

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

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**The synonyms of “Wistful” are: pensive, regretful, nostalgic, yearning, longing**

## **Wistful as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Wistful" as an adjective**

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

- *Showing pensive sadness.*
- *Having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing.*



### Synonyms of "Wistful" as an adjective (5 Words)

- longing** Having or showing a yearning desire.  
*Her **longing** eyes.*
- nostalgic** Feeling, evoking, or characterized by nostalgia.  
*He remained **nostalgic** about the good old days.*
- pensive** Showing pensive sadness.  
*A **pensive** mood.*
- regretful** Feeling or showing regret.  
*He sounded **regretful** but pointed out that he had committed himself.*
- yearning** Involving or expressing yearning.  
*A **yearning** hope.*



## Usage Examples of "Wistful" as an adjective

- *The sensitive and wistful response of a poet to the gentler phases of beauty.*
- *A wistful smile.*





## Associations of "Wistful" (30 Words)

- bleak** (of a situation) not hopeful or encouraging; unlikely to have a favourable outcome.  
*The **bleak** treeless regions of the high Andes.*
- blue** Blue color or pigment resembling the color of the clear sky in the daytime.  
*Far out upon the **blue** were many sails.*
- cheerless** Causing sad feelings of gloom and inadequacy.  
*The corridors were ill lit and **cheerless**.*
- contemplative** A person devoted to the contemplative life.  
***Contemplative** knowledge of God.*
- dejected** Sad and depressed; dispirited.  
*Is **dejected** but trying to look cheerful.*

<b>depressed</b>	(of a place or economic activity) suffering the damaging effects of a lack of demand or employment. <i><b>Depressed</b> by the loss of his job.</i>
<b>depression</b>	A period during the 1930s when there was a worldwide economic depression and mass unemployment. <i><b>Depression</b> of the space bar on the typewriter.</i>
<b>despair</b>	Abandon hope; give up hope; lose heart. <i>One harsh word would send her into the depths of <b>despair</b>.</i>
<b>despondent</b>	Without or almost without hope. <i><b>Despondent</b> about his failure.</i>
<b>dismal</b>	(of a person or their mood) gloomy. <i>His <b>dismal</b> mood was not dispelled by finding the house empty.</i>
<b>dreary</b>	Causing dejection. <i>The <b>dreary</b> round of working eating and trying to sleep.</i>
<b>elegiac</b>	Verses in an elegiac metre. <i>Haunting and <b>elegiac</b> poems.</i>
<b>elegy</b>	(in modern literature) a poem of serious reflection, typically a lament for the dead.
<b>gloom</b>	Have a dark or sombre appearance. <i>He strained his eyes peering into the <b>gloom</b>.</i>
<b><u>gloomy</u></b>	Causing dejection. <i>A <b>gloomy</b> corridor badly lit by oil lamps.</i>
<b><u>grim</u></b>	Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i><b>Grim</b> laughter.</i>
<b>heartsick</b>	Full of sorrow. <i>Too <b>heartsick</b> to fight back.</i>
<b>hopeless</b>	Without hope because there seems to be no possibility of comfort or success. <i>He is a <b>hopeless</b> romantic.</i>
<b>lamentation</b>	A cry of sorrow and grief. <i>Scenes of <b>lamentation</b>.</i>
<b>meditative</b>	Relating to or absorbed in meditation or considered thought. <i><b>Meditative</b> techniques.</i>
<b><u>melancholy</u></b>	A humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and melancholy. <i>An air of <b>melancholy</b> surrounded him.</i>

<b>mourning</b>	The passionate and demonstrative activity of expressing grief. <i>She s still in <b>mourning</b> after the death of her husband.</i>
<b><u>nostalgia</u></b>	Something done or presented in order to evoke feelings of nostalgia. <i>An evening of TV <b>nostalgia</b>.</i>
<b>pensive</b>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A <b>pensive</b> mood.</i>
<b><u>reflective</u></b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i><b>Reflective</b> glass.</i>
<b>sadden</b>	Make unhappy. <i>The news of her death <b>saddened</b> me.</i>
<b>sadness</b>	The condition or quality of being sad. <i>She tired of his perpetual <b>sadness</b>.</i>
<b><u>somber</u></b>	Lacking brightness or color; dull. <i>Children in <b>somber</b> brown clothes.</i>
<b><u>sorrow</u></b>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>A woman had cried all night <b>sorrowing</b> over the death of her husband.</i>
<b>thoughtful</b>	Taking heed giving close and thoughtful attention. <i>Brows drawn together in <b>thoughtful</b> consideration.</i>

