

Need another word that means the same as “attrition”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “attrition” in this overview.

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Attrition as a Noun

Definitions of "Attrition" as a noun

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

- *Erosion by friction.*
- *The wearing down of rock particles by friction due to water or wind or ice.*
- *Wearing away by friction; abrasion.*
- *A wearing down to weaken or destroy.*
- *The gradual reduction of a workforce by employees leaving and not being replaced rather than by redundancy.*
- *Sorrow for sin arising from fear of damnation.*
- *(in scholastic theology) sorrow for sin, falling short of contrition.*
- *The act of rubbing together; wearing something down by friction.*
- *The process of reducing something's strength or effectiveness through sustained attack or pressure.*

Synonyms of "Attrition" as a noun (23 Words)

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| <u>abrasion</u> | Erosion by friction. <i>The metal is resistant to abrasion.</i> |
| attenuation | The property of something that has been weakened or reduced in thickness or density. <i>Human security required the attenuation of a wide range of threats to people.</i> |
| chafing | Anger produced by some annoying irritation. |
| contriteness | The faculty of contriving; inventive skill. (in the Roman Catholic Church) the repentance of past sins during or after confession. |
| contrition | <i>Prayers of contrition.</i> |
| corrasion | Erosion by friction. |
| corroding | Erosion by chemical action. |
| corrosion | Damage caused to metal stone or other materials by corrosion. <i>Engineers found the corrosion when checking the bridge.</i> |
| debilitation | Serious weakening and loss of energy. |
| deterioration | A symptom of reduced quality or strength. <i>A deterioration in the condition of the patient.</i> |
| detrition | The action of wearing something away by friction. |
| eating away | The act of consuming food. |
| erosion | Erosion by chemical action. <i>The problem of soil erosion.</i> |
| excoriation | Severe censure. |
| friction | A state of conflict between persons. <i>A considerable amount of friction between father and son.</i> |
| <u>grinding</u> | A harsh and strident sound as of the grinding of gears. <i>The roasting and grinding of grain usually barley for use in brewing.</i> |
| rubbing | The action of rubbing something. <i>Dab at the stain vigorous rubbing could damage the carpet.</i> |
| sapping | A watery solution of sugars, salts, and minerals that circulates through the vascular system of a plant. |
| scraping | A small amount of something that has been obtained by scraping it from a surface. <i>All that bowing and scraping did not impress him.</i> |
| weakening | Becoming weaker. |

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| wearing | Geology the mechanical process of wearing or grinding something down as by particles washing over it. |
| wearing away | The act of having on your person as a covering or adornment. |
| wearing down | The mechanical process of wearing or grinding something down (as by particles washing over it). |

Usage Examples of "Attrition" as a noun

- *The squadron suffered severe attrition of its bombers.*
- *A war of attrition.*
- *The skull shows attrition of the edges of the teeth.*
- *The company said that it will reduce its worldwide employment by about 10% through attrition.*
- *The council is trying to wear down the opposition by attrition.*

Associations of "Attrition" (30 Words)

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| abrade | Rub hard or scrub. <i>It was a landscape slowly abraded by a fine stinging dust.</i> |
| <u>abrasion</u> | The process of scraping or wearing something away. <i>There were cuts and abrasions to the lips and jaw.</i> |
| <u>abrasive</u> | (of a substance or material) capable of polishing or cleaning a hard surface by rubbing or grinding. <i>The wood should be rubbed down with fine abrasive paper.</i> |
| aphasia | Inability to use or understand language (spoken or written) because of a brain lesion. |
| bleed | An instance of bleeding. <i>The cut was bleeding steadily.</i> |
| bruise | Inflict a bruise or bruises on a part of the body. <i>Potatoes bruise easily so treat them with care.</i> |
| concussion | Temporary unconsciousness or confusion caused by a blow on the head. <i>He was carried off the pitch with concussion.</i> |
| continue | Continue a certain state condition or activity. <i>He was unable to continue with his job.</i> |
| contusion | An injury that doesn't break the skin but results in some discoloration. <i>A dark contusion on his cheek was beginning to swell.</i> |

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| endless | Having no known beginning and presumably no end. <i>Endless waves.</i> |
| fireproof | Make something fireproof. <i>A fireproof dish.</i> |
| <u>grinding</u> | Material resulting from the process of grinding. <i>Crush it and add it to the honey with a grinding of pepper and salt.</i> |
| handicap | A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed. <i>Lack of funding has handicapped the development of research.</i> |
| hemophilia | Congenital tendency to uncontrolled bleeding; usually affects males and is transmitted from mother to son. |
| hemorrhage | Lose blood from one's body. |
| hurt | Hurt the feelings of. <i>She didn't want to hurt his feelings.</i> |
| incombustible | Not capable of igniting and burning. <i>An incombustible floor construction.</i> |
| injury | An instance of being injured. <i>She suffered an injury to her back.</i> |
| lacerate | Criticize forcefully or severely. <i>Her true venom seems reserved for the media itself as she lacerates our obsession with celebrity.</i> |
| loss | Military personnel lost by death or capture. <i>Loss making industries.</i> |
| maintainable | Capable of being maintained. |
| pain | Cause mental or physical pain to. <i>As the intensity increased the sensation changed from tickle to pain.</i> |
| <u>permanent</u> | Not capable of being reversed or returned to the original condition. <i>Damage was not thought to be permanent.</i> |
| <u>resistant</u> | Denoting starch that is not easily broken down by enzymes within the body and is therefore minimally absorbed during digestion. <i>A water resistant adhesive.</i> |
| <u>scar</u> | Mark with a scar or scars. <i>High limestone scars bordered the road.</i> |
| scrape | A place where soil has been scraped away especially a shallow hollow formed in the ground by a bird during a courtship display or for nesting. <i>We scraped the dishes clean.</i> |
| <u>scratch</u> | An act or spell of scratching oneself to relieve itching. <i>Scratch that remark.</i> |

ulcer

A moral blemish or corrupting influence.

*He s a conman with an incurable **ulcer** called gambling.*

welt

Put a welt on.

*His lip was beginning to thicken and **welt** from the blow.*

wound

The act of inflicting a wound.

*The right reader of a good poem can tell the moment it strikes him that he has taken an immortal **wound** that he will never get over it.*