

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.*

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

<b><u>pitiful</u></b>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>A <b>pitiful</b> attempt to impress her.</i>
<b>regrettable</b>	Deserving regret. <i>It s <b>regrettable</b> that she didn t go to college.</i>
<b>ruinous</b>	Causing injury or blight; especially affecting with sudden violence or plague or ruin. <i>A <b>ruinous</b> course of action.</i>
<b>sad</b>	Of things that make you feel sad. <i>A <b>sad</b> day for us all.</i>
<b><u>sorrowful</u></b>	Experiencing or marked by or expressing sorrow especially that associated with irreparable loss. <i><b>Sorrowful</b> news.</i>
<b><u>stirring</u></b>	Exciting strong but not unpleasant emotions. <i>A <b>stirring</b> and thriving politician.</i>
<b>terrible</b>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>What a <b>terrible</b> mess.</i>
<b>tragic</b>	Very sad; especially involving grief or death or destruction.
<b><u>unfortunate</u></b>	Having or marked by bad fortune; unlucky. <i>The delay at the airport was an <b>unfortunate</b> start to our holiday.</i>
<b>unhappy</b>	Marked by or producing unhappiness. <i><b>Unhappy</b> with her raise.</i>
<b><u>vexatious</u></b>	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 <b>vexatious</b> questions posed by software copyrights.</i>
<b>wretched</b>	Very unhappy; full of misery. <i>A <b>wretched</b> 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.*

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

