

Need another word that means the same as “weak”? Find 67 synonyms and 30 related words for “weak” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Weak” are: faint, light, unaccented, washy, watery, fallible, frail, imperfect, debile, decrepit, feeble, infirm, rickety, sapless, weakly, puny, fragile, delicate, inadequate, poor, unconvincing, untenable, tenuous, implausible, unsatisfactory, slight, thin, transparent, irresolute, spineless, craven, cowardly, pusillanimous, timorous, timid, indecisive, ineffectual, useless, inept, effete, meek, tame, powerless, ineffective, impotent, namby-pamby, soft, lily-livered, faint-hearted, dim, pale, wan, dull, muted, diluted, dilute, thinned down, adulterated, tasteless, flavourless, bland, insipid, mild, unenthusiastic, half-hearted, limp, lame

Weak as an Adjective

Definitions of "Weak" as an adjective

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

- *Liable to break or give way under pressure; easily damaged.*
- *Having standard (or regular) inflection.*
- *Wanting in physical strength.*
- *Not having authority, political strength, or governing power.*
- *(of prices or a market) having a downward tendency.*
- *Exerting only a small force.*
- *(of a faculty or part of the body) not able to fulfil its functions properly.*
- *Tending downward in price.*
- *Lacking the force of character to hold to one's own decisions, beliefs, or principles; irresolute.*

- *Lacking intensity or brightness.*
- *(of a team or military force) containing too few members or members of insufficient quality.*
- *Displaying or characterized by a lack of enthusiasm or energy.*
- *Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality.*
- *Not convincing or logically forceful.*
- *Overly diluted; thin and insipid.*
- *Lacking power or influence.*
- *Of a low standard; performing or performed badly.*
- *Deficient in intelligence or mental power.*
- *Lacking the power to perform physically demanding tasks; having little physical strength or energy.*
- *(used of verbs) having standard (or regular) inflection.*
- *(of a belief) not held with conviction or intensity.*
- *(of features) not striking or strongly marked.*
- *(used of vowels or syllables) pronounced with little or no stress.*
- *Deficient in magnitude; barely perceptible; lacking clarity or brightness or loudness etc.*
- *(of a syllable) unstressed.*
- *Wanting in moral strength, courage, or will; having the attributes of man as opposed to e.g. divine beings.*
- *Denoting a class of verbs in Germanic languages that form the past tense and past participle by addition of a suffix (in English, typically -ed).*
- *Likely to fail under stress or pressure.*
- *Deficient or lacking in some skill.*
- *(of a liquid or solution) heavily diluted.*
- *Pronounced with little or no stress.*
- *Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles, which acts only at distances less than about 10^{-15} cm, is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions, and conserves neither strangeness, parity, nor isospin.*



Synonyms of "Weak" as an adjective (67 Words)

