

Need another word that means the same as “unsuccessful”? Find 5 synonyms and 30 related words for “unsuccessful” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Unsuccessful” are: abortive, stillborn, failed, unprofitable, unprosperous

Unsuccessful as an Adjective

Definitions of "Unsuccessful" as an adjective

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

- *Not successful.*
- *Not successful; having failed or having an unfavorable outcome.*
- *Failing to accomplish an intended result.*



Synonyms of "Unsuccessful" as an adjective (5 Words)

abortive	(of an organ or organism) rudimentary; arrested in development. <i>An abortive revolt.</i>
failed	(of a mechanism) not functioning properly. <i>A failed coup attempt.</i>
stillborn	(of a proposal or plan) having failed to develop or be realized. <i>One of the twins was stillborn.</i>
unprofitable	(of a business or activity) not yielding profit or financial gain. <i>There has been much unprofitable speculation.</i>
unprosperous	Not enjoying or bringing financial success.



Usage Examples of "Unsuccessful" as an adjective

- *An unsuccessful attempt to enter Parliament.*

Associations of "Unsuccessful" (30 Words)

abortive	Causing or resulting in abortion. <i>Abortive techniques.</i>
calamitous	Involving calamity; catastrophic or disastrous. <i>Such calamitous events as fires hurricanes and floods.</i>
defeated	People who are defeated. <i>The defeated army.</i>
dejected	Sad and depressed; dispirited. <i>Is dejected but trying to look cheerful.</i>
despondent	Without or almost without hope. <i>Despondent about his failure.</i>

<u>disadvantaged</u>	(of a person or area) in unfavourable circumstances, especially with regard to financial or social opportunities. <i>We began to help the disadvantaged.</i>
disappointed	(of hopes or expectations) prevented from being realized. <i>The rising was a revolution of disappointed hopes.</i>
<u>disastrous</u>	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>United made a disastrous start to the season.</i>
<u>disillusioned</u>	Disappointed in someone or something that one discovers to be less good than one had believed. <i>The minority groups were completely disillusioned with the party.</i>
foiled	Disappointingly unsuccessful. <i>Their foiled attempt to capture Calais.</i>
<u>frustrated</u>	Prevented from progressing, succeeding, or being fulfilled. <i>Years of frustrated attempts to regain control of the site.</i>
<u>frustrating</u>	Preventing realization or attainment of a desire. <i>It can be very frustrating to find that the size you want isn't there.</i>
hapless	(especially of a person) unfortunate. <i>A hapless victim.</i>
inauspicious	Not conducive to success; unpromising. <i>Following this inauspicious start the British outnumbered withdrew.</i>
infelicitous	Marked by or producing unhappiness- American Guide Series. <i>An infelicitous remark.</i>
misadventure	Death caused by a person accidentally while performing a legal act without negligence or intent to harm. <i>The petty misdemeanours and misadventures of childhood.</i>
mischance	An unlucky occurrence. <i>Innumerable mischances might ruin the enterprise.</i>
<u>mishap</u>	An unpredictable outcome that is unfortunate. <i>The event passed without mishap.</i>
<u>pathetic</u>	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>It was a pathetic sight.</i>
piteous	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>Piteous appeals for help.</i>
pitiable	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>Pitiable homeless children.</i>

ruined	Destroyed physically or morally. <i>A ruined castle.</i>
stillborn	Showing no signs of life at birth; not liveborn. <i>One of the twins was stillborn.</i>
<u>underprivileged</u>	(of a person) not enjoying the same standard of living or rights as the majority of people in a society. <i>Needy and underprivileged members of the community.</i>
<u>unfortunate</u>	Not favored by fortune; marked or accompanied by or resulting in ill fortune. <i>An unfortunate speech.</i>
unfruitful	Not producing good or helpful results; unproductive. <i>The meeting was unfruitful.</i>
unfulfilled	Not having fully utilized or exploited one's abilities or character. <i>Unfulfilled and uneasy men.</i>
unlucky	Having or bringing misfortune. <i>An unlucky defeat.</i>
<u>unsatisfied</u>	Worried and uneasy. <i>The compromise left all sides unsatisfied.</i>
wretched	(of a person) in a very unhappy or unfortunate state. <i>The wretched conditions of the slums.</i>