

Need another word that means the same as “divisive”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “divisive” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Divisive” are: dissentious, factious, alienating, estranging, isolating, schismatic**

## **Divisive as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Divisive" as an adjective**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “divisive” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion).*
- *Tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people.*



## Synonyms of "Divisive" as an adjective (6 Words)

- alienating** Causing hostility or loss of friendliness.  
*Her sudden **alienating** aloofness.*
- dissentious** Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion).  
***Dissentious** rogues.*
- estranging** Making one feel out of place or alienated.  
*The landscape was **estranging**.*
- factious** Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion).  
*A **factious** country.*

**isolating** Relating to or being a language in which each word typically expresses a distinct idea and part of speech and syntactical relations are determined almost exclusively by word order and particles.

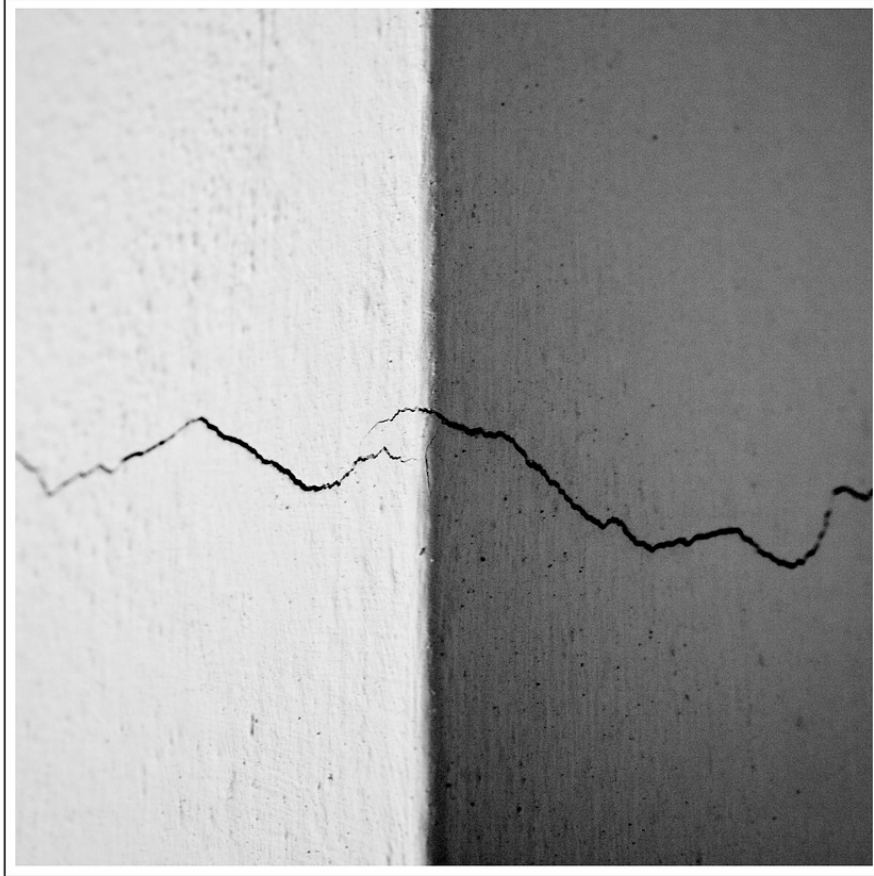
*Working from your home office every day is **isolating**.*

**schismatic** Characterized by or favouring schism.  
***Schismatic** religious movements were gaining currency.*



## Usage Examples of "Divisive" as an adjective

- *The highly divisive issue of abortion.*



## Associations of "Divisive" (30 Words)

- antagonistic** Characterized by antagonism or antipathy.  
*Europe was **antagonistic** to the Unites States.*
- combative** Having or showing a ready disposition to fight.  
*He made some enemies with his **combative** style.*
- competition** An occasion on which a winner is selected from among two or more contestants.  
*He wanted to know what the **competition** was doing.*
- conflict** Be in conflict.  
*He was immobilized by **conflict** and indecision.*
- confrontational** Tending to deal with situations in an aggressive way; hostile or argumentative.  
*He distanced himself from the **confrontational** approach adopted by his predecessor.*

