

vulnerable

Part of speech

Adjective (describing word)

Synonyms

unprotected
susceptible
exposed

Definition:

Easily hurt, influenced or attacked.
Open to harm

Word Pairs

vulnerable person
feeling vulnerable
vulnerable children
vulnerable species
vulnerable building
vulnerable communities
most vulnerable
vulnerable to flattery.

Examples:

Never, until this moment, had he felt himself to be fatally weakened, vulnerable and naked, as though the best part of his magical power had been torn from him.

This was more like it. He'd always hated that thing around his neck. Holly gnawed at the collar. He was vulnerable, balanced on top of a wall, with her sharp teeth just a bite away from his throat. But he trusted Holly. She'd rescued him. She was his friend.

He usually kept his wand with him at all times in the wizarding world and finding himself without it in the midst of a scene like this made him feel very vulnerable.

But you must wait until Voldemort is at his most vulnerable

Latin word root:
vulnerā(re) meaning “to wound”

vulnerable a. weak and easily hurt
physically or emotionally

able, ability, ably

ability, capacity, fitness

vulner

wound

Antonyms (opposites)

invulnerable
invincible
unassailable
armoured

thick-skinned
resilient
immune

Mr Potter. He is determined to possess it, because he believes it will make him truly invulnerable.'

More Examples:

The Amazon rainforest is drying out and is vulnerable to cataclysmic wildfires

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“Vulnerable species” has its own definition.

A vulnerable species is one which has been categorized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as likely to become endangered unless the circumstances that are threatening its survival and reproduction improve.



Kittie's hog-nosed bat

Animal

Kittie's hog-nosed bat, also known as the bumblebee bat, is a vulnerable species of bat and the only extant member of the family Craseonycteridae. It occurs in western Thailand and southeast Myanmar, where it occupies limestone caves along rivers.

So that's a Hunter, thought Torak. His father had drawn him pictures of whales in the dust, but until now Torak had never grasped how huge they were. With a shiver he realised how vulnerable he was, bobbing about in a skinboat as fragile as an egg-shell . . .

Young students marched in Mexico City. Mexico has been identified by the UN as a country that's especially vulnerable to irreversible changes as a result of climate change, including an increase in the sea surface temperature of the Gulf of Mexico, sea level rise affecting coastal areas, and intensification of hurricanes.

ICE has dramatically expanded the number of people in its dangerous system, including particularly vulnerable people like children and pregnant women.

(Immigration and customs enforcement)

Although Miranda says he is facing death threats himself, he is determined to keep speaking up for Brazil's most vulnerable communities. "Marielle had

The report also said too many “vulnerable people” were detained during the year, including those with pre-existing mental health problems which “sharply deteriorated” in detention, adding: “The indefinite nature of detention also caused great distress.”


People are detained indefinitely for years, then released

Children are the least responsible for polluting the air but the most vulnerable to its harmful effects. This is wrong. Every child has the right to health. Every child has the right to live, learn and play in a clean and safe environment.

“Public health would be an early victim of populist free marketism and the victims would be the most vulnerable—including children. We are already in the middle of a public health crisis through the move of public health into local government and central government cutting funding to local authorities.

In October 2017, BrightHouse was ordered to repay £14.8m to nearly 250,000 customers after the FCA decided it had not been a “responsible lender”, and had not always properly assessed some of the poorest and most vulnerable customers’ ability to repay.

Shocking new research has revealed that a homeless person is dying every 19 hours in austerity Britain, as campaigners call for more to be done to protect some of the most vulnerable people in society.



THE demolition of a small historical church in Northern Ireland that was being considered for listing highlights a loophole in planning law that makes buildings extremely vulnerable if their owners do not want the responsibility of a protected property.

periods at night. But babies need to feed lots because their tummy is tiny and they want to be held close as human babies are vulnerable – far more so compared to lots of mammals that can walk and feed themselves shortly after birth. Waking up at night is normal too –

Brazil's political scene is highly vulnerable to corruption. With dozens of political parties

"Trump is unable to find any value in the views of a political opponent, which puts both national healing and useful compromise beyond his abilities," he continued. "He is only capable of governing on behalf of those who support him, making him vulnerable to manipulation through flattery."

in light. Sleep was no longer rest, but vulnerability. At six in the morning the solid black masses of trees finally split into individual leaves, and I'd feel relief.