

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

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**The synonyms of “Disability” are: disablement, handicap, impairment, disorder, condition, dysfunction, affliction, ailment, complaint, illness, malady, disease**

## Disability as a Noun

### Definitions of "Disability" as a noun

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

- *A physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities.*
- *The condition of being unable to perform as a consequence of physical or mental unfitness.*
- *A disadvantage or handicap, especially one imposed or recognized by the law.*



## Synonyms of "Disability" as a noun (12 Words)

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| <b>affliction</b>     | A condition of suffering or distress due to ill health.<br><i>A crippling <b>affliction</b> of the nervous system.</i>   |
| <b><u>ailment</u></b> | An illness, typically a minor one.<br><i>The doctor diagnosed a common stomach <b>ailment</b>.</i>   |
| <b>complaint</b>      | (criminal law) a pleading describing some wrong or offense.<br><i>I have no <b>complaints</b> about the hotel.</i>   |
| <b>condition</b>      | The state of good health especially in the phrases in condition or in shape or out of condition or out of shape.<br><i>The baby was in good <b>condition</b> at birth.</i> |
| <b>disablement</b>    | The condition of being unable to perform as a consequence of physical or mental unfitness.   |



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| <b>disease</b>            | 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.<br><i>We are suffering from the British <b>disease</b> of self deprecation.</i> |
| <b>disorder</b>           | A condition in which things are not in their expected places.<br><i>The doctor prescribed some medicine for the <b>disorder</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>dysfunction</u></b> | Disruption of normal social relations.<br><i>Sexual relationship <b>dysfunction</b>.</i>   |
| <b>handicap</b>           | A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed.<br><i>He plays off a <b>handicap</b> of 10.</i>  |
| <b><u>illness</u></b>     | Impairment of normal physiological function affecting part or all of an organism.<br><i>I've never missed a day's work through <b>illness</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>impairment</u></b>  | The occurrence of a change for the worse.<br><i>A degree of physical or mental <b>impairment</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>malady</u></b>      | Any unwholesome or desperate condition.<br><i>An incurable <b>malady</b>.</i>  |



## Usage Examples of "Disability" as a noun

- *Differing types of disability.*
- *The plaintiff was under a disability.*
- *Children with severe physical disabilities.*
- *Reading disability.*



## Associations of "Disability" (30 Words)

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| <b>aphasia</b> | Inability (or impaired ability) to understand or produce speech, as a result of brain damage.                                |
| <b>barrier</b> | A fence or other obstacle that prevents movement or access.<br><i>The mountain <b>barrier</b> between Norway and Sweden.</i> |
| <b>blindly</b> | Without preparation or reflection; without a rational basis.<br><i>Don t <b>blindly</b> accept dogma as justification.</i>   |

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| <b>blindness</b>         | The state of being blind or lacking sight.<br><i>A leading cause of <b>blindness</b> in the elderly.</i>  |
| <b>cataract</b>          | A sudden rush of water; a downpour.<br><i>The river descends in a succession of spectacular <b>cataracts</b>.</i>   |
| <b>deafness</b>          | The state of being unwilling or unable to hear or pay attention to something.<br><i>Loud music is a cause of <b>deafness</b>.</i>                                       |
| <b>deformity</b>         | The state of being deformed or misshapen.<br><i>Respiratory problems caused by spinal <b>deformity</b>.</i>   |
| <b>dementia</b>          | A chronic or persistent disorder of the mental processes caused by brain disease or injury and marked by memory disorders, personality changes, and impaired reasoning. |
| <b>deterrent</b>         | Able or intended to deter.<br><i>Cameras are a major <b>deterrent</b> to crime.</i>   |
| <b>difficulty</b>        | A thing that is hard to accomplish, deal with, or understand.<br><i>I managed with <b>difficulty</b> to struggle upright.</i>   |
| <u><b>disable</b></u>    | (of an action or circumstance) prevent or discourage (someone) from doing something.<br><i>He was <b>disabled</b> in a car accident.</i>                                |
| <b>dyslexia</b>          | A general term for disorders that involve difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but that do not affect general intelligence.   |
| <b>hamstring</b>         | Cripple by cutting the hamstring.<br><i>He pulled a <b>hamstring</b>.</i>   |
| <b>handicap</b>          | A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed.<br><i>Not being able to drive was something of a <b>handicap</b>.</i>   |
| <b>hinderance</b>        | The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding.  |
| <u><b>hindrance</b></u>  | Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome.<br><i>A <b>hindrance</b> to the development process.</i>   |
| <b>hurt</b>              | Hurt the feelings of.<br><i>Ow You re <b>hurting</b> me.</i>  |
| <u><b>illness</b></u>    | Impairment of normal physiological function affecting part or all of an organism.<br><i>I ve never missed a day s work through <b>illness</b>.</i>                      |
| <u><b>impairment</b></u> | Damage that results in a reduction of strength or quality.<br><i>A degree of physical or mental <b>impairment</b>.</i>  |
| <u><b>impediment</b></u> | A defect in a person's speech, such as a lisp or stammer.<br><i>A serious <b>impediment</b> to scientific progress.</i>   |



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| <b>incapacitate</b>       | Prevent from functioning in a normal way.<br><i>He was <b>incapacitated</b> by a heart attack.</i>   |
| <b>injury</b>             | An instance of being injured.<br><i>Compensation for <b>injury</b> to feelings.</i>  |
| <b>insuperable</b>        | (of a difficulty or obstacle) impossible to overcome.<br><i><b>Insuperable</b> odds.</i>   |
| <b>interrupt</b>          | Terminate.<br><i>The buzzer <b>interrupted</b> his thoughts.</i>   |
| <b><u>lame</u></b>        | Make a person or animal lame.<br><i>His horse went <b>lame</b>.</i>  |
| <b>maim</b>               | Wound or injure (a person or animal) so that part of the body is permanently damaged.<br><i>People were <b>maimed</b> by the explosion.</i>                          |
| <b>obstacle</b>           | An obstruction that stands in the way (and must be removed or surmounted or circumvented).<br><i>Lack of imagination is an <b>obstacle</b> to one's advancement.</i> |
| <b><u>obstruction</u></b> | The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction.<br><i><b>Obstruction</b> of justice.</i>  |
| <b>sick</b>               | People who are sick.<br><i>He looked pretty <b>sick</b> at that but he eventually agreed.</i>  |

