

Need another word that means the same as “duress”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “duress” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Duress” are: coercion, compulsion, force, pressure, intimidation, threats, constraint, enforcement, exaction, oppression, insistence, demand, entreaty, goading, provocation, harassment, nagging, badgering, arm-twisting, persuasion, influence, imprisonment, internment, confinement, detention, custody, captivity, restraint**

## Duress as a Noun

### Definitions of "Duress" as a noun

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

- *Threats, violence, constraints, or other action used to coerce someone into doing something against their will or better judgement.*
- *Compulsory force or threat.*
- *Constraint illegally exercised to force someone to perform an act.*
- *Forcible restraint or imprisonment.*

### Synonyms of "Duress" as a noun (28 Words)

<b>arm-twisting</b>	Persuasion by the use of direct personal pressure.
<b>badgering</b>	A native or resident of Wisconsin.
<b>captivity</b>	The condition of being imprisoned or confined. <i>He was held in <b>captivity</b> until he died.</i>

<b>coercion</b>	Using force to cause something to occur. <i>Our problem cannot be solved by any form of <b>coercion</b> but only by agreement.</i>
<b><u>compulsion</u></b>	Using force to cause something to occur. <i>He felt a <b>compulsion</b> to babble on about the accident.</i>
<b>confinement</b>	The act of keeping something within specified bounds (by force if necessary). <i>He was held in <b>confinement</b>.</i>
<b>constraint</b>	The state of being physically constrained. <i>Time <b>constraints</b> make it impossible to do everything.</i>
<b>custody</b>	(with `in') guardianship over; in divorce cases it is the right to house and care for and discipline a child. <i>He is in the <b>custody</b> of police.</i>
<b>demand</b>	The act of demanding. <i>The automobile reduced the <b>demand</b> for buggywhips.</i>
<b>detention</b>	The action of detaining someone or the state of being detained in official custody. <i>The <b>detention</b> of tardy pupils.</i>
<b>enforcement</b>	The act of enforcing; ensuring observance of or obedience to. <i>The strict <b>enforcement</b> of environmental regulations.</i>
<b>entreaty</b>	An earnest or humble request. <i>An <b>entreaty</b> to stop the fighting.</i>
<b>exaction</b>	A sum of money exacted from someone. <i>The billions flow in through 28 taxes and countless smaller <b>exactions</b>.</i>
<b>force</b>	The army navy and air force of a country. <i>A government has not the vitality and <b>forcefulness</b> of a living man.</i>
<b>goad</b>	A pointed instrument that is used to prod into a state of motion.
<b><u>harassment</u></b>	The act of tormenting by continued persistent attacks and criticism. <i>They face daily <b>harassment</b> and assault on the streets.</i>
<b><u>imprisonment</u></b>	The state of being imprisoned; captivity. <i>The <b>imprisonment</b> of captured soldiers.</i>
<b>influence</b>	A person or thing with the capacity to have an influence on someone or something. <i>Used her parents <b>influence</b> to get the job.</i>
<b>insistence</b>	Continual and persistent demands. <i>Alison s <b>insistence</b> on doing the washing up straight after the meal.</i>

<b>internment</b>	The state of being confined as a prisoner, especially for political or military reasons. <i>He was threatened with <b>internment</b> in a concentration camp.</i>
<b>intimidation</b>	The feeling of discouragement in the face of someone's superior fame or wealth or status etc. <i>The <b>intimidation</b> of witnesses and jurors.</i>
<b>nagging</b>	Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault.
<b>oppression</b>	The act of subjugating by cruelty. <i>A region shattered by <b>oppression</b> and killing.</i>
<b>persuasion</b>	A group or sect holding a particular religious belief. <i>I am not of your <b>persuasion</b>.</i>
<b>pressure</b>	The pressure exerted by the atmosphere. <i>The <b>pressures</b> of city life.</i>
<b>provocation</b>	Unfriendly behavior that causes anger or resentment. <i>Twenty patients had a high increase of serum gastrin after <b>provocation</b> with secretin.</i>
<b>restraint</b>	A rule or condition that limits freedom. <i>A policy of <b>restraint</b> in public spending.</i>
<b>threats</b>	A warning that something unpleasant is imminent. <i>Earthquakes are a constant threat in Japan.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Duress" as a noun

