

Need another word that means the same as “enigma”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “enigma” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Enigma” are: brain-teaser, conundrum, riddle, mystery, secret, puzzle, paradox, problem, question, question mark, quandary**

## **Enigma as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Enigma" as a noun**

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

- *A difficult problem.*
- *Something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained.*
- *A person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand.*



## Synonyms of "Enigma" as a noun (11 Words)

**brain-teaser** A difficult problem.

**conundrum** A confusing and difficult problem or question.  
*One of the most difficult **conundrums** for the experts.*

**mystery** A religious belief based on divine revelation, especially one regarded as beyond human understanding.  
*The 1920s murder **mystery** The Ghost Train.*

**paradox** A statement or proposition which, despite sound (or apparently sound) reasoning from acceptable premises, leads to a conclusion that seems logically unacceptable or self-contradictory.  
*The uncertainty principle leads to all sorts of **paradoxes** like the particles being in two places at once.*

**problem** A thing that is difficult to achieve.  
*She and her husband are having **problems**.*

<b>puzzle</b>	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>A book with picture <b>puzzles</b>.</i>
<b>quandary</b>	State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options. <i>Kate was in a <b>quandary</b>.</i>
<b>question</b>	An instance of questioning. <i>We hope this leaflet has been helpful in answering your <b>questions</b>.</i>
<b>question mark</b>	Uncertainty about the truth or factuality or existence of something.
<b>riddle</b>	A difficult problem. <i>They started asking <b>riddles</b> and telling jokes.</i>
<b>secret</b>	Something that is kept or meant to be kept unknown or unseen by others. <i>It remains one of nature's <b>secrets</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Enigma" as a noun

- *Madeleine was still an enigma to him.*



## Associations of "Enigma" (30 Words)

<b>abstruse</b>	Difficult to understand; obscure. <i>The professor's lectures were so <b>abstruse</b> that students tended to avoid them.</i>
<b>abysmal</b>	Extremely bad; appalling. <i><b>Abysmal</b> stupidity.</i>
<b><u>conundrum</u></b>	A confusing and difficult problem or question. <i>One of the most difficult <b>conundrums</b> for the experts.</i>
<b><u>cryptic</u></b>	Having a puzzling terseness. <i><b>Cryptic</b> writings.</i>
<b>cryptogram</b>	A piece of writing in code or cipher.
<b>enigmatic</b>	Resembling an oracle in obscurity of thought. <i>Prophetic texts so <b>enigmatic</b> that their meaning has been disputed for centuries.</i>

<b>esoterica</b>	Secrets known only to an initiated minority. <i>A professor of such <b>esoterica</b> as angelology and comparative shamanism.</i>
<b>factorize</b>	(with reference to a number) resolve or be resolvable into factors. <i>F <b>factorizes</b> completely into linear factors.</i>
<b>incomprehensible</b>	Not able to be understood; not intelligible. <i>The most <b>incomprehensible</b> thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible.</i>
<b>insurmountable</b>	Not capable of being surmounted or overcome. <i>An <b>insurmountable</b> problem.</i>
<b>miracle</b>	An exceptional product or achievement, or an outstanding example of something. <i>Industries at the heart of the economic <b>miracle</b>.</i>
<b>mystery</b>	The Christian Eucharist. <i>What happened after he left home that day remains a <b>mystery</b>.</i>
<b>mythical</b>	Based on or told of in traditional stories; lacking factual basis or historical validity. <i>A <b>mythical</b> customer whose name appears in brochures promoting the bank's services.</i>
<b>preternatural</b>	Surpassing the ordinary or normal – George Will. <i>Autumn had arrived with <b>preternatural</b> speed.</i>
<b>problem</b>	An inquiry starting from given conditions to investigate or demonstrate a fact, result, or law. <i>Practitioners help families develop strategies for managing <b>problem</b> behaviour in teens.</i>
<b>puzzle</b>	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>A <b>puzzle</b> with 500 pieces.</i>
<b>question</b>	Ask someone questions especially in an official context. <i>There was a <b>question</b> about my training.</i>
<b>recondite</b>	Difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge. <i>The book is full of <b>recondite</b> information.</i>
<b>riddle</b>	Solve or explain a riddle to someone. <i>His campaign was <b>riddled</b> with accusations and personal attacks.</i>
<b>secret</b>	Given in confidence or in secret. <i><b>Secret</b> ingredients.</i>
<b>solve</b>	Find the solution. <i><b>Solve</b> an old debt.</i>

<b>superhuman</b>	Having or showing exceptional ability or powers. <i><b>Superhuman</b> strength.</i>
<b>tantalize</b>	Excite the senses or desires of (someone). <i>She still <b>tantalized</b> him.</i>
<b><u>unfathomable</u></b>	Impossible to come to understand. <i>Mountains of <b>unfathomable</b> scale.</i>
<b>unravel</b>	Disentangle. <i>Can you <b>unravel</b> the mystery.</i>
<b>unresolved</b>	Characterized by musical dissonance harmonically unresolved. <i>A number of issues remain <b>unresolved</b>.</i>
<b>unscramble</b>	Restore (something that has been scrambled) to an intelligible, readable, or viewable state. <i>Viewers use these decoders to <b>unscramble</b> the signal.</i>
<b><u>unsolved</u></b>	Not solved. <i>Many crimes remain <b>unsolved</b>.</i>
<b><u>untangle</u></b>	Release from entanglement of difficulty. <i>He knew he d have to <b>untangle</b> a financial mess and somehow restore investor confidence.</i>
<b>whodunit</b>	A story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie.

