

Need another word that means the same as “tragic”? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for “tragic” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tragic” are: tragical, disastrous, calamitous, catastrophic, cataclysmic, devastating, terrible, dreadful, appalling, horrendous, dire, ruinous, gruesome, awful, miserable, wretched, unfortunate, deplorable, lamentable, regrettable, abject, grievous, galling, vexatious, sad, unhappy, pathetic, moving, distressing, painful, sorrowful, agonizing, stirring, disturbing, pitiful, piteous

Tragic as an Adjective

Definitions of "Tragic" as an adjective

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

- *Very sad; especially involving grief or death or destruction.*
- *Very bad or inadequate.*
- *Suffering extreme distress or sorrow.*
- *Relating to tragedy in a literary work.*
- *Causing or characterized by extreme distress or sorrow.*
- *Of or relating to or characteristic of tragedy.*



Synonyms of "Tragic" as an adjective (36 Words)

- abject** Showing humiliation or submissiveness.
***Abject** cowardice.*
- agonizing** Extremely painful.
*There is an **agonizing** choice to make.*
- appalling** Causing consternation.
*His conduct was **appalling**.*
- awful** Inspired by a feeling of fearful wonderment or reverence.
*I felt **awful** for being so angry with him.*
- calamitous** Involving calamity; catastrophic or disastrous.
*Such **calamitous** events as fires hurricanes and floods.*
- cataclysmic** (of a natural event) large-scale and violent.
*A novel about a **cataclysmic** world war.*
- catastrophic** Relating to geological catastrophism.
*A **catastrophic** depression.*

deplorable	Of very poor quality or condition. <i>Deplorable housing conditions in the inner city.</i>
<u>devastating</u>	Physically or spiritually devastating often used in combination. <i>The news came as a devastating blow.</i>
<u>dire</u>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>A dire emergency.</i>
<u>disastrous</u>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>A disastrous fire swept through the museum.</i>
distressing	Causing distress or worry or anxiety. <i>Some very distressing news.</i>
disturbing	Causing anxiety; worrying. <i>A disturbing amount of crime.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Causing or involving great suffering, fear, or unhappiness; extremely bad or serious. <i>You re a dreadful flirt.</i>
galling	Causing annoyance or resentment; annoying. <i>It would be galling to lose your job because of a dispute with a customer.</i>
grievous	Causing or marked by grief or anguish. <i>A grievous crime.</i>
<u>gruesome</u>	Causing repulsion or horror; grisly. <i>Gruesome catering.</i>
<u>horrendous</u>	Extremely unpleasant, horrifying, or terrible. <i>Horrendous explosions shook the city.</i>
lamentable	Bad; unfortunate. <i>Her open prejudice showed lamentable immaturity.</i>
<u>miserable</u>	Pitiably small or inadequate. <i>The company donated a miserable 100 for flood relief.</i>
moving	Used of a series of photographs presented so as to create the illusion of motion. <i>A constantly moving crowd.</i>
<u>painful</u>	Causing physical or psychological pain. <i>Her ankle was very painful.</i>
<u>pathetic</u>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>His ball control was pathetic.</i>
piteous	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>A piteous cry.</i>

<u>pitiful</u>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>A pitiful attempt to impress her.</i>
regrettable	Deserving regret. <i>It s regrettable that she didn t go to college.</i>
ruinous	Causing injury or blight; especially affecting with sudden violence or plague or ruin. <i>A ruinous course of action.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad. <i>A sad day for us all.</i>
<u>sorrowful</u>	Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss. <i>Sorrowful news.</i>
<u>stirring</u>	Exciting strong but not unpleasant emotions. <i>A stirring and thriving politician.</i>
terrible	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>What a terrible mess.</i>
tragic	Very sad; especially involving grief or death or destruction.
<u>unfortunate</u>	Having or marked by bad fortune; unlucky. <i>The delay at the airport was an unfortunate start to our holiday.</i>
unhappy	Marked by or producing unhappiness. <i>Unhappy with her raise.</i>
<u>vexatious</u>	Denoting an action or the bringer of an action that is brought without sufficient grounds for winning, purely to cause annoyance to the defendant. <i>The vexatious questions posed by software copyrights.</i>
wretched	Very unhappy; full of misery. <i>A wretched life.</i>



Usage Examples of "Tragic" as an adjective

- *The shooting was a tragic accident.*
- *The fact that they are so loved-up reminds me just how spectacularly tragic my life is.*
- *A tragic accident.*
- *A tragic face.*
- *A tragic plight.*
- *The same rules apply whether the plot is tragic or comic.*
- *She wears tragic cardigans, usually done up the wrong way.*
- *Tragic hero.*
- *The tragic parents reached the end of their tether.*



Associations of "Tragic" (30 Words)

- calamitous** Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.
*A **calamitous** defeat.*
- catastrophic** Extremely harmful; bringing physical or financial ruin.
*The body undergoes **catastrophic** collapse towards the state of a black hole.*
- catharsis** Purging of emotional tensions.
*Music is a means of **catharsis** for them.*
- defeated** People who are defeated.
*The Romans had no pity for the **defeated**.*
- disastrous** Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin.
*A **disastrous** fire swept through the museum.*
- doleful** Expressing sorrow; mournful.
*A **doleful** look.*

dolorous	Showing sorrow. <i>A dolorous and repetitive tale of atrocity.</i>
emotion	A strong feeling deriving from one's circumstances, mood, or relationships with others. <i>His voice was shaky with emotion.</i>
failure	The collapse of a business. <i>Business failures rose by 53.</i>
<u>fatal</u>	Bringing death. <i>It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.</i>
grievous	Causing or marked by grief or anguish. <i>A grievous crime.</i>
hapless	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>The hapless victims of the disaster.</i>
lamentable	(of an event, action, or attitude) unfortunate; regrettable. <i>The industry is in a lamentable state.</i>
<u>loser</u>	A gambler who loses a bet. <i>South appeared to have three losers a trump a diamond and a spade.</i>
mournful	Expressing sorrow. <i>Her large mournful eyes.</i>
<u>pathetic</u>	Inspiring scornful pity. <i>His ball control was pathetic.</i>
piteous	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>Piteous appeals for help.</i>
pitiable	Contemptibly poor or small. <i>Pitiable homeless children.</i>
<u>pitiful</u>	Inspiring mixed contempt and pity. <i>A pitiful attempt to impress her.</i>
<u>plaintive</u>	Sounding sad and mournful. <i>A plaintive cry.</i>
ruinous	In ruins; dilapidated. <i>A ruinous war.</i>
ruth	The great-grandmother of king David whose story is told in the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament.
sad	Of things that make you feel sad. <i>She doesn't like sad movies.</i>
sadly	In an unfortunate way. <i>Sadly he died before he could see his grandchild.</i>

sadness The quality of excessive mournfulness and uncheerfulness.
*A source of great **sadness**.*

sorrow An event or circumstance that causes sorrow.
*He drank to drown his **sorrows**.*

sorrowful Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss- Proverbs 14:13.
*She looked at him with **sorrowful** eyes.*

sorry In a poor or pitiful state.
*I m **sorry** you were saying.*

touching Arousing affect.
*His gratitude was simple and **touching**.*

unfortunate A person who suffers misfortune.
*An **unfortunate** speech.*

