

Need another word that means the same as “worsen”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “worsen” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Worsen” are: decline, aggravate, exacerbate, exasperate, make worse, compound, add to, intensify, increase, magnify, heighten, inflame, augment, deteriorate, degenerate, become worse, get worse, grow worse, take a turn for the worse, weaken

Worsen as a Verb

Definitions of "Worsen" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “worsen” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Grow worse.*
- *Make or become worse.*
- *Make worse.*

Synonyms of "Worsen" as a verb (20 Words)

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| add to | Determine the sum of. |
| aggravate | Make (a problem, injury, or offence) worse or more serious. <i>Military action would only aggravate the situation.</i> |
| augment | Grow or intensify. <i>He augmented his summer income by painting houses.</i> |
| become worse | Enter or assume a certain state or condition. |

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| <u>compound</u> | Reckon (interest) on previously accumulated interest. <i>Prisoners lack of contact with the outside world compounds their problems.</i> |
| decline | (typically of something regarded as good) become smaller, fewer, or less; decrease. <i>Her health began to decline.</i> |
| degenerate | Grow worse. <i>The quality of life had degenerated.</i> |
| deteriorate | Grow worse. <i>Her condition deteriorated.</i> |
| exacerbate | Exasperate or irritate. <i>The strong pound has exacerbated the situation by making it much harder for UK companies to compete on price.</i> |
| exasperate | Exasperate or irritate. <i>This futile process exasperates prison officers.</i> |
| get worse | Move into a desired direction of discourse. |
| grow worse | Increase in size by natural process. |
| heighten | Increase the height of. <i>The stage will be extended heightening the grid by 3 4 metres.</i> |
| increase | Become bigger or greater in amount. <i>The university increased the number of students it admitted.</i> |
| inflame | Become inflamed get sore. <i>The repetitive motion inflamed her joint.</i> |
| <u>intensify</u> | Make more intense, stronger, or more marked. <i>The dispute began to intensify.</i> |
| <u>magnify</u> | Increase in size, volume or significance. <i>Praise the Lord and magnify Him.</i> |
| make worse | Achieve a point or goal. |
| take a turn for the worse | Be designed to hold or take. |
| <u>weaken</u> | Reduce the level or intensity or size or scope of. <i>The prisoner s resistance weakened after seven days.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Worsen" as a verb

- *Arguing actually worsens the problem.*
- *Conditions in the slum worsened.*

- *Her condition worsened on the flight.*

Associations of "Worsen" (30 Words)

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| aggravate | Make worse. <i>Military action would only aggravate the situation.</i> |
| aggravating | Making worse. <i>She found him thoroughly aggravating and unprofessional.</i> |
| aggravation | Action that makes a problem or a disease (or its symptoms) worse. <i>The whole business has caused me a lot of aggravation.</i> |
| agitate | Cause to be agitated excited or roused. <i>The thought of questioning Toby agitated him extremely.</i> |
| anger | Fill someone with anger provoke anger in. <i>He was angered that he had not been told.</i> |
| annoy | Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations. <i>A gallant Saxon who annoyed this Coast.</i> |
| attritional | Relating to or caused by attrition. |
| counteract | Oppose or check by a counteraction. <i>Should we deliberately intervene in the climate system to counteract global warming.</i> |
| debase | Corrupt debase or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>The King was forced to debase the coinage.</i> |
| debasement | Being mixed with extraneous material; the product of adulterating. <i>The outcome is rot and debasement of the system.</i> |
| decline | (especially of the sun) move downwards. <i>The birth rate continued to decline.</i> |
| degeneracy | Moral perversion; impairment of virtue and moral principles. <i>The degeneracy of later Roman work.</i> |
| degenerate | An immoral or corrupt person. <i>The quality of life had degenerated.</i> |
| degeneration | Passing from a more complex to a simpler biological form. <i>Degeneration of the muscle fibres.</i> |
| deteriorate | Become progressively worse. <i>His mind deteriorated.</i> |

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| devolve | (of property) be transferred from one owner to (another), especially by inheritance. <i>His duties devolved on a comrade.</i> |
| downturn | A decline in economic, business, or other activity. <i>The market took a downturn.</i> |
| enrage | Make (someone) very angry. <i>The students were enraged at these new rules.</i> |
| exacerbate | Exasperate or irritate. <i>The exorbitant cost of land in urban areas only exacerbated the problem.</i> |
| exasperate | Exasperate or irritate. <i>This futile process exasperates prison officers.</i> |
| inconvenient | Not conveniently timed. <i>It is inconvenient not to have a telephone in the kitchen.</i> |
| irritating | Causing irritation to a body part. <i>Bites of black flies are more than irritating they can be very painful.</i> |
| irritation | The neural or electrical arousal of an organ or muscle or gland. <i>Some chemicals cause a direct irritation to the skin leading to dermatitis.</i> |
| nettle | Sting with nettles. <i>I was only asking Jess said nettled.</i> |
| provocation | Action or speech held to be likely to prompt physical retaliation. <i>The result was a provocation of vigorous investigation.</i> |
| rage | A vehement desire or passion. <i>He raged at the futility of it all.</i> |
| retrogression | The process of returning to an earlier state, typically a worse one. <i>A retrogression to 19th century attitudes.</i> |
| vex | Be annoyed, irritated, or unhappy. <i>A vexing problem.</i> |
| wane | (of the moon) have a progressively smaller part of its visible surface illuminated, so that it appears to decrease in size. <i>Interest in the project waned.</i> |
| worse | Changed for the worse in health or fitness. <i>He did worse on the second exam.</i> |