

Need another word that means the same as “havoc”? Find 35 synonyms and 30 related words for “havoc” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Havoc” are: mayhem, devastation, destruction, damage, desolation, depredation, despoliation, ruination, ruin, disaster, ravagement, waste, catastrophe, disorder, chaos, disruption, bedlam, pandemonium, turmoil, tumult, confusion, uproar, lay waste, devastate, leave in ruins, destroy, wreak havoc on, leave desolate, level, raze, demolish, wipe out, wreck

Havoc as a Noun

Definitions of "Havoc" as a noun

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

- *Great confusion or disorder.*
- *Widespread destruction.*
- *Violent and needless disturbance.*



Synonyms of "Havoc" as a noun (22 Words)

bedlam

An institution for the care of mentally ill people.
*There was **bedlam** in the courtroom.*

catastrophe

An event causing great and usually sudden damage or suffering; a disaster.
*The tax would be a **catastrophe** for the industry.*

chaos

The formless matter supposed to have existed before the creation of the universe.
*Snow caused **chaos** in the region.*

confusion

Uncertainty about what is happening, intended, or required.
*He changed his name in order to avoid **confusion** with the notorious outlaw.*

damage

A sum of money claimed or awarded in compensation for a loss or an injury.
*She was awarded 284 000 in **damages**.*

depredation

A destructive action.
*Protecting grain from the **depredations** of rats and mice.*

<u>desolation</u>	The state of being decayed or destroyed. <i>The stony desolation of the desert.</i>
despoliation	The action of despoiling or the condition of being despoiled; plunder. <i>The despoliation of the resources of the natural world.</i>
<u>destruction</u>	A cause of someone's ruin. <i>Gambling was his destruction.</i>
devastation	The feeling of being confounded or overwhelmed. <i>The floods caused widespread devastation.</i>
disaster	A sudden accident or a natural catastrophe that causes great damage or loss of life. <i>159 people died in the disaster.</i>
disorder	The breakdown of peaceful and law-abiding public behaviour. <i>Skin disorders.</i>
disruption	A disorderly outburst or tumult. <i>He gave hints on what industry today he believes may be ripe for disruption.</i>
<u>mayhem</u>	The willful and unlawful crippling or mutilation of another person. <i>Complete mayhem broke out.</i>
pandemonium	A state of extreme confusion and disorder. <i>There was complete pandemonium everyone just panicked.</i>
ravagement	Ravaging, depredation; devastation, extensive damage; an instance of this.
ruin	Destruction achieved by causing something to be wrecked or ruined. <i>You have brought ruin on this entire family.</i>
ruination	Destruction achieved by causing something to be wrecked or ruined. <i>The headquarters fell into ruination.</i>
tumult	A state of confusion or disorder. <i>The whole neighbourhood was in a state of fear and tumult.</i>
<u>turmoil</u>	A state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty. <i>The country was in turmoil.</i>
<u>uproar</u>	A loud and impassioned noise or disturbance. <i>The room was in an uproar.</i>
waste	The gradual loss or diminution of something. <i>A life characterized by thriftlessness and waste.</i>



Usage Examples of "Havoc" as a noun

- *If they weren't at school they'd be wreaking havoc in the streets.*
- *The hurricane ripped through Florida causing havoc.*



Havoc as a Verb

Definitions of "Havoc" as a verb

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

- *Lay waste to; devastate.*



Synonyms of "Havoc" as a verb (13 Words)

damage	Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>She damaged the car when she hit the tree.</i>
<u>demolish</u>	Overwhelmingly defeat (a player or team). <i>The professor demolished the student's argument.</i>
destroy	Destroy completely damage irreparably. <i>The customs agents destroyed the dog that was found to be rabid.</i>
devastate	Cause extensive destruction or ruin utterly. <i>She was devastated by the loss of Damian.</i>
lay waste	Put in a horizontal position.
leave desolate	Be survived by after one's death.
leave in ruins	Make a possibility or provide opportunity for; permit to be attainable or cause to remain.
level	Make level or straight. <i>The building was levelled.</i>

raze	Tear down so as to make flat with the ground. <i>Villages were razed to the ground.</i>
ruin	Reduce to ruins. <i>The tears ruined her make up.</i>
wipe out	Rub with a circular motion.
wreak havoc on	Cause to happen or to occur as a consequence.
wreck	Suffer or undergo shipwreck. <i>My letters were in one of the vessels that wreck d.</i>



