

Need another word that means the same as “hierarchy”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “hierarchy” in this overview.

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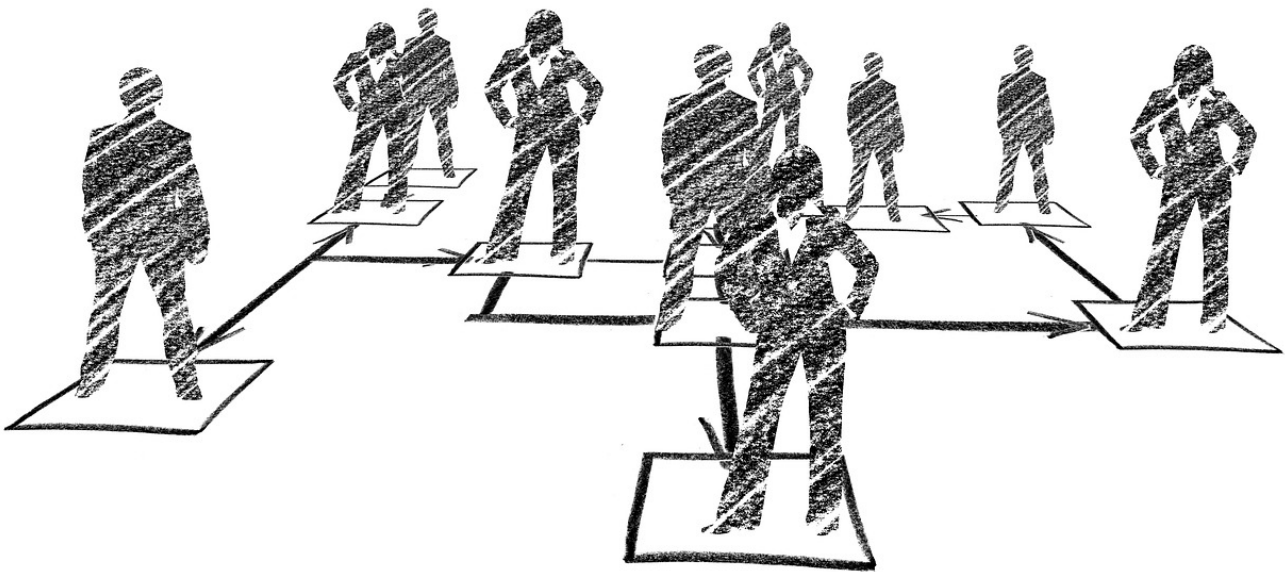
The synonyms of “Hierarchy” are: pecking order, power structure, ranking, grading, ladder, social order, social stratum, social scale, class system

Hierarchy as a Noun

Definitions of "Hierarchy" as a noun

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

- *The organization of people at different ranks in an administrative body.*
- *The upper echelons of a hierarchical system.*
- *A system in which members of an organization or society are ranked according to relative status or authority.*
- *A series of ordered groupings of people or things within a system.*
- *An arrangement or classification of things according to relative importance or inclusiveness.*
- *The traditional system of orders of angels and other heavenly beings.*
- *The clergy of the Catholic Church or of an episcopal Church.*



Synonyms of "Hierarchy" as a noun (9 Words)

