

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.

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| <u>faulty</u> | Not working or made correctly; having defects. <i>Her character was faulty.</i> |
| <u>flawed</u> | Having a blemish or flaw. <i>A fatally flawed strategy.</i> |
| impaired | Having a disability of a specified kind. <i>An impaired banking system.</i> |
| <u>imperfect</u> | Not perfect; faulty or incomplete. <i>An imperfect grasp of English.</i> |
| <u>inadequate</u> | Lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a purpose. <i>These labels prove to be wholly inadequate.</i> |
| <u>incomplete</u> | Not yet finished. <i>Political consequences of incomplete military success.</i> |
| <u>inferior</u> | Of low or inferior quality. <i>Ulcers located in the inferior and posterior wall of the duodenum.</i> |
| <u>insufficient</u> | Not enough; inadequate. <i>Insufficient funds.</i> |
| lacking | Inadequate in amount or degree. <i>Workers were asked in what way they found their managers lacking.</i> |
| limited | Denoting a limited company used after a company name. <i>Limited war.</i> |
| 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. <i>Your coursework was patchy.</i> |
| poor | Not sufficient to meet a need. <i>The area was poor in timber and coal.</i> |
| <u>restricted</u> | Restricted in meaning as e.g. man in a tall man. <i>Western scientists had only restricted access to the site.</i> |
| second-rate | Moderate to inferior in quality. |
| <u>shabby</u> | Mean and unworthy and despicable. <i>A shabby fellow in slippers and an undershirt.</i> |

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| <u>shoddy</u> | Cheap and shoddy Judith Crist. Shoddy business practices. |
| <u>sketchy</u> | 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. |
| <u>unrefined</u> | Not processed to remove impurities or unwanted elements. Unrefined sugar. |
| <u>unsound</u> | Physically unsound or diseased. This line of argument is unsound . |

Usage Examples of "Unsatisfying" as an adjective

- An *unsatisfying* relationship.