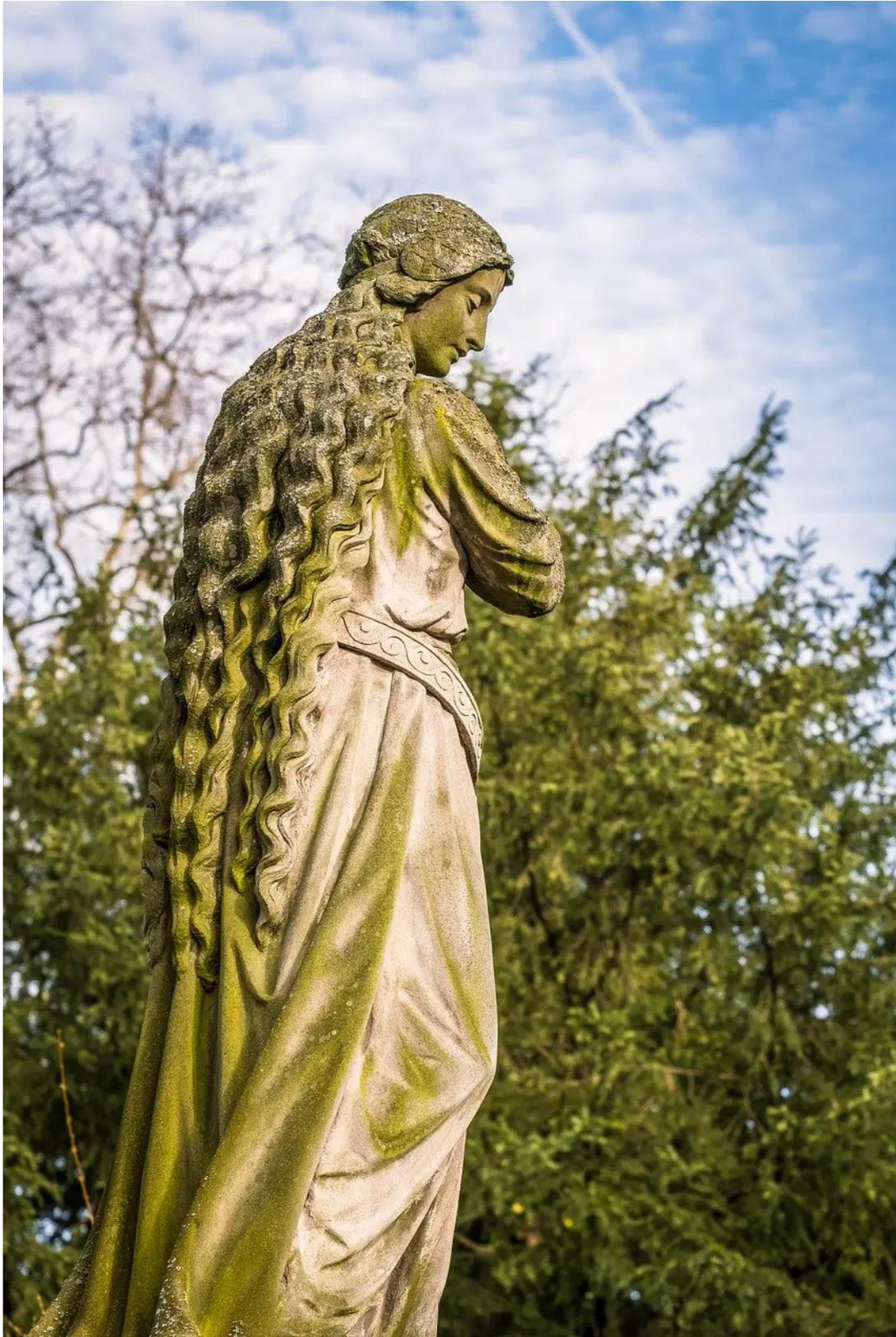
- adulterated** Mixed with impurities.
- bland** Lacking taste or flavor or tang.
*A **bland** and unadventurous vegetarian dish.*
- cowardly** Lacking courage.
***Cowardly** dogs ye will not aid me then.*
- craven** Lacking even the rudiments of courage; abjectly fearful- Spenser.
*A **craven** abdication of his moral duty.*
- debile** Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality.
- decrepit** Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality.
*A **decrepit** bus its seats held together with friction tape.*

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| delicate | (of food or drink) subtly and pleasantly flavoured. <i>Delicate negotiations with the big powers.</i> |
| dilute | (of colour or light) weak or low in concentration. <i>Dilute sun.</i> |
| diluted | Made weaker in force, content, or value by modification. <i>Diluted alcohol.</i> |
| <u>dim</u> | Made dim or less bright. <i>Dimmed headlights.</i> |
| dull | Emitting or reflecting very little light. <i>A dull political campaign.</i> |
| effete | Deprived of vigor and the ability to be effective. <i>He chatted away exercising his rather effete charm.</i> |
| <u>faint</u> | Indistinctly understood or felt or perceived. <i>Haven't the faintest idea.</i> |
| faint-hearted | Lacking conviction or boldness or courage. |
| fallible | Wanting in moral strength, courage, or will; having the attributes of man as opposed to e.g. divine beings. <i>Everyone is fallible to some degree.</i> |
| <u>feeble</u> | Lacking strength. <i>Her feeble cries of pain.</i> |
| flavourless | Lacking taste or flavor or tang. <i>The soup was thin and flavourless.</i> |
| <u>fragile</u> | Vulnerably delicate. <i>She has the fragile beauty of youth.</i> |
| <u>frail</u> | Easily broken or damaged or destroyed. <i>She looked frail and vulnerable.</i> |
| half-hearted | Feeling or showing little interest or enthusiasm. |
| <u>imperfect</u> | (of a gift, title, etc.) transferred without all the necessary conditions or requirements being met. <i>Imperfect mortals.</i> |
| implausible | Highly imaginative but unlikely. <i>This is a blatantly implausible claim.</i> |
| impotent | Lacking power or ability- Freeman J. Dyson. <i>He was seized with an impotent anger.</i> |
| <u>inadequate</u> | Lacking the requisite qualities or resources to meet a task. <i>A sad solitary inadequate man.</i> |

