

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)

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

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

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

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

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