

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.*

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

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



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



## Associations of "Havoc" (30 Words)

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

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



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