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| <u>indecisive</u> | Not providing a clear and definite result. <i>He was too indecisive to carry out his political programme.</i> |
| <u>ineffective</u> | Lacking in power or forcefulness. <i>An ineffective teacher.</i> |
| <u>ineffectual</u> | (of a person) lacking the ability or qualities to fulfil a role or handle a situation. <i>The therapy was ineffectual.</i> |
| inept | Generally incompetent and ineffectual. <i>Inept handling of the account.</i> |
| infirm | Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality. <i>Those who were old or infirm.</i> |
| insipid | Lacking vigour or interest. <i>Many artists continued to churn out insipid shallow works.</i> |
| irresolute | Showing or feeling hesitancy; uncertain. <i>The committee was timid and mediocre and irresolute.</i> |
| <u>lame</u> | (of a person) naive or socially inept. <i>The TV licensing teams hear a lot of lame excuses.</i> |
| light | Characterized by or emitting light. <i>A light load.</i> |
| lily-livered | Easily frightened. |
| <u>limp</u> | Lacking in strength or firmness or resilience G.K.Chesterton. <i>A limp gesture as if waving away all desire to know.</i> |
| <u>meek</u> | Very docile- Langston Hughes. <i>She brought her meek little husband along.</i> |
| <u>mild</u> | Mild and pleasant. <i>A mild rebuke.</i> |
| muted | (of a sound or voice) quiet and soft. <i>A dress in muted tones of powder blue and dusty pink.</i> |
| namby-pamby | Weak in willpower, courage or vitality. |
| <u>pale</u> | Abnormally deficient in color as suggesting physical or emotional distress. <i>The pale or wan stars.</i> |
| poor | Of a low or inferior standard or quality. <i>The area was poor in timber and coal.</i> |
| powerless | Lacking power. <i>Troops were powerless to stop last night s shooting.</i> |
| puny | Inferior in strength or significance. <i>Puny excuses.</i> |

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| pusillanimous | Lacking in courage and manly strength and resolution; contemptibly fearful. |
| rickety | Inclined to shake as from weakness or defect. Rickety limbs and joints. |
| sapless | Destitute of sap and other vital juices; dry- Norman Mailer. <i>Her body looked sapless.</i> |
| slight | (of a person or their build) not sturdy; thin or slender. <i>A slight increase.</i> |
| soft | Soft and mild not harsh or stern or severe. <i>The soft sciences.</i> |
| spineless | Having no spine or backbone; invertebrate. Spineless forms of prickly pear have been selected. |
| tame | Brought from wildness into a domesticated state. Tame animals. |
| <u>tasteless</u> | Lacking flavour. <i>The vegetables were watery and tasteless.</i> |
| <u>tenuous</u> | Lacking substance or significance. <i>A tenuous cloud.</i> |
| <u>thin</u> | Relatively thin in consistency or low in density not viscous. <i>His thin jacket.</i> |
| thinned down | Relatively thin in consistency or low in density; not viscous. |
| <u>timid</u> | Showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened. <i>I was too timid to ask for what I wanted.</i> |
| timorous | Showing or suffering from nervousness or a lack of confidence. <i>In a timorous tone.</i> |
| <u>transparent</u> | Having thoughts or feelings that are easily perceived; open. <i>A transparent lie.</i> |
| unaccented | Pronounced with little or no stress. <i>His English is fluent and unaccented.</i> |
| <u>unconvincing</u> | Not convincing. <i>She felt the lie was unconvincing.</i> |
| <u>unenthusiastic</u> | Not enthusiastic; lacking excitement or ardor. <i>An unenthusiastic performance by the orchestra.</i> |
| <u>unsatisfactory</u> | Not giving satisfaction. <i>Her performance proved to be unsatisfactory.</i> |
| <u>untenable</u> | (of theories etc) incapable of being defended or justified. <i>This argument is clearly untenable.</i> |

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| <u>useless</u> | Not fulfilling or not expected to achieve the intended purpose or desired outcome. <i>A piece of useless knowledge.</i> |
| <u>wan</u> | (of the sea) without lustre; dark and gloomy. <i>A wan smile.</i> |
| washy | Overly diluted; thin and insipid. <i>Washy coffee.</i> |
| watery | Thin or tasteless as a result of containing too much water. <i>Watery milk.</i> |
| weakly | Sickly; not robust. <i>If the lambs were weakly we had to feed them by hand.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Weak" as an adjective

