

Need another word that means the same as “wan”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “wan” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Wan” are: pale, pallid, sick, ashen, white, white as a sheet, grey, dim, faint, weak, feeble, watery, wishy-washy**

## Wan as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Wan" as an adjective

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

- *(of the sea) without lustre; dark and gloomy.*
- *Lacking vitality as from weariness or illness or unhappiness.*
- *Lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble.*
- *(of light) lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble.*
- *(of light) pale; weak.*
- *(of a smile) lacking enthusiasm or energy.*
- *(of a person's complexion or appearance) pale and giving the impression of illness or exhaustion.*
- *Abnormally deficient in color as suggesting physical or emotional distress.*



## Synonyms of "Wan" as an adjective (13 Words)

### ashen

Anemic looking from illness or emotion- Mary W. Shelley.  
*Eleanor s **ashen** face.*

### dim

Made dim or less bright.  
*Their prospects for the future looked fairly **dim**.*

### faint

(of a hope or chance) possible but unlikely; slight.  
*Damning with **faint** praise.*

### feeble

Lacking strength of character.  
***Feeble** efforts.*

### grey

Used to signify the Confederate forces in the American Civil War who wore grey uniforms.  
*His face looked **grey** and drawn.*

### pale

Inferior or unimpressive.  
***Pale** blue eyes.*

- pallid** Lacking vigour or intensity; insipid.  
***Pallid** liberalism.*
- sick** (of a person) having abnormal or unnatural tendencies; perverted.  
*Nursing very **sick** children.*
- watery** (of a person's eyes) full of tears.  
***Watery** soil.*
- weak** Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin.  
*He had a **weak** stomach.*
- white** Restricted to whites only.  
*In shining **white** armor.*
- white as a sheet** Glowing white with heat.
- wishy-washy** Weak in willpower, courage or vitality.



## Usage Examples of "Wan" as an adjective

- *The pale (or wan) stars.*
- *Her wan face suddenly flushed.*

- *He gave a wan smile.*
- *The wan dawn light.*
- *A wan smile.*
- *She was looking wan and bleary-eyed.*
- *The wan light of dawn.*



## Associations of "Wan" (30 Words)

<b>ailing</b>	In poor health. <i>My poor <b>ailing</b> grandmother.</i>
<b>anemia</b>	A deficiency of red blood cells.
<b>anemic</b>	Lacking vigor or energy. <i>An <b>anemic</b> attempt to hit the baseball.</i>
<b>blanch</b>	Make white or pale by extracting colour. <i>I <b>blanched</b> the carrots for a couple of minutes before roasting them.</i>

<b>complexion</b>	A combination that results from coupling or interlinking. <i>A liberal political <b>complexion</b>.</i>
<b>dark</b>	Of a person having dark skin hair or eyes. <i><b>Dark</b> eyes.</i>
<b>dim</b>	Make dim or lusterless. <i>The <b>dim</b> glow of the fire.</i>
<b>face</b>	Cover the surface of something with a layer of a different material. <i>The north <b>face</b> of the Eiger.</i>
<b>fading</b>	Weakening in force or intensity.
<b>flagging</b>	A walk of flagstones. <i>The <b>flagging</b> in the garden was quite imaginative.</i>
<b>fragility</b>	Lack of physical strength. <i>His emotional <b>fragility</b>.</i>
<b>hue</b>	The attribute of a colour by virtue of which it is discernible as red, green, etc., and which is dependent on its dominant wavelength and independent of intensity or lightness. <i>The water is the deepest <b>hue</b> of aquamarine.</i>
<b>ill</b>	Ill is often used as a combining form in a poor or improper or unsatisfactory manner not well. <i><b>Ill</b> fitting clothes.</i>
<b>jaundice</b>	Affect with or as if with jaundice. <i>Jealousy had <b>jaundiced</b> his judgment.</i>
<b>limp</b>	A tendency to limp a gait impeded by injury or stiffness. <i>He felt his body go <b>limp</b>.</i>
<b>moonbeam</b>	A ray of moonlight.
<b>pale</b>	Become pale in one's face from shock or fear. <i>I <b>paled</b> at the thought of what she might say.</i>
<b>pallid</b>	(of a person's face) pale, typically because of poor health. <i>His face with its wrinkled <b>pallid</b> complexion.</i>
<b>pallor</b>	An unhealthy pale appearance. <i>The deathlike <b>pallor</b> of his face.</i>
<b>pigmentation</b>	Abnormal colouring of a person's skin, typically resulting from disease.
<b>powerless</b>	Lacking power. <i>Troops were <b>powerless</b> to stop last night's shooting.</i>
<b>sallow</b>	Cause to become sallow. <i>His skin was <b>sallow</b> and pitted.</i>

<b>sensitization</b>	(psychology) the process of becoming highly sensitive to specific events or situations (especially emotional events or situations). <i>Too much silver nitrate would cause improper <b>sensitization</b> of the plates placed in it.</i>
<b>sick</b>	People who are sick. <i>Visiting the <b>sick</b> and the elderly.</i>
<b>swarthy</b>	Naturally having skin of a dark color. <i><b>Swarthy</b> men with gleaming teeth.</i>
<b>tint</b>	Dye someone's hair with a tint. <i>A <b>tint</b> of glamour.</i>
<b>undermine</b>	Destroy property or hinder normal operations. <i>This could <b>undermine</b> years of hard work.</i>
<b>weak</b>	Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin. <i>A <b>weak</b> plot.</i>
<b>white</b>	Paint or turn something white. <i>A <b>white</b> Christmas.</i>
<b>yellow</b>	Yellow colour or pigment. <i>The little <b>yellow</b> stain of treason.</i>

