

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)

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

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

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



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

useless

Not fulfilling or not expected to achieve the intended purpose or desired outcome.

*A piece of **useless** knowledge.*

wan

(of the sea) without lustre; dark and gloomy.

*A **wan** smile.*

**washy**

Overly diluted; thin and insipid.

***Washy** coffee.*

**watery**

Thin or tasteless as a result of containing too much water.

***Watery** milk.*

**weakly**

Sickly; not robust.

*If the lambs were **weakly** we had to feed them by hand.*





## 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)

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

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

<b>rickety</b>	Lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality. <i>A <b>rickety</b> banking system.</i>
<b>spineless</b>	Weak in willpower, courage or vitality. <i><b>Spineless</b> forms of prickly pear have been selected.</i>
<b>vulnerable</b>	(of a person) in need of special care, support, or protection because of age, disability, or risk of abuse or neglect. <i>We were in a <b>vulnerable</b> position.</i>
<b>wan</b>	(of light) lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble. <i>A <b>wan</b> smile.</i>
<b>weakly</b>	In a way that lacks strength or force. <i>She leaned <b>weakly</b> against the wall.</i>
<b>wimp</b>	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. <i>Anyone who <b>wimped</b> out because of the weather missed the experience of a lifetime.</i>



