

Need another word that means the same as “tragedy”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “tragedy” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tragedy” are: calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, disaster, devastation, misfortune, misadventure, mishap, reverse, vicissitude, setback, trial, tribulation, affliction, blight, injury, adversity, drama, play

Tragedy as a Noun

Definitions of "Tragedy" as a noun

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

- *Drama in which the protagonist is overcome by some superior force or circumstance; excites terror or pity.*
- *A play dealing with tragic events and having an unhappy ending, especially one concerning the downfall of the main character.*
- *An event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress, such as a serious accident, crime, or natural catastrophe.*
- *The dramatic genre represented by tragedies.*
- *An event resulting in great loss and misfortune.*



Synonyms of "Tragedy" as a noun (19 Words)

<u>adversity</u>	A difficult or unpleasant situation. <i>Resilience in the face of adversity.</i>
affliction	A condition of suffering or distress due to ill health. <i>A crippling affliction of the nervous system.</i>
<u>blight</u>	A state or condition being blighted. <i>The city's high rise social housing had become synonymous with urban blight.</i>
<u>calamity</u>	An event resulting in great loss and misfortune. <i>Emergency measures may be necessary in order to avert a calamity.</i>
cataclysm	A sudden violent change in the earth's surface. <i>The cataclysm at the end of the Cretaceous Period.</i>
catastrophe	Something very unfortunate or unsuccessful. <i>An environmental catastrophe.</i>
devastation	The feeling of being confounded or overwhelmed. <i>Her departure left him in utter devastation.</i>
disaster	A sudden accident or a natural catastrophe that causes great damage or loss of life. <i>Lunch had turned out to be a total disaster.</i>
drama	A dramatic work intended for performance by actors on a stage. <i>A gritty urban drama about growing up in Harlem.</i>
injury	An instance of being injured. <i>An ankle injury.</i>
misadventure	An unfortunate incident; a mishap. <i>The coroner recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.</i>
<u>misfortune</u>	Unnecessary and unforeseen trouble resulting from an unfortunate event. <i>The project was dogged by misfortune.</i>
<u>mishap</u>	An unlucky accident. <i>Although there were a few minor mishaps none of the pancakes stuck to the ceiling.</i>
play	In games or plays or other performances the time during which play proceeds. <i>The ball was put in play.</i>
reverse	Reverse gear on a motor vehicle the position of a gear lever or selector corresponding to this. <i>He didn't feel homesick quite the reverse.</i>

setback

The distance by which a building or part of a building is set back from the property line.

*They had to get permission to overlap the city's **setback** lines.*

trial

Trying something to find out about it.

*The newspaper accounts of the **trial**.*

tribulation

A state of great trouble or suffering.

*His time of **tribulation** was just beginning.*

vicissitude

A variation in circumstances or fortune at different times in your life or in the development of something.

*Her husband's sharp **vicissitudes** of fortune.*



Usage Examples of "Tragedy" as a noun

- *Shakespeare's tragedies.*
- *Greek tragedy.*
- *A tragedy that killed 95 people.*
- *His life had been plagued by tragedy.*



Associations of "Tragedy" (30 Words)

adversity	A stroke of ill fortune; a calamitous event. <i>Debt ridden farmers struggling with adversity.</i>
atrocious	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>Atrocious taste.</i>
befall	Become of; happen to. <i>He promised that no harm would befall her.</i>
beset	Decorate or cover lavishly (as with gems). <i>The zebra was beset by leopards.</i>
betide	Happen. <i>She was trembling with fear lest worse might betide her.</i>
blow	Free of obstruction by blowing air through. <i>A rear tyre had blown.</i>

<u>calamity</u>	An event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster. <i>Emergency measures may be necessary in order to avert a calamity.</i>
cataclysm	An event resulting in great loss and misfortune. <i>The cataclysm at the end of the Cretaceous Period.</i>
catastrophe	A sudden violent change in the earth's surface. <i>An environmental catastrophe.</i>
despondency	Low spirits from loss of hope or courage; dejection. <i>An air of despondency.</i>
disaster	Denoting a genre of films that use natural or accidental catastrophe as the mainspring of plot and setting. <i>A disaster movie.</i>
distressed	Suffering severe physical strain or distress. <i>The distressed relatives of his victims.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>I feel dreadful I hate myself.</i>
<u>dystopia</u>	A work of fiction describing an imaginary place where life is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror.
gloom	A state of depression or despondency. <i>He struck a match to dispel the gloom.</i>
<u>grief</u>	Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death). <i>She was overcome with grief.</i>
heartache	Emotional anguish or grief, typically caused by the loss or absence of someone loved. <i>The familiar pang of heartache.</i>
horrible	Provoking horror- Winston Churchill. <i>War is beyond all words horrible.</i>
<u>horrifying</u>	Causing horror; extremely shocking. <i>An alarming even horrifying picture.</i>
misadventure	Death caused by a person accidentally while performing a legal act without negligence or intent to harm. <i>The petty misdemeanours and misadventures of childhood.</i>
mischance	An instance of misfortune. <i>Innumerable mischances might ruin the enterprise.</i>
<u>misfortune</u>	An unfortunate condition or event. <i>Never laugh at other people's misfortunes.</i>
<u>mourn</u>	Observe the customs of mourning after the death of a loved one. <i>Publishers mourned declining sales of hardback fiction.</i>

sadly	With sadness; in a sad manner. <i>He was sadly neglected.</i>
sadness	Emotions experienced when not in a state of well-being. <i>A source of great sadness.</i>
sorrow	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>A woman had cried all night sorrowing over the death of her husband.</i>
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>Weapons that cause unnecessary suffering.</i>
terrible	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>What a terrible mess.</i>
woe	Intense mournfulness. <i>To add to his woes customers have been spending less.</i>
worst	The least favorable outcome. <i>Manufacturing and mining are the industries worst affected by falling employment.</i>

