

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

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The synonyms of “Catching” are: communicable, contagious, contractable, transmissible, transmittable, infectious, transferable, contracting, detection, espial, spotting, spying

Catching as a Noun

Definitions of "Catching" as a noun

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

- *(baseball) playing the position of catcher on a baseball team.*
- *Becoming infected.*
- *Playing the position of catcher on a baseball team.*
- *The act of detecting something; catching sight of something.*



Synonyms of "Catching" as a noun (5 Words)

- contracting** Becoming infected.
*The **contracting** of a serious illness can be financially catastrophic.*
- detection** The detection that a signal is being received.
*Early **detection** can often lead to a cure.*
- espial** The action of watching or catching sight of something or someone.
*He withdrew from his point of **espial**.*
- spotting** The act of spotting or staining something.
- spying** The act of detecting something; catching sight of something.



Usage Examples of "Catching" as a noun

- *Catching cold is sometimes unavoidable.*



Catching as an Adjective

Definitions of "Catching" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "catching" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Capable of being transmitted by infection.*
- *(of a disease) infectious.*
- *(of a person's emotion or mood) likely to spread to other people.*
- *(of disease) capable of being transmitted by infection.*



Synonyms of "Catching" as an adjective (7 Words)

- communicable** Readily communicated.
*The fight against **communicable** disease.*
- contagious** (of a person) having a disease that can be transmitted by contact with other people.
*It is a relatively new disease and very **contagious**.*
- contractable** (of disease) capable of being transmitted by infection.
- infectious** Likely to spread or influence others in a rapid manner.
*Was polyneuritis **infectious**.*
- transferable** Legally transferable to the ownership of another.
*Balances are not **transferable** by cheque.*
- transmissible** (of a disease or trait) able to be passed on from one person or organism to another.
*The virus mutated into a form that was **transmissible** between humans.*
- transmittable** Capable of being transmitted by infection.



Usage Examples of "Catching" as an adjective

- *Her enthusiasm is catching.*
- *Chicken pox is catching until scabs form on all the blisters.*



Associations of "Catching" (30 Words)

- abscess** A swollen area within body tissue, containing an accumulation of pus.
*One of his priorities as prime minister was to lance the **abscess** of corruption.*
- anaerobic** Not aerobic.
***Anaerobic** exercise requires short sudden bursts of energy.*
- bronchitis** Inflammation of the mucous membrane in the bronchial tubes. It typically causes bronchospasm and coughing.
- communicable** (of a disease) able to be transmitted from one sufferer to another; contagious or infectious.
*The value of the product must be **communicable** to the potential consumers.*
- contagion** An incident in which an infectious disease is transmitted.
*Through personal hygiene the spread of common **contagions** is discouraged.*

contagious	(of a person) having a disease that can be transmitted by contact with other people. <i>Precautions are taken with anyone who seems contagious.</i>
disease	A disorder of structure or function in a human, animal, or plant, especially one that produces specific symptoms or that affects a specific location and is not simply a direct result of physical injury. <i>Heart disease.</i>
epidemic	Of the nature of an epidemic. <i>Epidemic diseases.</i>
flu	Influenza. <i>She was in bed with flu.</i>
hepatitis	A disease characterized by inflammation of the liver.
hookworm	Infestation of the intestines by hookworms which enter the body usually through the skin.
ill	Suffering from an illness or disease or feeling unwell. <i>A terminally ill patient.</i>
infect	(of a negative feeling or idea) take hold of or be communicated to (someone). <i>His laughter infects everyone who is in the same room.</i>
infection	An incident in which an infectious disease is transmitted. <i>A chest infection.</i>
infectious	Caused by infection or capable of causing infection. <i>A highly infectious virus.</i>
influenza	An acute febrile highly contagious viral disease.
pandemic	An outbreak of a pandemic disease. <i>A pandemic outbreak of malaria.</i>
pathogen	A bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that can cause disease.
pestilence	A serious (sometimes fatal) infection of rodents caused by Yersinia pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal. <i>Racism is a pestilence at the heart of the nation.</i>
plague	A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium typically with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and sometimes infection of the lungs pneumonic plague. <i>He has been plagued by ill health.</i>
pneumonia	Lung inflammation caused by bacterial or viral infection in which the air sacs fill with pus and may become solid Inflammation may affect both lungs double pneumonia or only one single pneumonia.

sars	A respiratory disease of unknown etiology that apparently originated in mainland China in 2003; characterized by fever and coughing or difficulty breathing or hypoxia; can be fatal.
septic	Denoting a drainage system incorporating a septic tank. Septic <i>sewage</i> .
smallpox	A highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever and weakness and skin eruption with pustules that form scabs that slough off leaving scars.
transmissible	(of disease) capable of being transmitted by infection. <i>The virus mutated into a form that was transmissible between humans.</i>
<u>transmission</u>	The fraction of radiant energy that passes through a substance. Transmission <i>equipment</i> .
tuberculosis	Infection transmitted by inhalation or ingestion of tubercle bacilli and manifested in fever and small lesions (usually in the lungs but in various other parts of the body in acute stages).
vaccination	The scar left following inoculation with a vaccine. Vaccination <i>against yellow fever is essential</i> .
vaccine	Immunogen consisting of a suspension of weakened or dead pathogenic cells injected in order to stimulate the production of antibodies. <i>There is no vaccine against the virus.</i>
viral	An image, video, piece of information, etc. that is circulated rapidly and widely on the internet. <i>A severe viral infection.</i>

