

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

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**The synonyms of “Disturbance” are: affray, fray, ruffle, commotion, disruption, flutter, hoo-ha, hoo-hah, kerfuffle, to-do, interference, noise, folie, perturbation, upset, distraction, bother, trouble, inconvenience, annoyance, irritation, riot, fracas, upheaval, brawl, street fight, melee, distress, concern, worry**

## Disturbance as a Noun

### Definitions of "Disturbance" as a noun

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

- *Interference with rights or property.*
- *The interruption of a settled and peaceful condition.*
- *The act of disturbing something or someone; setting something in motion.*
- *A state in which normal mental or physical functioning is disrupted.*
- *A disorderly outburst or tumult.*
- *Electrical or acoustic activity that can disturb communication.*
- *Activity that is a malfunction, intrusion, or interruption.*
- *A noisy fight.*
- *A breakdown of peaceful and law-abiding behaviour.*
- *A psychological disorder of thought or emotion; a more neutral term than mental illness.*
- *(psychiatry) a psychological disorder of thought or emotion; a more neutral term than mental illness.*
- *An unhappy and worried mental state.*



## Synonyms of "Disturbance" as a noun (30 Words)

<b>affray</b>	An instance of group fighting in a public place that disturbs the peace. <i>A person guilty of <b>affray</b>.</i>
<b>annoyance</b>	Something or someone that causes trouble; a source of unhappiness. <i>The Council found him an <b>annoyance</b>.</i>
<b>bother</b>	Something or someone that causes trouble; a source of unhappiness. <i>I hope she hasn't been a <b>bother</b>.</i>
<b>brawl</b>	An uproarious party. <i>He'd got into a drunken <b>brawl</b> in a bar.</i>
<b><u>commotion</u></b>	A disorderly outburst or tumult. <i>She was distracted by a <b>commotion</b> across the street.</i>
<b>concern</b>	A business. <i>The town's only travel agent was a small debt ridden <b>concern</b>.</i>
<b>disruption</b>	An event that results in a displacement or discontinuity. <i>The scheme was planned to minimize <b>disruption</b>.</i>
<b><u>distraction</u></b>	Mental turmoil. <i>There are plenty of <b>distractions</b> such as sailing.</i>
<b>distress</b>	The seizure and holding of property as security for payment of a debt or satisfaction of a claim. <i>They said the baby was in <b>distress</b>.</i>
<b><u>flutter</u></b>	An act of fluttering. <i>There was a <b>flutter</b> of wings at the window.</i>
<b>folie</b>	A psychological disorder of thought or emotion; a more neutral term than mental illness.
<b>fracas</b>	Noisy quarrel. <i>The <b>fracas</b> was broken up by stewards.</i>
<b><u>fray</u></b>	A noisy fight.
<b>hoo-ha</b>	A disorderly outburst or tumult.
<b>hoo-hah</b>	A disorderly outburst or tumult.
<b>inconvenience</b>	The state or fact of being troublesome or difficult with regard to one's personal requirements or comfort. <i>The <b>inconveniences</b> of life in a remote city.</i>
<b>interference</b>	Blocking a player's path with your body. <i>Concerns about government <b>interference</b> in church life.</i>
<b><u>irritation</u></b>	A sudden outburst of anger. <i>Any food produced <b>irritation</b> of the stomach.</i>

<b><u>kerfuffle</u></b>	A commotion or fuss, especially one caused by conflicting views. <i>There was a <b>kerfuffle</b> over the chairmanship.</i>
<b>melee</b>	A confused crowd of people. <i>The <b>melee</b> of people that were always thronging the streets.</i>
<b>noise</b>	A loud outcry of protest or complaint. <i>During the firework display that ended the gala the <b>noise</b> reached 98 decibels.</i>
<b>perturbation</b>	Activity that is a malfunction, intrusion, or interruption. <i>The term distress connotes some degree of <b>perturbation</b> and emotional upset.</i>
<b><u>riot</u></b>	An uproar. <i>A <b>riot</b> of emotions raged through Fabia.</i>
<b>ruffle</b>	A noisy fight.
<b>street fight</b>	The streets of a city viewed as a depressed environment in which there is poverty and crime and prostitution and dereliction.
<b>to-do</b>	A disorderly outburst or tumult.
<b>trouble</b>	Used to refer to the condition of a pregnant unmarried woman. <i>He s been in <b>trouble</b> with the police.</i>
<b><u>upheaval</u></b>	Disturbance usually in protest. <i>Major <b>upheavals</b> in the financial markets.</i>
<b>upset</b>	The act of upsetting something. <i>She didn t realize the <b>upset</b> she caused me.</i>
<b><u>worry</u></b>	A source of anxiety. <i>His <b>worry</b> over the prospect of being fired.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Disturbance" as a noun

