

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.
<u>conundrum</u>	A confusing and difficult problem or question. <i>One of the most difficult conundrums for the experts.</i>
<u>mystery</u>	A religious belief based on divine revelation, especially one regarded as beyond human understanding. <i>The 1920s murder mystery The Ghost Train.</i>
<u>paradox</u>	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. <i>The uncertainty principle leads to all sorts of paradoxes like the particles being in two places at once.</i>
problem	A thing that is difficult to achieve. <i>She and her husband are having problems.</i>

puzzle

A jigsaw puzzle.
*A book with picture **puzzles**.*

quandary

State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options.
*Kate was in a **quandary**.*

question

An instance of questioning.
*We hope this leaflet has been helpful in answering your **questions**.*

question mark Uncertainty about the truth or factuality or existence of something.

riddle

A difficult problem.
*They started asking **riddles** and telling jokes.*

secret

Something that is kept or meant to be kept unknown or unseen by others.
*It remains one of nature's **secrets**.*



Usage Examples of "Enigma" as a noun

- *Madeleine was still an enigma to him.*



Associations of "Enigma" (30 Words)

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

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

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

