

Need another word that means the same as “harm”? Find 41 synonyms and 30 related words for “harm” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Harm” are: damage, hurt, scathe, injury, trauma, impairment, pain, suffering, distress, anguish, torment, grief, evil, badness, wrong, mischief, wrongdoing, immorality, ill, wickedness, vice, iniquity, sin, sinfulness, nefariousness, injure, wound, maltreat, mistreat, misuse, ill-treat, ill-use, abuse, molest, inflict pain on, inflict suffering on, handle roughly, treat roughly, do violence to, lay a finger on

Harm as a Noun

Definitions of "Harm" as a noun

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

- *The act of damaging something or someone.*
- *Physical injury, especially that which is deliberately inflicted.*
- *Actual or potential ill effects or danger.*
- *Material damage.*
- *The occurrence of a change for the worse.*
- *Any physical damage to the body caused by violence or accident or fracture etc.*



Synonyms of "Harm" as a noun (25 Words)

anguish

Severe mental or physical pain or suffering.

*Philip gave a cry of **anguish**.*

badness

Poor quality or low standard.

*None of you are doing justice to the **badness** of this film.*

damage

Any harm or injury resulting from a violation of a legal right.

*How much is the **damage**.*

distress

Extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain.

*The death of his wife caused him great **distress**.*

evil

That which causes harm or destruction or misfortune- Shakespeare.

*Attempts to explain the origin of **evil** in the world.*

grief

Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death).

*She was overcome with **grief**.*

hurt	Any physical damage to the body caused by violence or accident or fracture etc. <i>Rolling properly into a fall minimizes hurt.</i>
<u>ill</u>	A problem or misfortune. <i>How could I wish him ill.</i>
immorality	Morally objectionable behavior. <i>He believed his father had been punished by God for his immorality.</i>
<u>impairment</u>	The act of making something futile and useless (as by routine). <i>A degree of physical or mental impairment.</i>
iniquity	Absence of moral or spiritual values. <i>A den of iniquity.</i>
injury	Wrongdoing that violates another's rights and is unjustly inflicted. <i>She suffered an injury to her back.</i>
<u>mischief</u>	Harm or trouble caused by someone or something. <i>She was bent on making mischief.</i>
nefariousness	The quality of being wicked.
pain	Emotional distress; a fundamental feeling that people try to avoid. <i>She s in great pain.</i>
scathe	The act of damaging something or someone. <i>It was cheering to hear that you had got through winter and diphtheria without scathe.</i>
<u>sin</u>	The 21st letter of the Hebrew alphabet. <i>The human capacity for sin.</i>
sinfulness	Estrangement from god.
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>His disregard for the sufferings of his fellow countrymen.</i>
torment	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>The journey must have been a torment for them.</i>
<u>trauma</u>	Emotional shock following a stressful event or a physical injury, which may lead to long-term neurosis. <i>The event is relived with all the accompanying trauma.</i>
vice	A specific form of evildoing. <i>A mobile phone network is being used to peddle vice.</i>
wickedness	The quality of being disgusting to the senses or emotions. <i>The wickedness of the regime.</i>
wrong	An unjust, dishonest, or immoral act. <i>I have done you a great wrong.</i>

wrongdoing

Illegal or dishonest behaviour.

*Police have denied any **wrongdoing**.*



Usage Examples of "Harm" as a noun

- *I didn't mean to cause him any harm.*
- *I can't see any harm in it.*
- *It's unlikely to do much harm to the engine.*



Harm as a Verb

Definitions of "Harm" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "harm" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Damage the health of.*
- *Have an adverse effect on.*
- *Physically injure.*
- *Cause or do harm to.*



Synonyms of "Harm" as a verb (16 Words)

abuse	Use foul or abusive language towards. <i>The actress abused the policeman who gave her a parking ticket.</i>
do violence to	Be sufficient; be adequate, either in quality or quantity.
handle roughly	Act on verbally or in some form of artistic expression.
hurt	Hurt the feelings of. <i>High interest rates are hurting the local economy.</i>
ill-treat	Treat badly.
ill-use	Treat badly.
inflict pain on	Impose something unpleasant.
inflict suffering on	Impose something unpleasant.
injure	Cause damage or affect negatively. <i>The explosion injured several people.</i>
lay a finger on	Lay eggs.