- *The disturbances were precipitated when four men were refused bail.*
- *There was too much anger and disturbance.*
- *There was a disturbance of neural function.*
- *A helicopter landing can cause disturbance to residents.*
- *Children with learning difficulty and personality disturbance.*
- *He looked around for the source of the disturbance.*
- *They were amazed by the furious disturbance they had caused.*





## Associations of "Disturbance" (30 Words)

<b>agitation</b>	A state of agitation or turbulent change or development. <i>The techniques mostly involve <b>agitation</b> by stirring.</i>
<b>brouhaha</b>	A confused disturbance far greater than its cause merits. <i>All that election <b>brouhaha</b>.</i>
<u><b>cease</b></u>	Cease is a noun only in the phrase without cease end. <i>They were asked to <b>cease</b> all military activity.</i>
<b>chaos</b>	The formless matter supposed to have existed before the creation of the universe. <i>Snow caused <b>chaos</b> in the region.</i>
<u><b>clamor</b></u>	Compel someone to do something by insistent clamoring. <i>He <b>clamored</b> for justice and tolerance.</i>
<b>clatter</b>	Fall or move with a clatter. <i>Bennett <b>clattered</b> Coleman ten yards out from goal.</i>
<u><b>commotion</b></u>	Civil insurrection. <i>Damage caused by civil <b>commotion</b>.</i>
<b>confusion</b>	Disorder resulting from a failure to behave predictably. <i>He changed his name in order to avoid <b>confusion</b> with the notorious outlaw.</i>
<u><b>din</b></u>	Make a resonant sound, like artillery. <i>A runner up he <b>dinned</b> into them was a loser.</i>
<b>disorder</b>	Bring disorder to. <i>An improved understanding of mental <b>disorder</b>.</i>
<u><b>disrupt</b></u>	Interrupt (an event, activity, or process) by causing a disturbance or problem. <i>Flooding <b>disrupted</b> rail services.</i>
<b>disruption</b>	An act of delaying or interrupting the continuity. <i>There had been no delays or <b>disruptions</b> to flights.</i>
<u><b>flutter</b></u>	An act of fluttering. <i>Her insides were in a <b>flutter</b>.</i>
<b>hubbub</b>	A chaotic din caused by a crowd of people. <i>She fought through the <b>hubbub</b>.</i>
<b>interfere</b>	Cause interference to a broadcast radio signal. <i>You promised not to <b>interfere</b>.</i>
<b>interference</b>	Blocking a player's path with your body. <i>Concerns about government <b>interference</b> in church life.</i>

<b><u>intervention</u></b>	Action taken to improve a medical disorder. <i>Repeated <b>interventions</b> by central banks.</i>
<b><u>mayhem</u></b>	The crime of maliciously injuring or maiming someone, originally so as to render them defenceless. <i>Complete <b>mayhem</b> broke out.</i>
<b>midst</b>	The middle part or point. <i>He left his flat in the <b>midst</b> of a rainstorm.</i>
<b>pandemonium</b>	Wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar. <i>There was complete <b>pandemonium</b> everyone just panicked.</i>
<b>perturbation</b>	An unhappy and worried mental state. <i>She sensed her friend s <b>perturbation</b>.</i>
<b>racket</b>	A snowshoe resembling a racket. <i>A squash <b>racket</b>.</i>
<b>remonstrate</b>	Make a forcefully reproachful protest. <i>You don t mean that she <b>remonstrated</b>.</i>
<b><u>riot</u></b>	Take part in a riot disturb the public peace by engaging in a riot. <i>The film s sex scenes caused a <b>riot</b> in Cannes.</i>
<b>shakeup</b>	The imposition of a new organization; organizing differently (often involving extensive and drastic changes). <i>Top officials were forced out in the cabinet <b>shakeup</b>.</i>
<b>tumult</b>	Violent agitation. <i>The whole neighbourhood was in a state of fear and <b>tumult</b>.</i>
<b><u>turbulence</u></b>	A state of conflict or confusion. <i>The plane shuddered as it entered some <b>turbulence</b>.</i>
<b><u>turmoil</u></b>	A state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty. <i>The country was in <b>turmoil</b>.</i>
<b><u>upheaval</u></b>	A rise of land to a higher elevation (as in the process of mountain building). <i>Major <b>upheavals</b> in the financial markets.</i>
<b><u>uproar</u></b>	A state of commotion and noise and confusion. <i>The assembly dissolved in <b>uproar</b>.</i>