- *Confessed under duress.*
- *Confessions extracted under duress.*

## Associations of "Duress" (30 Words)

<b>abduction</b>	The action of forcibly taking someone away against their will. <i><b>Abductions</b> by armed men in plain clothes.</i>
<b>blackmail</b>	Money demanded by a person or group engaged in blackmail. <i>They were acquitted of charges of <b>blackmail</b>.</i>
<b>captive</b>	Giving or marked by complete attention to. <i>A <b>captive</b> animal.</i>
<b>captivity</b>	The condition of being imprisoned or confined. <i>The third month of their <b>captivity</b> passed.</i>

<b>coerce</b>	To cause to do through pressure or necessity, by physical, moral or intellectual means. <i>Their confessions were allegedly <b>coerced</b> by torture.</i>
<b>coercion</b>	The act of compelling by force of authority. <i>They didn't have to use <b>coercion</b>.</i>
<b>compel</b>	Necessitate or exact. <i>The water shortage <b>compels</b> conservation.</i>
<b>compelling</b>	Not able to be refuted; inspiring conviction. <i>A <b>compelling</b> film.</i>
<b>compulsion</b>	An urge to do or say something that might be better left undone or unsaid. <i>He felt a <b>compulsion</b> to babble on about the accident.</i>
<b>compulsory</b>	Required by rule. <i>The abuse of <b>compulsory</b> powers.</i>
<b>confinement</b>	The state of being confined. <i>My grandmother's last six <b>confinements</b>.</i>
<b>constrain</b>	To close within bounds, or otherwise limit or deprive of free movement. <i>Duty <b>constrains</b> one to act often contrary to one's desires or inclinations.</i>
<b>constraint</b>	A device that retards something's motion. <i>They would be able to talk without <b>constraint</b>.</i>
<b>custody</b>	Imprisonment. <i>The mother was awarded <b>custody</b> of the children.</i>
<b>disarmament</b>	Act of reducing or depriving of arms. <i><b>Disarmament</b> treaties between America and the former Soviet Union.</i>
<b>dispossess</b>	Deprive (someone) of land, property, or other possessions. <i>He <b>dispossessed</b> Hendrie and set off on a solo run.</i>
<b>enforced</b>	Forced or compelled or put in force. <i>A life of <b>enforced</b> inactivity.</i>
<b>fixation</b>	An abnormal state in which development has stopped prematurely. <i>Biopsy specimens were placed in cassettes before <b>fixation</b> in formalin.</i>
<b>force</b>	Take by force. <i>Mark <b>forced</b> her arms back above her head.</i>
<b>forcible</b>	Done by force. <i>Signs of <b>forcible</b> entry.</i>
<b>hale</b>	Prolific United States writer (1822-1909). <i><b>Hale</b> and hearty.</i>
<b>imprisonment</b>	The state of being imprisoned. <i>The <b>imprisonment</b> of captured soldiers.</i>

<b>make</b>	Make by shaping or bringing together constituents. <i>What <b>make</b> of car is that.</i>
<b><u>obsession</u></b>	The state of being obsessed with someone or something. <i>He was in the grip of an <b>obsession</b> he was powerless to resist.</i>
<b>pressure</b>	The act of pressing the exertion of pressure. <i>She <b>pressured</b> her son to accept a job offer from the bank.</i>
<b>restraint</b>	A device which limits or prevents freedom of movement. <i>He urged the protestors to exercise <b>restraint</b>.</i>
<b>restriction</b>	An act of limiting or restricting (as by regulation). <i>The <b>restriction</b> of local government power.</i>
<b>tighten</b>	Become tight or tighter. <i><b>Tighten</b> the rules.</i>
<b>travail</b>	Concluding state of pregnancy; from the onset of contractions to the birth of a child. <i>Creation may <b>travail</b> in pain but it cannot escape its destiny.</i>