

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)

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

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