

Need another word that means the same as “adverse”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “adverse” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Adverse” are: contrary, inauspicious, untoward, unfavourable, disadvantageous, unpropitious, unfortunate, unlucky, untimely, harmful, dangerous, injurious, detrimental, hurtful, deleterious, destructive, pernicious, unhealthy, hostile, antagonistic, unfriendly, negative, opposing, opposed, dissenting, inimical, antipathetic

Adverse as an Adjective

Definitions of "Adverse" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “adverse” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *In an opposing direction.*
- *Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavourable.*
- *Contrary to your interests or welfare.*

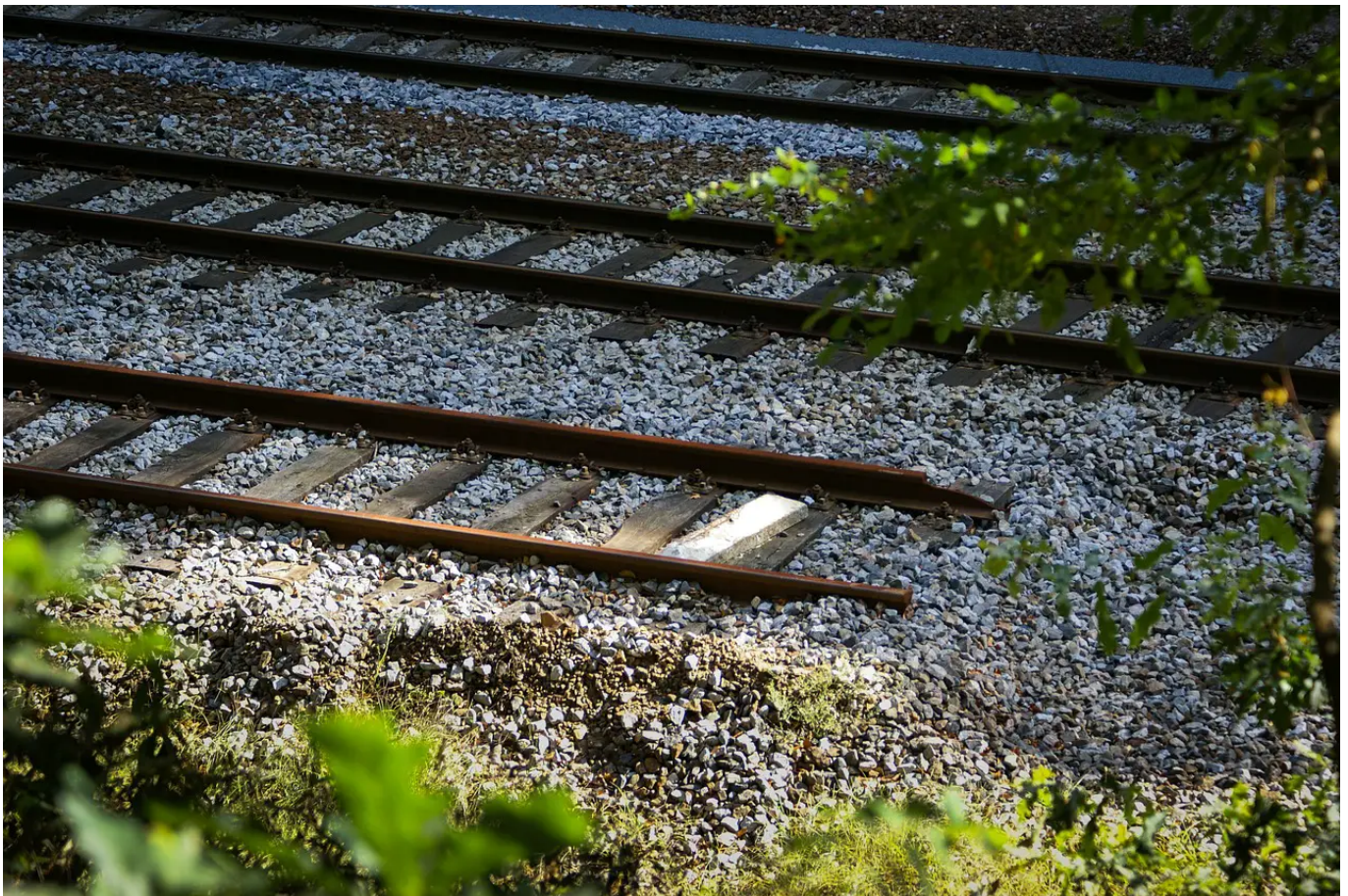


Synonyms of "Adverse" as an adjective (27 Words)

antagonistic	Incapable of harmonious association. <i>He was antagonistic to the government s reforms.</i>
antipathetic	(usually followed by `to') strongly opposed. <i>It is human nature to be antipathetic to change.</i>
<u>contrary</u>	Very opposed in nature or character or purpose. <i>Mary Mary quite contrary.</i>
dangerous	Likely to cause problems or to have adverse consequences. <i>A dangerous criminal.</i>
deleterious	Harmful to living things. <i>Deleterious chemical additives.</i>
<u>destructive</u>	Negative and unhelpful. <i>The destructive power of weapons.</i>
<u>detrimental</u>	Causing harm or injury. <i>Moving her could have a detrimental effect on her health.</i>

