

Need another word that means the same as “unfortunate”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “unfortunate” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Unfortunate” are: inauspicious, unlucky, hapless, out of luck, down on one's luck, luckless, wretched, miserable, forlorn, unhappy, poor, pitiful, adverse, disadvantageous, unfavourable, untoward, unwelcome, regrettable, inappropriate, unsuitable, inapt, infelicitous, tactless, injudicious, unfortunate person**

## Unfortunate as a Noun

### Definitions of "Unfortunate" as a noun

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

- *A person who suffers bad fortune.*
- *A person who suffers misfortune.*
- *A person who is considered immoral or lacking in religious faith or instruction, especially a prostitute.*



### Synonyms of "Unfortunate" as a noun (1 Word)

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



## Usage Examples of "Unfortunate" as a noun

- *Those unfortunates whose lives are marred by poverty.*







# Unfortunate as an Adjective

## Definitions of "Unfortunate" as an adjective

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

- *Having or marked by bad fortune; unlucky.*
- *Not auspicious; boding ill.*
- *Regrettable or inappropriate.*
- *Unsuitable or regrettable.*
- *Not indicating a good chance of success; inauspicious.*
- *Not favored by fortune; marked or accompanied by or resulting in ill fortune.*



## Synonyms of "Unfortunate" as an adjective (24 Words)

<b>adverse</b>	Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavourable. <i>Taxes are having an <b>adverse</b> effect on production.</i>
<b>disadvantageous</b>	Involving or creating unfavourable circumstances that reduce the chances of success or effectiveness. <i>A <b>disadvantageous</b> outcome.</i>
<b>down on one's luck</b>	Understood perfectly.
<b>forlorn</b>	Marked by or showing hopelessness. <i>The last <b>forlorn</b> attempt.</i>
<b>hapless</b>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>A <b>hapless</b> victim.</i>
<b>inappropriate</b>	Not suitable for a particular occasion etc. <i>Completely <b>inappropriate</b> behavior.</i>
<b>inapt</b>	Not suitable or appropriate in the circumstances. <i>A more <b>inapt</b> name I cannot imagine.</i>
<b>inauspicious</b>	Contrary to your interests or welfare. <i>Following this <b>inauspicious</b> start the British outnumbered withdrew.</i>
<b>infelicitous</b>	Unfortunate; inappropriate. <i>An <b>infelicitous</b> remark.</i>
<b>injudicious</b>	Showing very poor judgement; unwise. <i>I took a few <b>injudicious</b> swigs of potent cider.</i>
<b>luckless</b>	Having or bringing misfortune. <i>An osprey seized the <b>luckless</b> fish with its talons.</i>
<b>miserable</b>	Very unhappy; full of misery. <i>You <b>miserable</b> old creep.</i>
<b>out of luck</b>	Out of power; especially having been unsuccessful in an election.
<b>pitiful</b>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i><b>Pitiful</b> exhibition of cowardice.</i>
<b>poor</b>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>The jejune diets of the very <b>poor</b>.</i>
<b>regrettable</b>	(of conduct or an event) giving rise to regret; undesirable; unwelcome. <i>It s <b>regrettable</b> that she didn t go to college.</i>
<b>tactless</b>	Lacking or showing a lack of what is fitting and considerate in dealing with others. <i>It was <b>tactless</b> to bring up those disagreeable.</i>

**unfavourable**

Not favorable.

*Single mothers are often the target of **unfavourable** press attention.*

**unhappy**

Not happy.

*An **unhappy** coincidence.*

**unlucky**

Having, bringing, or resulting from bad luck.

*An **unlucky** defeat.*

**unsuitable**

Not fitting or appropriate.

*The display is **unsuitable** for young children.*

**untoward**

Unexpected and inappropriate or inconvenient.

