

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)

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

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

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

