

Need another word that means the same as “unsatisfying”? Find 32 synonyms for “unsatisfying” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unsatisfying” are: disappointing, dissatisfactory, deficient, inadequate, lacking, insufficient, imperfect, not up to par, not up to standard, not good enough, unacceptable, not acceptable, not up to expectations, flawed, faulty, defective, impaired, unsound, substandard, inferior, second-rate, poor, shabby, shoddy, patchy, sketchy, limited, restricted, incomplete, unfinished, unpolished, unrefined

Unsatisfying as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unsatisfying" as an adjective

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

- *Not up to expectations.*
- *Not satisfying.*

Synonyms of "Unsatisfying" as an adjective (32 Words)

[defective](#)

Having a defect.
Defective speech.

[deficient](#)

Insufficient or inadequate.
A **deficient** education.

[disappointing](#)

Failing to fulfil someone’s hopes or expectations.
The team made a **disappointing** start.

dissatisfactory

Not up to expectations.

faulty

Not working or made correctly; having defects.

*Her character was **faulty**.*

flawed

Having a blemish or flaw.

*A fatally **flawed** strategy.*

impaired

Having a disability of a specified kind.

*An **impaired** banking system.*

imperfect

Not perfect; faulty or incomplete.

*An **imperfect** grasp of English.*

inadequate

Lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a purpose.

*These labels prove to be wholly **inadequate**.*

incomplete

Not yet finished.

*Political consequences of **incomplete** military success.*

inferior

Of low or inferior quality.

*Ulcers located in the **inferior** and posterior wall of the duodenum.*

insufficient

Not enough; inadequate.

***Insufficient** funds.*

lacking

Inadequate in amount or degree.

*Workers were asked in what way they found their managers **lacking**.*

limited

Denoting a limited company used after a company name.

***Limited** war.*

not acceptable

Worthy of acceptance or satisfactory.

not good enough

Not left to spoil.

not up to expectations

Used up.

not up to par

Open.

not up to standard

Out of bed.

patchy

Irregular or uneven in quality, texture, etc.

*Your coursework was **patchy**.*

poor

Not sufficient to meet a need.

*The area was **poor** in timber and coal.*

restricted

Restricted in meaning as e g man in a tall man.

*Western scientists had only **restricted** access to the site.*

second-rate

Moderate to inferior in quality.

shabby

Mean and unworthy and despicable.

*A **shabby** fellow in slippers and an undershirt.*

shoddy

Cheap and shoddy Judith Crist.

Shoddy business practices.

sketchy

Dishonest or disreputable.

A **sketchy** account.

substandard

Below the usual or required standard.

Substandard housing.

unacceptable

Not satisfactory or allowable.

The following use of access was judged **unacceptable** by a panel of linguists You can access your cash at any of 300 automatic tellers.

unfinished

Not finished or concluded; incomplete.

The garage door can be supplied **unfinished** for you to paint yourself.

unpolished

Lacking social polish.

Dull **unpolished** shoes.

unrefined

Not processed to remove impurities or unwanted elements.

Unrefined sugar.

unsound

Physically unsound or diseased.

This line of argument is **unsound**.

Usage Examples of "Unsatisfying" as an adjective

- An unsatisfying relationship.