

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)

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

compound

Reckon (interest) on previously accumulated interest.

*Prisoners lack of contact with the outside world **compounds** their problems.*

**decline**

(typically of something regarded as good) become smaller, fewer, or less; decrease.

*Her health began to **decline**.*

**degenerate**

Grow worse.

*The quality of life had **degenerated**.*

**deteriorate**

Grow worse.

*Her condition **deteriorated**.*

**exacerbate**

Exasperate or irritate.

*The strong pound has **exacerbated** the situation by making it much harder for UK companies to compete on price.*

**exasperate**

Exasperate or irritate.

*This futile process **exasperates** prison officers.*

**get worse**

Move into a desired direction of discourse.

**grow worse**

Increase in size by natural process.

**heighten**

Increase the height of.

*The stage will be extended **heightening** the grid by 3 4 metres.*

**increase**

Become bigger or greater in amount.

*The university **increased** the number of students it admitted.*

**inflame**

Become inflamed get sore.

*The repetitive motion **inflamed** her joint.*

intensify

Make more intense, stronger, or more marked.

*The dispute began to **intensify**.*

magnify

Increase in size, volume or significance.

*Praise the Lord and **magnify** Him.*

**make worse**

Achieve a point or goal.

**take a turn for the worse**

Be designed to hold or take.

weaken

Reduce the level or intensity or size or scope of.

*The prisoner s resistance **weakened** after seven days.*

## 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)

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

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