*Both tried to behave as if nothing **untoward** had happened.*

**unwelcome**

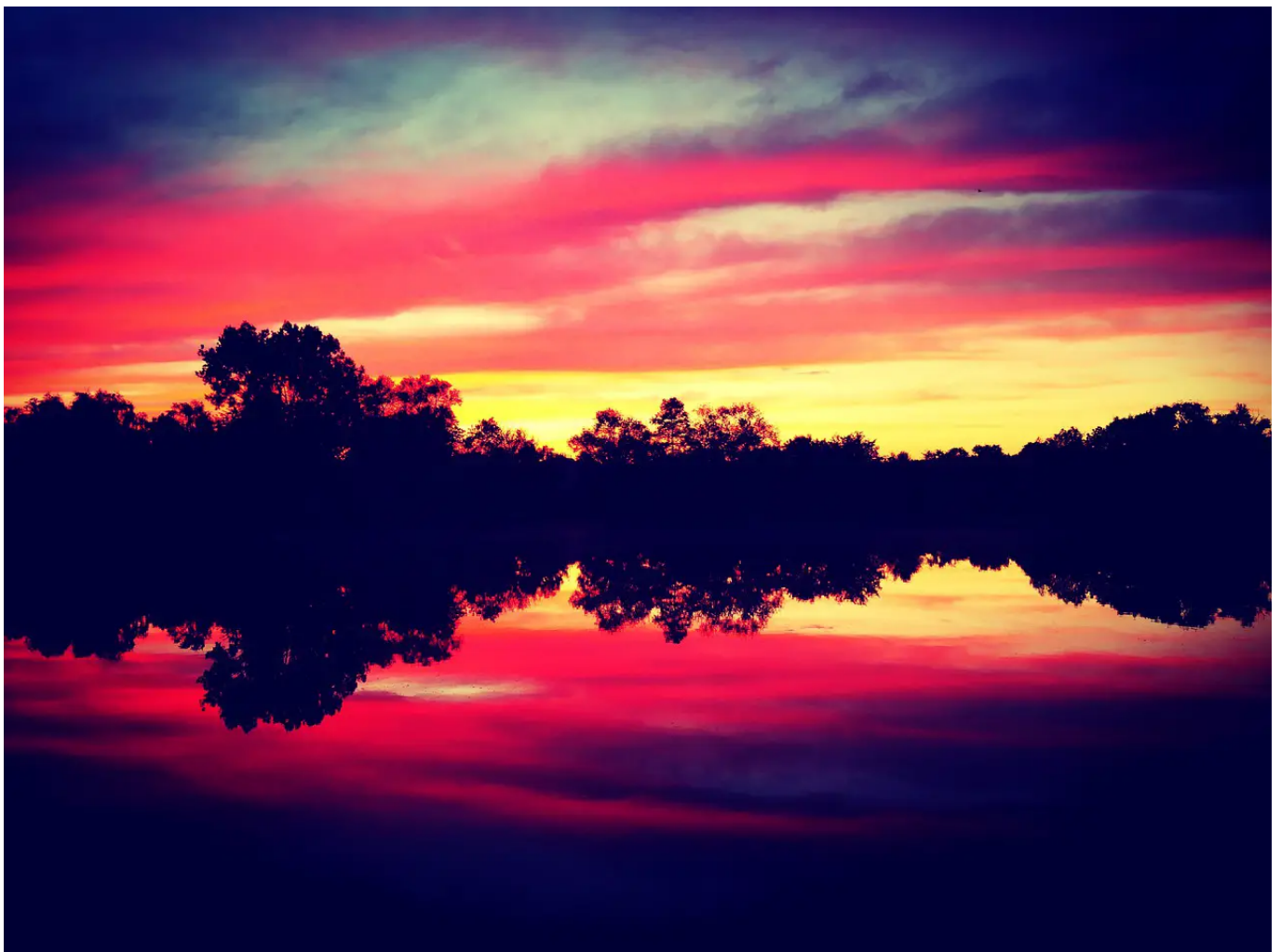
(of a guest or new arrival) not gladly received.

***Unwelcome** attentions from men.*

**wretched**

Of very poor quality or condition.

