

Need another word that means the same as “complication”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “complication” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Complication” are: ramification, complicatedness, knottiness, tortuousness, difficulty, problem, issue, obstacle, hurdle, stumbling block, barrier, impediment, complexity, intricacy, convolution, convolutedness, elaboration

Complication as a Noun

Definitions of "Complication" as a noun

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

- *A circumstance that complicates something; a difficulty.*
- *A development that complicates a situation.*
- *Puzzling complexity.*
- *A secondary disease or condition aggravating an already existing one.*
- *An involved or confused condition or state.*
- *The act or process of complicating.*
- *Any disease or disorder that occurs during the course of (or because of) another disease.*
- *A situation or condition that is complex or confused.*



Synonyms of "Complication" as a noun (17 Words)

- barrier** Any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective.
*Intolerance is a **barrier** to understanding.*
- complexity** The state or quality of being intricate or complicated.
*He enjoyed the **complexity** of modern computers.*
- complicatedness** A remark (or act) expressing praise and admiration.
- convolutedness** The action of coiling or twisting or winding together.
- convolution** The state of being or process of becoming coiled or twisted.
*The flexibility of the polymer chain allows extensive **convolution**.*

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| difficulty | A condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and requiring great effort to bear or overcome. <i>They agreed about the difficulty of the climb.</i> |
| elaboration | The result of improving something. <i>The concept needs more elaboration than a short essay allows.</i> |
| <u>hurdle</u> | A horse race over a series of hurdles. <i>A handicap hurdle.</i> |
| <u>impediment</u> | Any structure that makes progress difficult. <i>A serious impediment to scientific progress.</i> |
| intricacy | Marked by elaborately complex detail. <i>The intricacy of the procedure.</i> |
| issue | Supplies as food or clothing or ammunition issued by the government. <i>Raising awareness of environmental issues.</i> |
| knottiness | Puzzling complexity. |
| obstacle | An obstruction that stands in the way (and must be removed or surmounted or circumvented). <i>Lack of imagination is an obstacle to one's advancement.</i> |
| problem | An inquiry starting from given conditions to investigate or demonstrate a fact, result, or law. <i>What's the problem.</i> |
| <u>ramification</u> | The act of branching out or dividing into branches. <i>A coronary angiogram showed ramification of the right coronary artery close to the ostium.</i> |
| stumbling block | An unsteady uneven gait. |
| tortuousness | A tortuous and twisted shape or position. |



Usage Examples of "Complication" as a noun

- *There is a complication concerning ownership of the site.*
- *Bed sores are a common complication in cases of paralysis.*
- *Her coming was a serious complication.*
- *She developed complications after the surgery.*
- *To add further complication, English-speakers use a different name.*



Associations of "Complication" (30 Words)

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| accompanying | Following or accompanying as a consequence. <i>Owning a home brings with it a horde of accompanying expenses.</i> |
| arise | (of a problem, opportunity, or situation) emerge; become apparent. <i>New difficulties had arisen.</i> |
| cause | Cause to do cause to act in a specified manner. <i>He had no cause to complain.</i> |
| challenge | Issue a challenge to. <i>Incumbent Democrats are being challenged in the 29th district.</i> |
| consequent | (of a stream or valley) having a direction or character determined by the original slope of the land before erosion. <i>You've got a university place consequent on your exam results.</i> |
| <u>consequential</u> | Resulting from an act, but not immediately and directly. <i>A loss of confidence and a consequential withdrawal of funds.</i> |

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| difficulty | The state or condition of being difficult. <i>Had difficulty walking.</i> |
| dilemma | State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options. <i>The insoluble dilemma of adolescence.</i> |
| earthshaking | Sufficiently significant to affect the whole world. <i>Earthshaking proposals.</i> |
| factorize | Resolve (a polynomial) into factors. <i>F factorizes completely into linear factors.</i> |
| inconvenience | To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>The inconveniences of life in a remote city.</i> |
| incur | Make oneself subject to; bring upon oneself; become liable to. <i>I will pay any expenses incurred.</i> |
| insurmountable | Impossible to surmount. <i>Insurmountable disadvantages.</i> |
| malaise | A general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify. <i>A society afflicted by a deep cultural malaise.</i> |
| malfunction | A failure to function normally. <i>A computer malfunction.</i> |
| momentous | Of very great significance. <i>A momentous decision.</i> |
| nuisance | A bothersome annoying person. <i>It s a nuisance having all those people clomping through the house.</i> |
| perturb | Disturb or interfere with the usual path of an electron or atom. <i>She was rather perturbed by the news that her father was seriously ill.</i> |
| plight | A dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation. <i>We must direct our efforts towards relieving the plight of children living in poverty.</i> |
| predicament | A difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation. <i>Finds himself in a most awkward predicament.</i> |
| problem | A proposition in which something has to be constructed. <i>Urban problems such as traffic congestion and smog.</i> |
| quandary | A situation from which extrication is difficult especially an unpleasant or trying one. <i>A legal quandary.</i> |

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| <u>ramification</u> | An arrangement of branching parts. <i>An extended family with its ramifications of neighbouring in laws.</i> |
| resolve | Settle or find a solution to (a problem or contentious matter). <i>Alpha zein is often resolved into two major size components.</i> |
| serious | Completely lacking in playfulness. <i>Gave me a serious look.</i> |
| setback | An unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; something that is thwarting or frustrating. <i>A serious setback for the peace process.</i> |
| trouble | Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>The government s policies ran into trouble.</i> |
| troubleshoot | Analyse and solve serious problems for a company or other organization. <i>When managers troubleshoot it strengthens the whole team.</i> |
| <u>turbulent</u> | (of air or water) moving unsteadily or violently. <i>Her turbulent emotions.</i> |
| <u>unsolved</u> | Not solved. <i>Many crimes remain unsolved.</i> |

