

pathetic[pəˈθetɪk] *a*

1. трогательный жалостный
in a pathetic voice - жалостным голосом
pathetic sight - трогательное зрелище
pathetic creature - жалкое /несчастное/ создание
pathetic fate - несчастная судьба
pathetic face [eyes] - трагическое лицо [-ие глаза]
a lost child is pathetic - потерявшийся ребёнок вызывает жалость
their parting was pathetic - их расставание было очень трогательным
2. жалкий, безнадёжный
pathetic attempts - жалкие попытки
3. *усл.* патетический

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path·et·ic *BrE* [pəˈθetɪk] ^ˈ *NAmE* [pəˈθetɪk] ^ˈ **adjective**

1. making you feel pity or sadness

Syn: ↑pitiful

- a pathetic and lonely old man
- The starving children were a pathetic sight.

2. (*informal, disapproving*) weak and not successful

Syn: ↑feeble

- a pathetic excuse
- She made a pathetic attempt to smile.
- I know it sounds pathetic, but I can't ride a bike.
- You're pathetic!

Derived Word ↑pathetically**Word Origin:**[**pathetic pathetically**] late 16th cent. (in the sense 'affecting the emotions'): via late Latin from Greek **pathētikos** 'sensitive', based on **pathos** 'suffering'.**Example Bank:**

- It was a rather pathetic excuse.
- The whole thing is absolutely pathetic.
- There was something a little pathetic about her.
- What a pathetic little wimp you are, Graham!
- I know it sounds pathetic, but I can't ride a bike.
- She thought he looked a pathetic figure of a man.
- That was an absolutely pathetic excuse.
- You're pathetic!

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paθetɪk /pəˈθetɪk/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective**[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** French; **Origin:** pathétique, from Latin, from Greek, from paschein 'to suffer']

1. something or someone that is pathetic is so useless, unsuccessful, or weak that they annoy you:

- ˈ You're pathetic! Here, let me do it.
- ˈ I know it sounds pathetic now, but at the time I was frightened.
- ˈ Vic made a pathetic attempt to apologise.

2. making you feel pity or sympathy:

- ˈ The child looked a pathetic sight.

—pathetically /-kli/ *adverb*:

- ˈ She whimpered pathetically.

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