- *She was recovering from flu, and was very weak.*
- *She managed a weak, nervous smile.*
- *A weak market for oil stocks.*
- *A weak president.*
- *The central government had grown too weak to impose order.*
- *His beard covered a weak chin.*
- *A weak pulse.*
- *A weak plot.*
- *The weak link in the chain.*
- *The choruses on this recording are weak.*
- *He had a weak stomach.*
- *Weak colors.*
- *Weak tea.*
- *The new king used his powers to protect the weak.*
- *A weak pillar.*
- *The argument is an extremely weak one.*
- *A weak stress on the second syllable.*
- *He's weak in spelling.*
- *A weak mind.*
- *A weak magnetic field.*
- *Their commitment to the project is weak.*
- *The salamander's tail may be broken off at a weak spot near the base.*
- *He was not weak or a compromiser.*
- *Their problems arose from fielding weak teams in league matches.*
- *A weak light from a single street lamp.*
- *A cup of weak coffee.*



Associations of "Weak" (30 Words)

- breakable** Things which are fragile and easily broken.
*Pack the **breakables** separately.*
- brittle** A brittle sweet made from nuts and set melted sugar.
*Peanut **brittle**.*
- craven** Lacking even the rudiments of courage; abjectly fearful- Spenser.
*A **craven** proposal to raise the white flag.*
- debilitated** Lacking strength or vigor.
*A **debilitated** patient.*
- decrepit** Worn out or ruined because of age or neglect.
*A row of **decrepit** houses.*
- delicate** A delicate fabric or garment.
*The **delicate** wing of a butterfly.*

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| drooping | Hanging down (as from exhaustion or weakness). <i>Lilacs with drooping panicles of fragrant flowers.</i> |
| effete | Affected, over-refined, and ineffectual. <i>The young man spoke in effete accented English.</i> |
| emaciated | Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold. <i>She was so emaciated she could hardly stand.</i> |
| emaciation | Extreme leanness (usually caused by starvation or disease). <i>Thin to the point of emaciation.</i> |
| feckless | Lacking initiative or strength of character; irresponsible. <i>Feckless attempts to repair the plumbing.</i> |
| feeble | Pathetically lacking in force or effectiveness. <i>I know it s feeble but I ve never been one to stand up for myself.</i> |
| flagging | A walk of flagstones. <i>She wants to revive her flagging career.</i> |
| fragile | (of a person) not strong or sturdy; delicate and vulnerable. <i>A small fragile old lady.</i> |
| fragility | The quality of being easily broken or damaged. <i>His emotional fragility.</i> |
| frail | The weight of a frail basket full of raisins or figs between 50 and 75 pounds. <i>The balcony is frail.</i> |
| impotent | Unable to take effective action; helpless or powerless. <i>He was on medication which had made him impotent.</i> |
| ineffective | Lacking in power or forcefulness. <i>The legal sanctions against oil spills are virtually ineffective.</i> |
| ineffectual | Not producing an intended effect. <i>An ineffectual campaign.</i> |
| infirm | Not physically or mentally strong, especially through age or illness. <i>Infirm of purpose give me the daggers.</i> |
| languid | (of a period of time) relaxed and peaceful. <i>She was pale languid and weak as if she had delivered a child.</i> |
| limp | A tendency to limp a gait impeded by injury or stiffness. <i>He limped heavily as he moved.</i> |
| powerless | Lacking power. <i>Troops were powerless to stop last night s shooting.</i> |
| puny | (used especially of persons) of inferior size. <i>Puny excuses.</i> |

- rickety** Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality.
*A **rickety** banking system.*
- spineless** Weak in willpower, courage or vitality.
***Spineless** forms of prickly pear have been selected.*
- vulnerable** (of a person) in need of special care, support, or protection because of age, disability, or risk of abuse or neglect.
*We were in a **vulnerable** position.*
- wan** (of light) lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble.
*A **wan** smile.*
- weakly** In a way that lacks strength or force.
*She leaned **weakly** against the wall.*
- wimp** A hypothetical subatomic particle of large mass that interacts weakly with ordinary matter through gravitation; postulated as a constituent of the dark matter of the universe.
*Anyone who **wimped** out because of the weather missed the experience of a lifetime.*