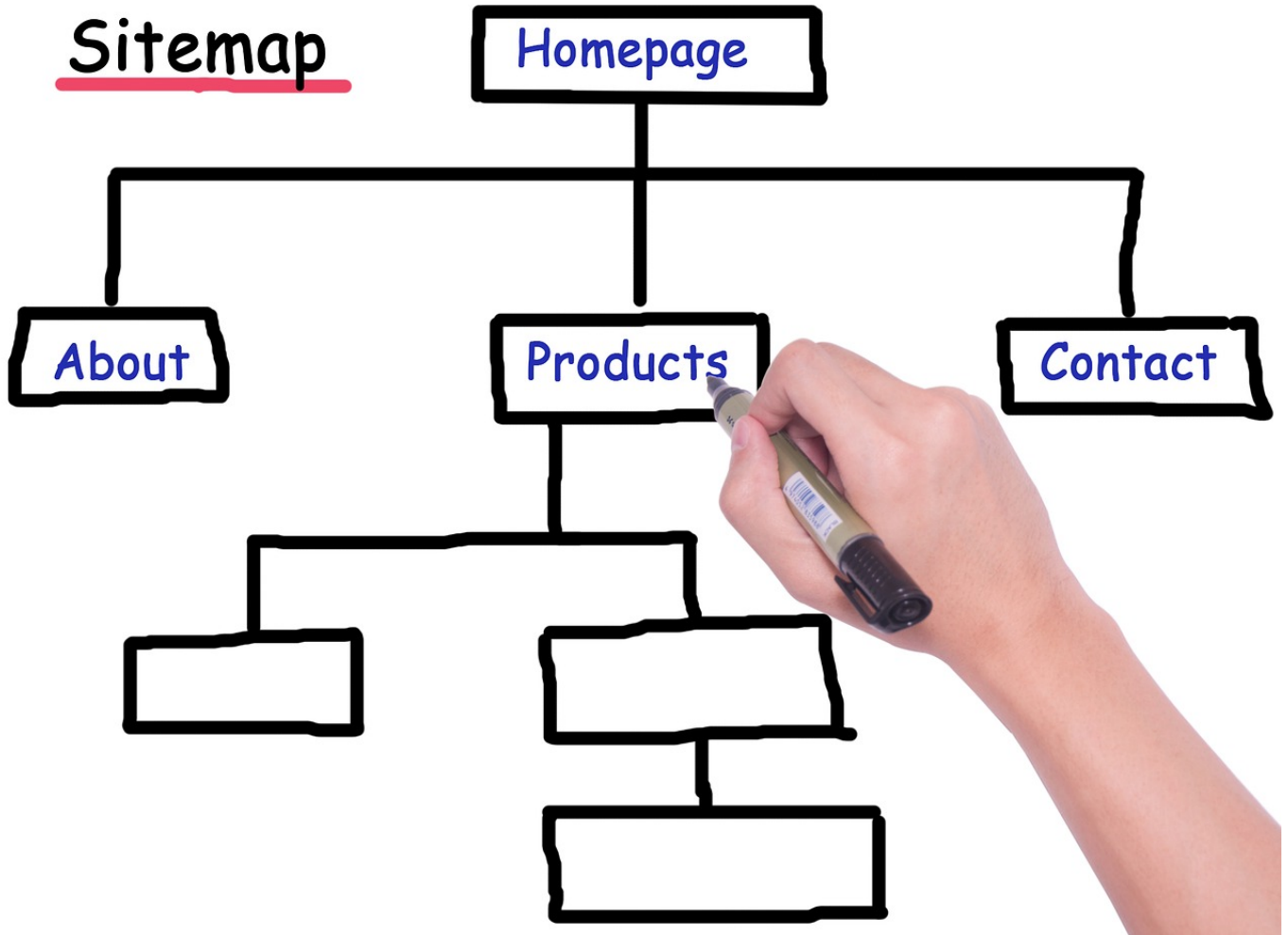
- class system** Education imparted in a series of lessons or meetings.
- grading** Evaluation of performance by assigning a grade or score.
*What he disliked about teaching was all the **grading** he had to do.*
- ladder** A piece of equipment consisting of a series of bars or steps between two upright lengths of wood, metal, or rope, used for climbing up or down something.
*He climbed the career **ladder**.*
- pecking order** A United States dry measure equal to 8 quarts or 537.605 cubic inches.
- power structure** Possession of controlling influence.
- ranking** The action or process of giving a specified rank to someone or something.
*The **ranking** of students.*
- social order** A party of people assembled to promote sociability and communal activity.

social scale	A party of people assembled to promote sociability and communal activity.
social stratum	A party of people assembled to promote sociability and communal activity.