*The **wretched** conditions of the slums.*





## Usage Examples of "Unfortunate" as an adjective

- *His unfortunate remark silenced the gathering.*
- *An unfortunate speech.*
- *An unfortunate choice of words.*
- *Unfortunate investments.*
- *An unfortunate night for all concerned.*
- *An unfortunate decision.*
- *An unfortunate turn of events.*
- *The delay at the airport was an unfortunate start to our holiday.*
- *There'd been an unfortunate accident.*



## Associations of "Unfortunate" (30 Words)

[bereft](#)

Unhappy in love; suffering from unrequited love.  
***Bereft*** of hope.

<b>calamitous</b>	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>Such <b>calamitous</b> events as fires hurricanes and floods.</i>
<b>defeated</b>	People who are defeated. <i>She looked <b>defeated</b> quite unlike her normal self.</i>
<b><u>disadvantaged</u></b>	Marked by deprivation especially of the necessities of life or healthful environmental influences. <i>We began to help the <b>disadvantaged</b>.</i>
<b><u>disastrous</u></b>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>The battle was a <b>disastrous</b> end to a <b>disastrous</b> campaign.</i>
<b>fateful</b>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>A <b>fateful</b> oversight.</i>
<b><u>foreboding</u></b>	A feeling that something bad will happen; fearful apprehension. <i>When the Doctor spoke his voice was dark and <b>foreboding</b>.</i>
<b><u>frustrating</u></b>	Discouraging by hindering. <i>It can be very <b>frustrating</b> to find that the size you want isn't there.</i>
<b>hapless</b>	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>A <b>hapless</b> victim.</i>
<b>inauspicious</b>	Presaging ill fortune- P.B.Shelley. <i>My words with <b>inauspicious</b> thunderings shook heaven.</i>
<b>infelicitous</b>	Marked by or producing unhappiness. <i>The <b>infelicitous</b> typesetting was due to illegible copy.</i>
<b>misadventure</b>	An unfortunate incident; a mishap. <i>The petty misdemeanours and <b>misadventures</b> of childhood.</i>
<b>mischance</b>	An instance of misfortune. <i>By pure <b>mischance</b> the secret was revealed.</i>
<b><u>miserable</u></b>	Causing unhappiness or discomfort. <i>Almost depleted his <b>miserable</b> store of dried beans.</i>
<b>mournful</b>	Expressing sorrow. <i>Stared with <b>mournful</b> eyes.</i>
<b>ominous</b>	Presaging ill fortune. <i>There were <b>ominous</b> dark clouds gathering overhead.</i>
<b><u>pathetic</u></b>	Miserably inadequate; of very low standard. <i>The shabby room struck her as extraordinarily <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>The men were in a <b>pitiable</b> condition.</i>
<b><u>pitiful</u></b>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>A <b>pitiful</b> fate.</i>
<b>premonition</b>	An early warning about a future event. <i>He had a <b>premonition</b> of imminent disaster.</i>
<b>presentiment</b>	An intuitive feeling about the future, especially one of foreboding. <i>A <b>presentiment</b> of disaster.</i>
<b><u>tragic</u></b>	Suffering extreme distress or sorrow. <i>A <b>tragic</b> accident.</i>
<b><u>underprivileged</u></b>	Lacking the rights and advantages of other members of society. <i>The plight of the <b>underprivileged</b>.</i>
<b>unfulfilled</b>	Of persons; marked by failure to realize full potentialities. <i>I was restless and <b>unfulfilled</b>.</i>
<b>unhappy</b>	Causing discomfort. <i>After the argument they lapsed into an <b>unhappy</b> silence.</i>
<b>unlucky</b>	Marked by or promising bad fortune- W.H.Prescott. <i>The visitors were <b>unlucky</b> to have a goal disallowed.</i>
<b>unpropitious</b>	(of a circumstance) not giving or indicating a good chance of success; unfavourable. <i>His reports were submitted at a financially <b>unpropitious</b> time.</i>
<b><u>unsuccessful</u></b>	Not successful. <i>An <b>unsuccessful</b> attempt to enter Parliament.</i>
<b>wretched</b>	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>Spent a <b>wretched</b> night on the floor.</i>