disadvantageous	Involving or creating unfavourable circumstances that reduce the chances of success or effectiveness. <i>The new employment scheme is disadvantageous to women.</i>
dissenting	Disagreeing, especially with a majority. <i>The minister of a dissenting congregation in Devon.</i>
<u>harmful</u>	Causing or capable of causing harm. <i>Sugars which can be harmful to the teeth.</i>
<u>hostile</u>	Unsolicited and resisted by the management of the target company (used of attempts to buy or take control of a business). <i>A hostile remark.</i>
hurtful	Causing hurt. <i>Her hurtful unconsidered words.</i>
inauspicious	Contrary to your interests or welfare. <i>Following this inauspicious start the British outnumbered withdrew.</i>
inimical	Not friendly. <i>An inimical alien power.</i>
injurious	(of language) maliciously insulting; libellous. <i>Food which is injurious to health.</i>
negative	Having a negative charge. <i>The new tax was having a negative effect on car sales.</i>
opposed	In conflict with or hostile to. <i>Parties opposed to the ruling party.</i>
opposing	(of two or more subjects) differing from or in conflict with each other. <i>On the opposing page there were two addresses.</i>
<u>pernicious</u>	Exceedingly harmful. <i>The pernicious influences of the mass media.</i>
unfavourable	Tending to hinder or oppose. <i>Unfavourable economic conditions.</i>
<u>unfortunate</u>	Not indicating a good chance of success; inauspicious. <i>Unfortunate investments.</i>
<u>unfriendly</u>	Not disposed to friendship or friendliness. <i>An unfriendly act of aggression.</i>
<u>unhealthy</u>	Not in or exhibiting good health in body or mind. <i>An unhealthy climate.</i>
unlucky	Marked by or promising bad fortune. <i>An unlucky defeat.</i>

- unpropitious** Not propitious.
*His reports were submitted at a financially **unpropitious** time.*
- untimely** Uncommonly early or before the expected time.
*Dave s **untimely** return.*
- untoward** Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society.
*Made a place for themselves under the most **untoward** conditions.*



Usage Examples of "Adverse" as an adjective

- *Adverse weather conditions.*
- *Adverse circumstances.*
- *Taxes are having an adverse effect on production.*
- *Adverse currents.*



Associations of "Adverse" (30 Words)

aggravate	Make worse. <i>Military action would only aggravate the situation.</i>
antithetical	Directly opposed or contrasted; mutually incompatible. <i>Practices entirely antithetical to her professed beliefs.</i>
<u>assail</u>	Launch an attack or assault on; begin hostilities or start warfare with. <i>The Scots army assailed Edward's army from the rear.</i>
conflicting	In disagreement- John Morley. <i>Conflicting opinions.</i>
<u>contrary</u>	A contrary proposition. <i>Public opinion to the contrary he is not guilty.</i>
deprecation	The act of expressing disapproval (especially of yourself).
diametrical	Characterized by opposite extremes; completely opposed. <i>Diametrical or opposite points of view.</i>
<u>disapproving</u>	Expressing an unfavourable opinion. <i>He shot a disapproving glance at her.</i>
dissenter	A person who dissents from some established policy.
<u>dissident</u>	Disagreeing, especially with a majority. <i>The measure was supported by dissident Tories.</i>
<u>enemy</u>	A personal enemy. <i>He viewed lawyers as the real enemy.</i>
<u>fiercely</u>	In an emotionally fierce manner. <i>The army clashed fiercely with militants.</i>
foe	An enemy or opponent. <i>They had been political foes for years.</i>
<u>hostile</u>	Characterized by enmity or ill will. <i>He wrote a ferociously hostile attack.</i>
inconvenient	Causing trouble, difficulties, or discomfort. <i>The back hall is an inconvenient place for the telephone.</i>
inhospitable	Not hospitable. <i>Her greeting was cold and inhospitable.</i>
negation	A proposition whose assertion specifically denies the truth of another proposition. <i>There should be confirmation or negation of the findings.</i>
negative	Having a negative charge. <i>Electrons are negative.</i>

<u>objection</u>	The act of expressing earnest opposition or protest. <i>They have raised no objections to the latest plans.</i>
objector	A person who dissents from some established policy. <i>Objectors to the housing plans.</i>
opponent	A person who disagrees with or resists a proposal or practice. <i>An opponent of the economic reforms.</i>
opposed	(of two or more things) contrasting or conflicting with each other. <i>Two bitterly opposed schools of thought.</i>
opposing	Facing; opposite. <i>The brothers fought on opposing sides in the war.</i>
opposite	Characterized by opposite extremes completely opposed. <i>Opposite leaves.</i>
<u>opposition</u>	The major political party opposed to the party in office and prepared to replace it if elected. <i>The invaders encountered stiff opposition.</i>
<u>resist</u>	Stand up or offer resistance to somebody or something. <i>The exposed areas of resist will soften.</i>
resistance	The degree to which a substance or device opposes the passage of an electric current causing energy dissipation By Ohm s law resistance measured in ohms is equal to the voltage divided by the current. <i>The enemy offered little resistance.</i>
<u>uncomfortable</u>	Causing or feeling slight pain or physical discomfort. <i>An uncomfortable chair.</i>
<u>unfavorable</u>	Involving or creating circumstances detrimental to success or effectiveness. <i>Unfavorable conditions.</i>
<u>untoward</u>	Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society. <i>Made a place for themselves under the most untoward conditions.</i>

