

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)

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

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

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

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

