

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

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**The synonyms of “Crisis” are: catastrophe, calamity, cataclysm, emergency, disaster, turning point, crossroads, crux, climax, climacteric, culmination, height, head, moment of truth, zero hour, point of no return, rubicon**

## Crisis as a Noun

### Definitions of "Crisis" as a noun

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

- *The turning point of a disease when an important change takes place, indicating either recovery or death.*
- *A crucial stage or turning point in the course of something.*
- *A time when a difficult or important decision must be made.*
- *A time of intense difficulty or danger.*
- *An unstable situation of extreme danger or difficulty.*



## Synonyms of "Crisis" as a noun (17 Words)

### [calamity](#)

An event resulting in great loss and misfortune.

*The whole city was affected by the irremediable **calamity**.*

<b>cataclysm</b>	A sudden violent change in the earth's surface. <i>The <b>cataclysm</b> of the First World War.</i>
<b>catastrophe</b>	Something very unfortunate or unsuccessful. <i>Lack of funds has resulted in a <b>catastrophe</b> for our school system.</i>
<b>climacteric</b>	The time in a woman's life in which the menstrual cycle ends. <i>Most women do not experience significant psychological problems at the <b>climacteric</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">crossroads</a></u>	A road that crosses a main road or joins two main roads. <i>Donna accelerated seeing a <b>crossroads</b> ahead.</i>
<b>crux</b>	A small conspicuous constellation in the southern hemisphere in the Milky Way near Centaurus. <i>The <b>crux</b> of the matter is that attitudes have changed.</i>
<b>culmination</b>	(astronomy) a heavenly body's highest celestial point above an observer's horizon. <i>Their achievements stand as a <b>culmination</b> of centuries of development.</i>
<b>disaster</b>	A state of extreme (usually irremediable) ruin and misfortune. <i>159 people died in the <b>disaster</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">emergency</a></u>	Arising from or used in an emergency. <i>Personal alarms for use in an <b>emergency</b>.</i>
<b>head</b>	The height or length of a head as a measure. <i>Seventy <b>head</b> of dairy cattle.</i>
<u><a href="#">height</a></u>	The distance from head to foot. <i>It would be the <b>height</b> of bad manners not to attend the wedding.</i>
<b>moment of truth</b>	An indefinitely short time.
<b>point of no return</b>	The gun muzzle's direction.
<b>rubicon</b>	The boundary in ancient times between Italy and Gaul; Caesar's crossing it with his army in 49 BC was an act of war.
<b>turning point</b>	Turning or twisting around (in place).
<b>zero hour</b>	The point on a scale from which positive or negative numerical quantities can be measured.



## Usage Examples of "Crisis" as a noun

- *After the crisis the patient either dies or gets better.*
- *The monarchy was in crisis.*
- *He goes to pieces in a crisis.*
- *They went bankrupt during the economic crisis.*
- *When the crisis came, she does not appear to have hesitated.*
- *The current economic crisis.*
- *The situation has reached crisis point.*





## Associations of "Crisis" (30 Words)

- avalanche** Engulf or carry off by an avalanche.  
*An **avalanche** of mud.*
- danger** A dangerous place.  
*There was widespread **danger** of disease.*
- dangerous** Likely to cause problems or to have adverse consequences.  
*It is **dangerous** to convict on his evidence.*
- dicey** Of uncertain outcome; especially fraught with risk.  
*An extremely **dicey** future on a brave new world of liquid nitrogen tar and smog.*
- endanger** Pose a threat to; present a danger to.  
*He was driving in a manner likely to **endanger** life.*
- firefighter** A member of a fire department who tries to extinguish fires.
- flammability** The quality of being easily ignited and burning rapidly.
- forewarn** Warn in advance or beforehand; give an early warning.  
*He had been **forewarned** of a coup plot.*
- hazard** An obstacle on a golf course.  
*The **hazards** of childbirth.*
- hazardous** Risky; dangerous.  
*It is **hazardous** to personal safety.*

<b>hostage</b>	A prisoner who is held by one party to insure that another party will meet specified terms. <i>Three <b>hostages</b> were released but only after their families paid an estimated 200 000 to the guerrillas.</i>
<b>imminence</b>	The state or fact of being about to happen. <i>The populace was largely unaware of the <b>imminence</b> of war.</i>
<u><b>insecure</b></u>	Not firm or fixed; liable to give way or break. <i>Badly paid and <b>insecure</b> jobs.</i>
<b>jeopardy</b>	Danger of loss, harm, or failure. <i>The whole peace process is in <b>jeopardy</b>.</i>
<b>landslide</b>	A slide of a large mass of dirt and rock down a mountain or cliff. <i>Businessmen have been buried under a <b>landslide</b> of paperwork.</i>
<b>neurotoxin</b>	Any toxin that affects neural tissues.
<b>parlous</b>	Greatly or excessively. <i>The <b>parlous</b> state of the economy.</i>
<b>peril</b>	A state of danger involving risk. <i>The movement is in <b>peril</b> of dying.</i>
<u><b>perilous</b></u>	Fraught with danger. <i>The economy is in a <b>perilous</b> state.</i>
<u><b>pitfall</b></u>	A trap in the form of a concealed hole. <i>The <b>pitfalls</b> of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
<u><b>precarious</b></u>	Dependent on chance; uncertain. <i>The <b>precarious</b> life of an undersea diver.</i>
<b>rescue</b>	Denoting the emergency excavation of archaeological sites threatened by imminent building or road development. <i>The dramatic <b>rescue</b> of nine trapped coal miners.</i>
<b>risk</b>	Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome. <i>The Bank is rigorous when it comes to analysing and evaluating <b>risk</b>.</i>
<u><b>risky</b></u>	Risqu. <i>Their <b>risky</b> patter made the guests laugh.</i>
<b>surety</b>	A guarantee that an obligation will be met. <i>The magistrate granted bail with a <b>surety</b> of 500.</i>
<b>threatened</b>	(of flora or fauna) likely in the near future to become endangered. <i>The spotted owl is a <b>threatened</b> species not yet an endangered one.</i>
<u><b>toxicity</b></u>	The degree to which something is poisonous. <i>The <b>toxicity</b> of a drug depends on its dosage.</i>

**unsafe** Not safe; dangerous.  
*Because the confession was unreliable the verdict was **unsafe** and unsatisfactory.*

**venture** Any venturesome undertaking especially one with an uncertain outcome.  
*A joint **venture** between two aircraft manufacturers.*

**volatility** Liability to display rapid changes of emotion.  
*A week of historic stock market **volatility**.*

