

Need another word that means the same as “enemy”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “enemy” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Enemy” are: foe, foeman, opposition, adversary, opponent, rival, nemesis, antagonist, combatant, challenger, competitor, opposer, hostile party

Enemy as a Noun

Definitions of "Enemy" as a noun

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

- *A personal enemy.*
- *An armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force).*
- *A person who is actively opposed or hostile to someone or something.*
- *Any hostile group of people.*
- *A hostile nation or its armed forces, especially in time of war.*
- *A thing that harms or weakens something else.*
- *An opposing military force.*



Synonyms of "Enemy" as a noun (13 Words)

adversary	Someone who offers opposition. <i>Davis beat his old adversary in the quarter finals.</i>
antagonist	A muscle that relaxes while another contracts. <i>He turned to confront his antagonist.</i>
challenger	A person who disputes the truth of or places themselves in opposition to something. <i>A potential challenger for the party leadership.</i>
combatant	A person engaged in conflict or competition with another. <i>A long time combatant for the control of Newcastle FC.</i>
competitor	An organization or country engaged in commercial or economic competition with others. <i>Our main industrial competitors.</i>
foe	A personal enemy. <i>His work was praised by friends and foes alike.</i>

foeman	An armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force).
hostile party	Troops belonging to the enemy's military forces.
nemesis	The inescapable agent of someone's or something's downfall. <i>One risks nemesis by uttering such words.</i>
opponent	A person who disagrees with or resists a proposal or practice. <i>The news will delight opponents of GM foods.</i>
opposer	Someone who offers opposition.
opposition	The action of opposing something that you disapprove or disagree with. <i>The invaders encountered stiff opposition.</i>
rival	A person or thing competing with another for the same objective or for superiority in the same field of activity. <i>Gun battles between rival gangs.</i>



Usage Examples of "Enemy" as a noun

- *The enemy shot down four helicopters.*
- *The traditional enemies of his tribe.*

- *He viewed lawyers as the real enemy.*
- *Nigel made many enemies.*
- *Routine is the enemy of art.*
- *The enemy attacked at dawn.*
- *Enemy aircraft.*
- *This man was her sworn enemy.*



Associations of "Enemy" (30 Words)

- adversary** Someone who offers opposition.
*Davis beat his old **adversary** in the quarter finals.*
- antagonist** A person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone or something; an adversary.
*He turned to confront his **antagonist**.*
- avenge** Take revenge for a perceived wrong.
*He vowed in silent fervour to **avenge** their murders.*

challenger	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>A serious challenger for the title.</i>
compete	Compete for something engage in a contest measure oneself against others. <i>He competed with a number of other candidates.</i>
competitor	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>Two competitors were banned for taking drugs.</i>
contender	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>A presidential contender.</i>
crossfire	Fire from two or more points so that the lines of fire cross. <i>The sponsors are caught in the crossfire of the battle between the world champion and his team boss.</i>
dissent	The act of protesting a public often organized manifestation of dissent. <i>He expressed his dissent in a contrary opinion.</i>
dissident	A person who dissents from some established policy. <i>A dissident who had been jailed by a military regime.</i>
foe	An armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force). <i>They had been political foes for years.</i>
hostile	Showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly. <i>The brewery fought off a hostile takeover bid last year.</i>
nemesis	Retributive justice. <i>Will Harry Potter finally defeat his nemesis Voldemort.</i>
objector	A person who dissents from some established policy. <i>Objectors claim the motorway will damage the environment.</i>
opponent	Someone who competes with or opposes another in a contest, game, or argument. <i>The news will delight opponents of GM foods.</i>
oppose	Set into opposition or rivalry. <i>A majority of the electorate opposed EC membership.</i>
opposed	In conflict with or hostile to. <i>Parties opposed to the ruling party.</i>
opposing	(of two or more subjects) differing from or in conflict with each other. <i>Opponent or opposing armies.</i>
opposition	A body of people united in opposing something. <i>Her Majesty's loyal opposition.</i>
reprisal	The forcible seizure of a foreign subject or their goods as an act of retaliation. <i>The threat of reprisal.</i>
requital	An act of requiting; returning in kind.

retaliate	Make an attack in return for a similar attack. <i>They used their abilities to retaliate the injury.</i>
retribution	The act of correcting for your wrongdoing. <i>The swiftness of divine retribution.</i>
revenge	Inflict revenge on behalf of someone else. <i>It s a pity he chose that way to revenge his sister.</i>
rival	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>He had respect for his rivals.</i>
spurn	An act of spurning. <i>He spoke gruffly as if afraid that his invitation would be spurned.</i>
<u>vengeance</u>	The act of taking revenge (harming someone in retaliation for something harmful that they have done) especially in the next life. <i>For vengeance I would do nothing This nation is too great to look for mere revenge.</i>
<u>vengeful</u>	Seeking to harm someone in return for a perceived injury. <i>A vengeful ex con.</i>
vie	Compete eagerly with someone in order to do or achieve something. <i>The athletes were vying for a place in the British team.</i>
<u>vindictive</u>	Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge. <i>More vindictive than jealous love.</i>

