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.

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Synonyms of "Enigma" as a noun (11 Words)
brain-teaser A difficult problem.
conundrum $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { A confusing and difficult problem or question. } \\ & \text { One of the most difficult conundrums for the experts. }\end{aligned}$
A religious belief based on divine revelation, especially one regarded as
problem beyond human understanding. The 1920s murder mystery The Ghost Train.
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.
A thing that is difficult to achieve. She and her husband are having problems.


## Usage Examples of "Enigma" as a noun

- Madeleine was still an enigma to him.

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## Associations of "Enigma" (30 Words)

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


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


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



