

Need another word that means the same as “ambivalence”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “ambivalence” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ambivalence” are: **ambivalency, equivocation, uncertainty, doubt, indecision, inconclusiveness, irresolution, irresoluteness, hesitation, hesitancy, fluctuation, vacillation**

## Ambivalence as a Noun

### Definitions of "Ambivalence" as a noun

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

- *Mixed feelings or emotions.*
- *The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.*

### Synonyms of "Ambivalence" as a noun (12 Words)

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| <b>ambivalency</b>           | Mixed feelings or emotions.  |
| <b><a href="#">doubt</a></b> | Uncertainty about the truth or factuality or existence of something.<br><i>They had <b>doubts</b> that they would ever win.</i>      |
| <b>equivocation</b>          | Falsification by means of vague or ambiguous language.<br><i>I say this without <b>equivocation</b>.</i>                             |
| <b>fluctuation</b>           | An instance of change; the rate or magnitude of change.<br><i>He kept a record of price <b>fluctuations</b>.</i>                     |
| <b>hesitancy</b>             | The quality or state of being hesitant.<br><i>Jackson took advantage of some <b>hesitancy</b> in the defence to rifle in a shot.</i> |

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| <b>hesitation</b>         | The action of pausing before saying or doing something.<br><i>I have no <b>hesitation</b> in recommending him.</i>  |
| <b>inconclusiveness</b>   | The quality of being inconclusive.  |
| <b>indecision</b>         | Doubt concerning two or more possible alternatives or courses of action.<br><i>His <b>indecision</b> was only momentary but the opportunity was lost.</i> |
| <b>irresoluteness</b>     | The trait of being irresolute; lacking firmness of purpose.   |
| <b>irresolution</b>       | Hesitancy; uncertainty.<br><i>A moment of <b>irresolution</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>uncertainty</u></b> | Being unsettled or in doubt or dependent on chance.<br><i>The <b>uncertainty</b> of the outcome.</i>  |
| <b>vacillation</b>        | Changing location by moving back and forth.<br><i>The First Minister's <b>vacillation</b> over the affair.</i>  |

## Usage Examples of "Ambivalence" as a noun

- *The law's ambivalence about the importance of a victim's identity.*
- *Government ambivalence towards the arts.*

## Associations of "Ambivalence" (30 Words)

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| <b><u>anachronism</u></b>   | A thing belonging or appropriate to a period other than that in which it exists, especially a thing that is conspicuously old-fashioned.<br><i>It is <b>anachronism</b> to suppose that the official morality of the age was mere window dressing.</i> |
| <b>antinomy</b>             | A contradiction between two statements that seem equally reasonable.<br><i>There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.</i>  |
| <b><u>antithesis</u></b>    | Exact opposite.<br><i>Figures of speech such as <b>antithesis</b>.</i>   |
| <b>both</b>                 | Two considered together; the two.<br><i>The film has won favour with <b>both</b> young and old.</i>  |
| <b>conflicting</b>          | In disagreement.<br><i>There are <b>conflicting</b> accounts of what occurred.</i>   |
| <b><u>contradiction</u></b> | Opposition between two conflicting forces or ideas.<br><i>The statement he is brave and he is not brave is a <b>contradiction</b>.</i>   |

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| <u>contradictory</u>   | A contradictory proposition.<br><i><b>Contradictory</b> attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.</i>  |
| <u>contrary</u>        | A contrary proposition.<br><i>His mother had given him <b>contrary</b> messages.</i>   |
| <b>cynicism</b>        | An inclination to question whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile; pessimism.<br><i>Public <b>cynicism</b> about politics.</i>  |
| <b>discrepancy</b>     | A difference between conflicting facts or claims or opinions.<br><i>There s a <b>discrepancy</b> between your account and his.</i>   |
| <b>discrepant</b>      | Characterized by an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity.<br><i>The reasons for these <b>discrepant</b> results are unclear.</i>  |
| <b>disjunction</b>     | The relation of two distinct alternatives.<br><i>There is a <b>disjunction</b> between the skills taught in education and those demanded in the labour market.</i>   |
| <b>dissonant</b>       | Lacking harmony.<br><i>Irregular <b>dissonant</b> chords.</i>  |
| <b>incompatibility</b> | The condition of two things being so different in nature as to be incapable of coexisting.<br><i>Defects due to software <b>incompatibility</b>.</i>   |
| <u>incompatible</u>    | (of one thing or person) not consistent or able to coexist with (another).<br><i>Long hours are simply <b>incompatible</b> with family life.</i>   |
| <u>inconsistency</u>   | The relation between propositions that cannot both be true at the same time.<br><i>The <b>inconsistency</b> between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>  |
| <b>inconsistent</b>    | Displaying a lack of consistency.<br><i>The quality of the material was often <b>inconsistent</b>.</i>   |
| <u>inexplicable</u>    | Incapable of being explained or accounted for.<br><i>For some <b>inexplicable</b> reason her mind went completely blank.</i>   |
| <b>inharmonious</b>    | Not forming or contributing to a pleasing whole; discordant.<br><i>An <b>inharmonious</b> negative state of mind.</i>  |
| <u>ironic</u>          | Characterized by often poignant difference or incongruity between what is expected and what actually is.<br><i>It was <b>ironic</b> that now everybody had plenty of money for food they couldn t obtain it because everything was rationed.</i> |
| <u>irony</u>           | Witty language used to convey insults or scorn.<br><i>The <b>irony</b> of Ireland s copying the nation she most hated.</i>   |

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| <b>opposing</b>           | Facing; opposite.<br><i>The brothers fought on <b>opposing</b> sides in the war.</i>   |
| <b><u>oxymoron</u></b>    | A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g. faith unfaithful kept him falsely true).  |
| <b><u>paradox</u></b>     | A person or thing that combines contradictory features or qualities.<br><i>Parmenides was the original advocate of the philosophical power of <b>paradox</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>paradoxical</u></b> | Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true.<br><i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the <b>paradoxical</b> effect of making them trivial.</i>   |
| <b>partisan</b>           | A fervent and even militant proponent of something.<br><i>Newspapers have become increasingly <b>partisan</b>.</i>   |
| <b>sarcasm</b>            | The use of irony to mock or convey contempt.<br><i>He used <b>sarcasm</b> to upset his opponent.</i>   |
| <b><u>satire</u></b>      | A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire.<br><i>A number of articles on Elizabethan <b>satire</b>.</i>   |
| <b>tautology</b>          | The saying of the same thing twice over in different words, generally considered to be a fault of style (e.g. they arrived one after the other in succession).<br><i>The statement he is brave or he is not brave is a <b>tautology</b>.</i> |
| <b><u>throwback</u></b>   | A reversion to an earlier ancestral characteristic.<br><i>A lot of his work is a <b>throwback</b> to the fifties.</i>  |