

Need another word that means the same as “contradiction”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “contradiction” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Contradiction” are: contradiction in terms, denial, refutation, rebuttal, countering, counterstatement, opposite**

## Contradiction as a Noun

### Definitions of "Contradiction" as a noun

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

- *A situation in which inconsistent elements are present.*
- *The speech act of contradicting someone.*
- *Opposition between two conflicting forces or ideas.*
- *(logic) a statement that is necessarily false.*
- *The statement of a position opposite to one already made.*
- *A statement that is necessarily false.*
- *A combination of statements, ideas, or features which are opposed to one another.*



## Synonyms of "Contradiction" as a noun (7 Words)

**contradiction in terms** A statement that is necessarily false.

**countering** A quick reply to a question or remark (especially a witty or critical one).

**counterstatement** A statement asserting that evidence or an accusation is false.  
*This proposal prompted a strong **counterstatement**.*

**denial** A statement that something is not true.  
*His pious **denials** of responsibility.*

**opposite** A relation of direct opposition.  
*The literal is the **opposite** of the figurative.*

**rebuttal** (law) a pleading by the defendant in reply to a plaintiff's surrejoinder.

**refutation** Any evidence that helps to establish the falsity of something.  
*Scientific theory is always tentative open to **refutation**.*

## Usage Examples of "Contradiction" as a noun

- *He spoke as if he thought his claims were immune to contradiction.*
- *The proposed new system suffers from a set of internal contradictions.*
- *The second sentence appears to be in flat contradiction of the first.*
- *The statement 'he is brave and he is not brave' is a contradiction.*
- *The experiment provides a contradiction of the hypothesis.*
- *The paradox of using force to overcome force is a real contradiction.*

## Associations of "Contradiction" (30 Words)

<b><u>ambivalence</u></b>	Mixed feelings or emotions. <i>Government <b>ambivalence</b> towards the arts.</i>
<b>antagonistic</b>	Incapable of harmonious association. <i>Europe was <b>antagonistic</b> to the Unites States.</i>
<b>antinomy</b>	A contradiction between two statements that seem equally reasonable. <i>There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.</i>
<b>conflicting</b>	In disagreement- John Morley. <i><b>Conflicting</b> opinions.</i>
<b><u>contradictory</u></b>	A contradictory proposition. <i>Politically he exhibited <b>contradictory</b> behaviour.</i>
<b><u>contrary</u></b>	A contrary proposition. <i>Hot and cold are <b>contrary</b> terms.</i>
<b>cynicism</b>	An inclination to question whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile; pessimism. <i><b>Cynicism</b> about the future.</i>
<b><u>discordant</u></b>	(of a matched pair of subjects, especially twins) not having the same trait or disease. <i>A study of children in <b>discordant</b> homes.</i>
<b>discrepant</b>	Characterized by an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity. <i>Widely <b>discrepant</b> statements.</i>
<b>disjunction</b>	State of being disconnected. <i>There is a <b>disjunction</b> between the skills taught in education and those demanded in the labour market.</i>
<b>dissonant</b>	Unsuitable or unusual in combination; clashing. <i>Irregular <b>dissonant</b> chords.</i>

<b><u>incompatible</u></b>	Incapable of being used with or connected to other devices or components without modification. <i>She declined the offer because it was <b>incompatible</b> with her values.</i>
<b><u>incongruous</u></b>	Not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something. <i>The duffel coat looked <b>incongruous</b> with the black dress she wore underneath.</i>
<b><u>inconsistency</u></b>	The fact or state of being inconsistent. <i>The <b>inconsistency</b> between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
<b>inconsistent</b>	Not compatible or in keeping with. <i>The quality of the material was often <b>inconsistent</b>.</i>
<b>inharmonious</b>	Lacking in harmony of parts. <i>An <b>inharmonious</b> or incongruous mixture of architectural styles.</i>
<b>inhospitable</b>	Not hospitable. <i>The barren <b>inhospitable</b> desert.</i>
<b><u>ironic</u></b>	Characterized by often poignant difference or incongruity between what is expected and what actually is. <i>It was <b>ironical</b> that the well planned scheme failed so completely.</i>
<b><u>irony</u></b>	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn. <i>The <b>irony</b> of Ireland s copying the nation she most hated.</i>
<b>opposing</b>	In conflict or competition with someone or something. <i>The brothers fought on <b>opposing</b> sides in the war.</i>
<b><u>oxymoron</u></b>	Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence).
<b><u>paradox</u></b>	A seemingly absurd or contradictory statement or proposition which when investigated may prove to be well founded or true. <i>The liar <b>paradox</b>.</i>
<b><u>paradoxical</u></b>	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the <b>paradoxical</b> effect of making them trivial.</i>
<b><u>parody</u></b>	Make a parody of. <i>His speciality was <b>parodying</b> schoolgirl fiction.</i>
<b>sarcasm</b>	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn—Jonathan Swif. <i>He used <b>sarcasm</b> to upset his opponent.</i>
<b><u>sarcastic</u></b>	Marked by or given to using irony in order to mock or convey contempt. <i>I think they re being <b>sarcastic</b>.</i>
<b><u>satire</u></b>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>A number of articles on Elizabethan <b>satire</b>.</i>

- tautology** (logic) a statement that is necessarily true.  
*To say that something is adequate enough is a **tautology**.*
- unfriendly** Not easy to understand or use.  
*An **unfriendly** act of aggression.*
- unsuited** Not easy to combine harmoniously.  
*He was totally **unsuited** for the job.*