Usage Examples of "Hierarchy" as a noun

- *The heavenly hierarchy.*
- *A taxonomic hierarchy of phyla, classes, orders, families, genera, and species.*
- *The magazine was read quite widely even by some of the hierarchy.*
- *The initiative was with those lower down in the hierarchy.*
- *The trend is to get away from hierarchy and control.*
- *Put honesty first in her hierarchy of values.*
- *The Roman Catholic hierarchy in Romania.*



Associations of "Hierarchy" (30 Words)

- authoritarian** An authoritarian person.
*The timid child of **authoritarian** parents.*
- autocracy** A political system governed by a single individual.
*The Grand Duchy of Tuscany was an **autocracy**.*
- bureaucratic** Relating to a system of government in which most of the important decisions are taken by state officials rather than by elected representatives.
*The scheme is overly **bureaucratic** and complex.*
- caste** The system of dividing society into castes.
*In both ants and termites the workers can include specialist **castes** such as soldiers.*

<u>citizen</u>	A native or naturalized member of a state or other political community. <i>A British citizen.</i>
<u>civilian</u>	Relating to civilians. <i>I talk to a lot of actresses and they say that civilians are scared of them.</i>
<u>colonialism</u>	The policy or practice of acquiring full or partial political control over another country, occupying it with settlers, and exploiting it economically. <i>The state apparatus that was dominant under colonialism.</i>
<u>country</u>	The people who live in a nation or country. <i>The country's largest manufacturer.</i>
demobilize	Retire from military service. <i>Germany demanded that they demobilize within twelve hours.</i>
discrimination	The ability to judge what is of high quality; good judgement or taste. <i>Discrimination learning.</i>
domineering	Tending to domineer. <i>How can I do my job with a domineering boss yelling in my ear.</i>
echelon	Arrange in an echelon formation. <i>The Task Force would take the left echeloned to be able to sweep in from the west.</i>
<u>ethnicity</u>	An ethnic quality or affiliation resulting from racial or cultural ties. <i>Ethnicity has a strong influence on community status relations.</i>
ethnographic	Of or relating to ethnography. <i>Ethnographic research in European border communities.</i>
<u>king</u>	One of the four playing cards in a deck bearing the picture of a king. <i>He'll start kinging it over the lot of us again.</i>
<u>nation</u>	The people who live in a nation or country. <i>A statement that sums up the nation's mood.</i>
<u>national</u>	A national newspaper as opposed to a local one. <i>A national newspaper.</i>
nationalism	Love of country and willingness to sacrifice for it. <i>Their nationalism is tempered by a desire to join the European Union.</i>
nationality	The status of belonging to a particular nation by birth or naturalization. <i>Such images define their sense of nationality.</i>
oligarchy	A country governed by an oligarchy. <i>The big cities were notoriously in the hands of the oligarchy of local businessmen.</i>
organizational	Of or relating to an organization. <i>The need for organizational change.</i>

patriotism	Love of country and willingness to sacrifice for it. <i>A highly decorated officer of unquestionable integrity and patriotism.</i>
people	Fill with people. <i>She is a favourite of the people.</i>
plutocracy	An elite or ruling class whose power derives from their wealth. <i>Officials were drawn from the new plutocracy.</i>
racism	Discriminatory or abusive behavior towards members of another race. <i>A programme to combat racism.</i>
rank	Assign a rank or rating to. <i>The strike was supported by the union rank and file.</i>
stratified	Deposited or arranged in horizontal layers. <i>Stratified rock.</i>
stratify	Of seeds be germinated by stratifying. <i>The residues have begun to stratify.</i>
system	A set of things working together as parts of a mechanism or an interconnecting network; a complex whole. <i>The body has a system of organs for digestion.</i>
tier	A level or grade within the hierarchy of an organization or system. <i>A three tier wedding cake.</i>