Associations of "Havoc" (30 Words)

bedlam	Pejorative terms for an insane asylum. <i>There was bedlam in the courtroom.</i>
brouhaha	A confused disturbance far greater than its cause merits. <i>All that election brouhaha.</i>
chaos	The most ancient of gods; the personification of the infinity of space preceding creation of the universe. <i>Snow caused chaos in the region.</i>

<u>commotion</u>	A disorderly outburst or tumult. <i>She was distracted by a commotion across the street.</i>
demolition	An event (or the result of an event) that completely destroys something. <i>The demolition of the huge tower was quite a spectacle.</i>
destroy	Destroy completely damage irreparably. <i>The fire destroyed the house.</i>
<u>destruction</u>	An event (or the result of an event) that completely destroys something. <i>The destruction of the rainforest.</i>
devastation	Severe and overwhelming shock or grief. <i>Her departure left him in utter devastation.</i>
disaster	A state of extreme (usually irremediable) ruin and misfortune. <i>159 people died in the disaster.</i>
dislocation	The act of disrupting an established order so it fails to continue. <i>Congenital dislocation of the hip.</i>
disorder	Bring disorder to. <i>The files are in complete disorder.</i>
<u>disturbance</u>	A psychological disorder of thought or emotion; a more neutral term than mental illness. <i>He looked around for the source of the disturbance.</i>
<u>earthquake</u>	Shaking and vibration at the surface of the earth resulting from underground movement along a fault plane or from volcanic activity. <i>Selling the company caused an earthquake among the employees.</i>
ending	The end of a word a suffix or inflectional ending or final morpheme. <i>The student has to choose the right plural endings.</i>
hubbub	Loud confused noise from many sources. <i>A hubbub of laughter and shouting.</i>
<u>mayhem</u>	The crime of maliciously injuring or maiming someone, originally so as to render them defenceless. <i>Complete mayhem broke out.</i>
mess	Eat in a mess hall. <i>The house was a mess.</i>
midst	The middle part or point. <i>He left his flat in the midst of a rainstorm.</i>
outcome	A phenomenon that follows and is caused by some previous phenomenon. <i>It is the outcome of the vote that counts.</i>
pandemonium	A state of extreme confusion and disorder. <i>There was complete pandemonium everyone just panicked.</i>

perturbation	Activity that is a malfunction, intrusion, or interruption. <i>These shifts and swings in wildlife populations are possibly related to climatic perturbations.</i>
result	Have as a result or residue. <i>Anger may result from an argument.</i>
<u>subversion</u>	Destroying someone's (or some group's) honesty or loyalty; undermining moral integrity. <i>The ruthless subversion of democracy.</i>
tumult	A state of commotion and noise and confusion. <i>His personal tumult ended when he began writing songs.</i>
<u>turbulence</u>	Instability in the atmosphere. <i>The industrial revolution was a period of great turbulence.</i>
<u>turmoil</u>	Disturbance usually in protest. <i>The country was in turmoil.</i>
unrepaired	Unserviceable because necessary repairs have not been made.
<u>uproar</u>	Loud confused noise from many sources. <i>It caused an uproar in the press.</i>
<u>wreck</u>	Goods brought ashore by the sea from a wreck. <i>A train wreck.</i>
wrought	Shaped to fit by or as if by altering the contours of a pliable mass (as by work or effort). <i>Well wrought pop music.</i>