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| <u>contradiction</u> | A situation in which inconsistent elements are present.<br><i>He spoke as if he thought his claims were immune to <b>contradiction</b>.</i>                                             |
| <u>contradictory</u> | A contradictory proposition.<br><i>The two studies came to <b>contradictory</b> conclusions.</i>                                                                                        |
| cracked              | Of paint or varnish; having the appearance of alligator hide.<br><i>You must think my family are <b>cracked</b>.</i>                                                                    |
| <u>differ</u>        | Be different.<br><i>He <b>differed</b> from his contemporaries in ethical matters.</i>                                                                                                  |
| <u>disagree</u>      | (of statements or accounts) be inconsistent or fail to correspond.<br><i>She <b>disagrees</b> with her husband on many questions.</i>                                                   |
| <u>disagreement</u>  | A conflict of people's opinions or actions or characters.<br><i><b>Disagreements</b> between parents and adolescents.</i>                                                               |
| discomfit            | Make (someone) feel uneasy or embarrassed.<br><i>He was not noticeably <b>discomfited</b> by her tone.</i>                                                                              |
| disconcert           | Disturb the composure of; unsettle.<br><i>The abrupt change of subject <b>disconcerted</b> her.</i>                                                                                     |
| <u>discord</u>       | Lack of agreement or harmony between things.<br><i>The <b>discord</b> between indigenous and Western cultures.</i>                                                                      |
| <u>discordant</u>    | (of sounds) harsh and jarring because of a lack of harmony.<br><i>The singers continued their <b>discordant</b> chanting.</i>                                                           |
| discrepant           | Not compatible with other facts.<br><i>Widely <b>discrepant</b> statements.</i>                                                                                                         |
| dissension           | Disagreement among those expected to cooperate.<br><i>These issues caused bitter <b>dissension</b> in the party.</i>                                                                    |
| dissonance           | The auditory experience of sound that lacks musical quality; sound that is a disagreeable auditory experience.<br><i>An unusual degree of <b>dissonance</b> for such choral styles.</i> |
| dissonant            | Lacking in harmony.<br><i>Irregular <b>dissonant</b> chords.</i>                                                                                                                        |
| factious             | Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion).<br><i>A <b>factious</b> country.</i>                                                                                      |
| fight                | The act of fighting any contest or struggle.<br><i>General Hill <b>fight</b>s his troops well.</i>                                                                                      |
| <u>incompatible</u>  | (of one thing or person) not consistent or able to coexist with (another).<br><i><b>Incompatible</b> colors.</i>                                                                        |

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| <b><u>inconsistency</u></b> | An inconsistent aspect or element.<br><i>The <b>inconsistency</b> between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>inharmonious</b>         | Lacking in harmony of parts.<br><i>An <b>inharmonious</b> or incongruous mixture of architectural styles.</i>                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b><u>opposition</u></b>    | A contrast or antithesis.<br><i>Despite <b>opposition</b> from the newspapers he went ahead.</i>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>partisan</b>             | A member of an armed group formed to fight secretly against an occupying force, in particular one operating in German-occupied Yugoslavia, Italy, and parts of eastern Europe in the Second World War.<br><i>The <b>partisans</b> opened fire from the woods.</i> |
| <b><u>rivalry</u></b>       | The act of competing as for profit or a prize.<br><i>There always has been intense <b>rivalry</b> between the clubs.</i>                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>sectarian</b>            | (of an action) carried out on the grounds of membership of a sect, denomination, or other group.<br><i>The negations of <b>sectarian</b> ideology.</i>                                                                                                            |
| <b>strife</b>               | Angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict.<br><i>Decades of civil <b>strife</b>.</i>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>struggle</b>             | An open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals)-Thomas Paine.<br><i>Before she could <b>struggle</b> he lifted her up.</i>                                                                                                                             |

