</b> between management and the workers.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Sympathy" as a noun

- *The magnetic field oscillates in sympathy.*
- *The two of them were in close sympathy.*
- *Repairs had to be in sympathy with the original structure.*
- *The special sympathy between the two boys was obvious to all.*
- *I have some sympathy for this view.*
- *They had great sympathy for the flood victims.*
- *His sympathies lay with his constituents.*
- *All Tony's friends joined in sending their sympathies to his widow Jean.*



## Associations of "Sympathy" (30 Words)

- benefaction** A contribution of money or assistance.  
*Take official receipt of such **benefaction**.*
- benevolence** An inclination to do kind or charitable acts.  
Feel or express pity for (someone).
- commiserate** *She went over to **commiserate** with Rose on her unfortunate circumstances.*
- compassion** The humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it.  
*The victims should be treated with **compassion**.*
- compassionate** Share the suffering of.  
*She tried to sound **compassionate**.*

<b>comprehend</b>	To become aware of through the senses. <i>A divine order <b>comprehending</b> all men.</i>
<b><u>empathetic</u></b>	Showing empathy or ready comprehension of others' states. <i>I have been touched by the <b>empathetic</b> response to my bad luck.</i>
<b>empathize</b>	Understand and share the feelings of another. <i>Counsellors need to be able to <b>empathize</b> with people.</i>
<b>empathy</b>	The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
<b>frivolousness</b>	The trait of being frivolous; not serious or sensible.
<b>hangdog</b>	Having a dejected or guilty appearance; shamefaced. <i>The <b>hangdog</b> look of a condemned man.</i>
<b>homeless</b>	Physically or spiritually homeless or deprived of security. <i>The plight of young <b>homeless</b> people.</i>
<b>merciful</b>	Showing or exercising mercy. <i>Sought <b>merciful</b> treatment for the captives.</i>
<b><u>mercy</u></b>	The feeling that motivates compassion. <i>Distributing food and clothing to the flood victims was an act of <b>mercy</b>.</i>
<b><u>pathetic</u></b>	Relating to the emotions. <i>She looked so <b>pathetic</b> that I bent down to comfort her.</i>
<b><u>pathos</u></b>	A quality that arouses emotions (especially pity or sorrow). <i>The actor injects his customary humour and <b>pathos</b> into the role.</i>
<b>piteous</b>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i><b>Piteous</b> appeals for help.</i>
<b>pitiable</b>	Contemptibly poor or small. <i>The men were in a <b>pitiable</b> condition.</i>
<b><u>pity</u></b>	Feel sorrow for the misfortunes of. <i>What a <b>pity</b> we can't be friends.</i>
<b>poignancy</b>	The quality of evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; pathos. <i>A moment of extraordinary <b>poignancy</b>.</i>
<b>poor</b>	Lacking sufficient money to live at a standard considered comfortable or normal in a society. <i>The water is <b>poor</b> in nutrients.</i>
<b>regretful</b>	Feeling or showing regret. <i><b>Regretful</b> over mistakes she had made.</i>
<b>regrettable</b>	Deserving regret. <i>Irresponsible and <b>regrettable</b> actions.</i>
<b>ruth</b>	The great-grandmother of king David whose story is told in the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament.

- savvy** Well informed about or experienced in a particular domain.  
*These fashion **savvy** consumers are not afraid of taking risks with little known designers.*
- selflessness** The quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others.  
*A noble act of **selflessness**.*
- sentimentality** Falsely emotional in a maudlin way.  
*There are passages which verge on **sentimentality**.*
- sympathetic** Relating to or denoting the part of the autonomic nervous system consisting of nerves arising from ganglia near the middle part of the spinal cord supplying the internal organs blood vessels and glands and balancing the action of the parasympathetic nerves.  
*He spoke in a **sympathetic** tone.*
- underdog** One at a disadvantage and expected to lose.  
*What is it like to be an **underdog** in America.*
- understanding** Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy.  
*My **understanding** was that he would find a new supplier.*

