

Need another word that means the same as “antithesis”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “antithesis” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Antithesis” are: opposite, converse, reverse, reversal, inverse, obverse, contrast, opposition

Antithesis as a Noun

Definitions of "Antithesis" as a noun

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

- *A rhetorical or literary device in which an opposition or contrast of ideas is expressed.*
- *(in Hegelian philosophy) the negation of the thesis as the second stage in the process of dialectical reasoning.*
- *Exact opposite.*
- *A person or thing that is the direct opposite of someone or something else.*
- *A contrast or opposition between two things.*
- *The juxtaposition of contrasting words or ideas to give a feeling of balance.*

Synonyms of "Antithesis" as a noun (8 Words)

contrast	The opposition or dissimilarity of things that are compared. <i>In contrast to.</i>
converse	A proposition obtained by conversion. <i>His converse at such seasons was always elevating.</i>
inverse	Something inverted in sequence or character or effect. <i>When the direct approach failed he tried the inverse.</i>

obverse	The side of a coin or medal bearing the head or principal design. <i>True solitude is the obverse of true society.</i>
opposite	A relation of direct opposition. <i>The literal is the opposite of the figurative.</i>
opposition	A contrast or antithesis. <i>The opposition between practical and poetic language.</i>
reversal	The act of reversing the order or place of. <i>There was a reversal of autonomic function.</i>
reverse	Reverse gear on a motor vehicle the position of a gear lever or selector corresponding to this. <i>His touchdown came after he had scampered 58 yards on a reverse with McMahon.</i>

Usage Examples of "Antithesis" as a noun

- *Love is the antithesis of selfishness.*
- *Figures of speech such as antithesis.*
- *His theory is the antithesis of mine.*
- *The antithesis between occult and rational mentalities.*
- *His sermons were full of startling antitheses.*

Associations of "Antithesis" (30 Words)

ambivalence	Mixed feelings or emotions. <i>The law s ambivalence about the importance of a victim s identity.</i>
antithetic	Sharply contrasted in character or purpose. <i>Practices entirely antithetical to her professed beliefs.</i>
antithetical	Directly opposed or contrasted; mutually incompatible. <i>People whose religious beliefs are antithetical to mine.</i>
competition	The activity or condition of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing superiority over others. <i>I walked round to check out the competition.</i>
competitor	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>Our main industrial competitors.</i>
conflicting	On bad terms. <i>Conflicting opinions.</i>

<u>contradiction</u>	A combination of statements, ideas, or features which are opposed to one another. <i>He spoke as if he thought his claims were immune to contradiction.</i>
<u>contradictory</u>	A contradictory proposition. <i>Politically he exhibited contradictory behaviour.</i>
<u>contrary</u>	A contrary proposition. <i>He ignored contrary advice and agreed on the deal.</i>
<u>converse</u>	Turned about in order or relation. <i>His converse at such seasons was always elevating.</i>
<u>counterpart</u>	One of two copies of a legal document. <i>The minister held talks with his French counterpart.</i>
discrepant	Not in agreement. <i>Widely discrepant statements.</i>
<u>enemy</u>	A personal enemy. <i>This man was her sworn enemy.</i>
<u>incompatible</u>	Used especially of drugs or muscles that counteract or neutralize each other's effect. <i>Incompatible colors.</i>
<u>inconsistency</u>	The fact or state of being inconsistent. <i>The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
inconsistent	Not capable of being made consistent or harmonious. <i>Inconsistent with the roadmap.</i>
inharmonious	Not in harmony. <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>His mouth curved into an ironic smile.</i>
<u>irony</u>	A trope that involves incongruity between what is expected and what occurs. <i>The irony is that I thought he could help me.</i>
objector	A person who expresses opposition to or disagreement with something. <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>
oppose	Be against; express opposition to. <i>A workers movement opposed the regime.</i>

opposing	Characterized by active hostility. <i>The brothers fought on opposing sides in the war.</i>
opposite	Characterized by opposite extremes completely opposed. <i>We were opposites in temperament.</i>
<u>opposition</u>	The action of opposing something that you disapprove or disagree with. <i>Her Majesty's loyal opposition.</i>
outmaneuver	Defeat by more skillful maneuvering. <i>My new supervisor knows how to outmaneuver the boss in most situations.</i>
<u>oxymoron</u>	Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence.
<u>paradox</u>	A statement that contradicts itself. <i>The liar paradox.</i>
<u>paradoxical</u>	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the paradoxical effect of making them trivial.</i>
rival	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>Nothing can rival cotton for durability.</i>