

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)

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

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



## 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)

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

<b>blindness</b>	The state of being blind or lacking sight. <i>A leading cause of <b>blindness</b> in the elderly.</i>
<b>cataract</b>	A sudden rush of water; a downpour. <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. <i>Loud music is a cause of <b>deafness</b>.</i>
<b>deformity</b>	The state of being deformed or misshapen. <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. <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. <i>I managed with <b>difficulty</b> to struggle upright.</i>
<b><u>disable</u></b>	(of an action or circumstance) prevent or discourage (someone) from doing something. <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. <i>He pulled a <b>hamstring</b>.</i>
<b>handicap</b>	A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed. <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.
<b><u>hindrance</u></b>	Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome. <i>A <b>hindrance</b> to the development process.</i>
<b>hurt</b>	Hurt the feelings of. <i>Ow You re <b>hurting</b> me.</i>
<b><u>illness</u></b>	Impairment of normal physiological function affecting part or all of an organism. <i>I ve never missed a day s work through <b>illness</b>.</i>
<b><u>impairment</u></b>	Damage that results in a reduction of strength or quality. <i>A degree of physical or mental <b>impairment</b>.</i>
<b><u>impediment</u></b>	A defect in a person's speech, such as a lisp or stammer. <i>A serious <b>impediment</b> to scientific progress.</i>

<b>incapacitate</b>	Prevent from functioning in a normal way. <i>He was <b>incapacitated</b> by a heart attack.</i>
<b>injury</b>	An instance of being injured. <i>Compensation for <b>injury</b> to feelings.</i>
<b>insuperable</b>	(of a difficulty or obstacle) impossible to overcome. <i><b>Insuperable</b> odds.</i>
<b>interrupt</b>	Terminate. <i>The buzzer <b>interrupted</b> his thoughts.</i>
<b><u>lame</u></b>	Make a person or animal lame. <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. <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). <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. <i><b>Obstruction</b> of justice.</i>
<b>sick</b>	People who are sick. <i>He looked pretty <b>sick</b> at that but he eventually agreed.</i>

