

Need another word that means the same as “adversity”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “adversity” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Adversity” are: hardship, misfortune, ill luck, bad luck, trouble, difficulty, distress, disaster, misadventure, suffering, affliction, sorrow, misery, heartbreak, heartache, wretchedness, tribulation, woe, pain, trauma, torment, torture

Adversity as a Noun

Definitions of "Adversity" as a noun

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

- *A state of misfortune or affliction.*
- *A stroke of ill fortune; a calamitous event.*
- *A difficult or unpleasant situation.*



Synonyms of "Adversity" as a noun (22 Words)

affliction	The state of being in pain. <i>A crippling affliction of the nervous system.</i>
bad luck	That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.
difficulty	A factor causing trouble in achieving a positive result or tending to produce a negative result. <i>They agreed about the difficulty of the climb.</i>
disaster	A sudden accident or a natural catastrophe that causes great damage or loss of life. <i>A string of personal disasters.</i>
distress	Difficulty caused by lack of money. <i>A distress call.</i>
hardship	Something that causes or entails suffering- James Boswell. <i>I cannot think it a hardship that more indulgence is allowed to men than to women.</i>
heartache	Emotional anguish or grief, typically caused by the loss or absence of someone loved. <i>The familiar pang of heartache.</i>
<u>heartbreak</u>	Overwhelming distress. <i>An unforgettable tale of joy and heartbreak.</i>
ill luck	An often persistent bodily disorder or disease; a cause for complaining.
misadventure	An unfortunate incident; a mishap. <i>The petty misdemeanours and misadventures of childhood.</i>
<u>misery</u>	A person who is constantly miserable or discontented. <i>The misery of the miner s existence.</i>
<u>misfortune</u>	Bad luck. <i>Never laugh at other people s misfortunes.</i>
pain	A somatic sensation of acute discomfort. <i>It s not a huge problem just a bit of a pain.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>It was a great sorrow to her when they separated.</i>
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>His disregard for the sufferings of his fellow countrymen.</i>
torment	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>So great was his harassment that he wanted to destroy his tormentors.</i>

<u>torture</u>	Extreme mental distress. <i>A torture chamber.</i>
<u>trauma</u>	Any physical damage to the body caused by violence or accident or fracture etc. <i>A personal trauma like the death of a child.</i>
tribulation	An annoying or frustrating or catastrophic event. <i>The tribulations of being a megastar.</i>
trouble	Effort or exertion made to do something, especially when inconvenient. <i>What is the trouble.</i>
woe	Misery resulting from affliction. <i>To add to his woes customers have been spending less.</i>
wretchedness	A state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune. <i>He has compiled a record second to none in its wretchedness.</i>



Usage Examples of "Adversity" as a noun

- *Debt-ridden farmers struggling with adversity.*

- *Resilience in the face of adversity.*
- *She overcame many adversities.*



Associations of "Adversity" (30 Words)

<u>aftermath</u>	The consequences of an event (especially a catastrophic event). <i>The aftermath of war.</i>
aftershock	A tremor (or one of a series of tremors) occurring after the main shock of an earthquake.
aid	Financial or material help given to a country or area in need. <i>A teaching aid.</i>
befall	Happen, occur, or be the case in the course of events or by chance (Santayana). <i>He promised that no harm would befall her.</i>
<u>beset</u>	Assail or attack on all sides. <i>She was beset with self doubt.</i>
betide	Become of; happen to. <i>I waited with beating heart not knowing what would betide.</i>
blow	An act of blowing an instrument. <i>Blow on the soup to cool it down.</i>
<u>calamity</u>	An event resulting in great loss and misfortune. <i>Emergency measures may be necessary in order to avert a calamity.</i>
cataclysm	A sudden violent change in the earth's surface. <i>The cataclysm of the First World War.</i>
catastrophe	A sudden violent change in the earth's surface. <i>Lack of funds has resulted in a catastrophe for our school system.</i>
<u>dilemma</u>	State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options. <i>The insoluble dilemma of adolescence.</i>
disaster	A state of extreme (usually irremediable) ruin and misfortune. <i>His policies were a disaster.</i>
disruption	Disturbance or problems which interrupt an event, activity, or process. <i>No industry is immune to digital disruption.</i>
<u>earthquake</u>	A disturbance that is extremely disruptive. <i>A political earthquake.</i>
hardship	Something that causes or entails suffering. <i>A life of hardship.</i>
holocaust	Destruction or slaughter on a mass scale, especially caused by fire or nuclear war. <i>A nuclear holocaust.</i>

<u>impending</u>	(of an event regarded as threatening or significant) about to happen; forthcoming. <i>The author had returned to his country ahead of the impending war.</i>
misadventure	An instance of misfortune. <i>The coroner recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.</i>
mischance	An unlucky occurrence. <i>By pure mischance the secret was revealed.</i>
<u>misfortune</u>	An unfortunate state resulting from unfavorable outcomes. <i>Never laugh at other people's misfortunes.</i>
<u>mishap</u>	An instance of misfortune. <i>Although there were a few minor mishaps none of the pancakes stuck to the ceiling.</i>
<u>needy</u>	Needy people collectively. <i>Needy and elderly people.</i>
perturbation	A disposition that is confused or nervous and upset. <i>The term distress connotes some degree of perturbation and emotional upset.</i>
<u>plight</u>	A dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation. <i>The woeful plight of homeless people.</i>
seismic	Subject to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration. <i>After a few days of seismic activity the volcanic eruption started.</i>
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>Suffering refugees.</i>
<u>survival</u>	A natural process resulting in the evolution of organisms best adapted to the environment. <i>His shorts were a survival from his army days.</i>
<u>tragedy</u>	The dramatic genre represented by tragedies. <i>His life had been plagued by tragedy.</i>
unaccustomed	Unusual or unfamiliar. <i>Many varieties of unaccustomed foods.</i>
worst	To the highest degree of inferiority or badness. <i>So pure of heart that his worst is another man's best.</i>