maltreat

Treat (a person or animal) cruelly or with violence.
*Children die from neglect or are **maltreated** by their carers.*

mistreat

Treat (a person or animal) badly, cruelly, or unfairly.
*A dog which has been **mistreated** will remain very wary of strangers.*

misuse

Apply to a wrong thing or person; apply badly or incorrectly.
*We felt that we had been deceived and **misused**.*

treat roughly

Subject to a process or treatment, with the aim of readying for some purpose, improving, or remedying a condition.

wound

Inflict a wound on.
*The sergeant was seriously **wounded**.*



Usage Examples of "Harm" as a verb

- *This could harm his World Cup prospects.*
- *The villains didn't harm him.*
- *These pills won't harm your system.*
- *Smoking when pregnant can harm your baby.*



Associations of "Harm" (30 Words)

con

A swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property.

*The Charter is a glossy public relations **con**.*

damage

Inflict damage upon.

*These fine china cups **damage** easily.*

damaging

Designed or tending to discredit, especially without positive or helpful suggestions.

***Damaging** allegations of corruption.*

defect

A mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something (especially on a person's body).

*If there are any **defects** you should send it back to the manufacturer.*

demerit

A fault or disadvantage.

*The merits and **demerits** of these proposals.*

detriment	The state of being harmed or damaged. <i>Light industry can be carried out in a residential area without detriment to its amenities.</i>
detrimental	(sometimes followed by `to') causing harm or injury. <i>Moving her could have a detrimental effect on her health.</i>
disadvantage	Put at a disadvantage hinder harm. <i>The pension scheme tends to disadvantage women.</i>
disfigure	Mar or spoil the appearance of. <i>The vandals disfigured the statue.</i>
downside	A negative aspect of something that is generally positive. <i>He says being a rock star is a fun line of work when you re young but admits fame can have its downsides.</i>
drawback	A feature that renders something less acceptable; a disadvantage or problem. <i>He pointed out all the drawbacks to my plan.</i>
failing	Failure to reach a minimum required performance. <i>His failing the course led to his disqualification.</i>
fatal	Controlled or decreed by fate; predetermined. <i>The fatal day of the election finally arrived.</i>
fault	Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>He served too many double faults.</i>
flawed	Having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection. <i>A fatally flawed strategy.</i>
harmful	Causing or capable of causing harm. <i>The ozone layer blocks the harmful rays from the sun.</i>
inadequacy	Unsatisfactoriness by virtue of being inadequate. <i>Her feelings of personal inadequacy.</i>
injurious	(of language) maliciously insulting; libellous. <i>Food which is injurious to health.</i>
injury	Damage to a person's feelings. <i>An ankle injury.</i>
irremediable	Impossible to cure or put right. <i>Irremediable marital breakdowns.</i>
libel	The action or crime of publishing a libel. <i>The newspaper was accused of libeling him.</i>
libellous	Harmful and often untrue; tending to discredit or malign. <i>A libellous newspaper story.</i>

maleficent	Causing harm or destruction, especially by supernatural means. <i>A maleficent deity.</i>
<u>mischief</u>	A person responsible for harm or annoyance. <i>She was bent on making mischief.</i>
misconceive	Fail to understand (something) correctly. <i>Criticism of the trade surplus in Washington is misconceived.</i>
<u>misunderstanding</u>	An understanding of something that is not correct. <i>He left the army after a slight misunderstanding with his commanding officer.</i>
neurotoxin	Any toxin that affects neural tissues.
prejudicial	(sometimes followed by `to') causing harm or injury. <i>The reporter's coverage resulted in prejudicial publicity for the defendant.</i>
<u>shortcoming</u>	A failing or deficiency. <i>He is so forthright about his shortcomings it's hard to chastise him.</i>
unforced	Not brought about by coercion or force. <i>An unforced cheerfulness.</i>

