

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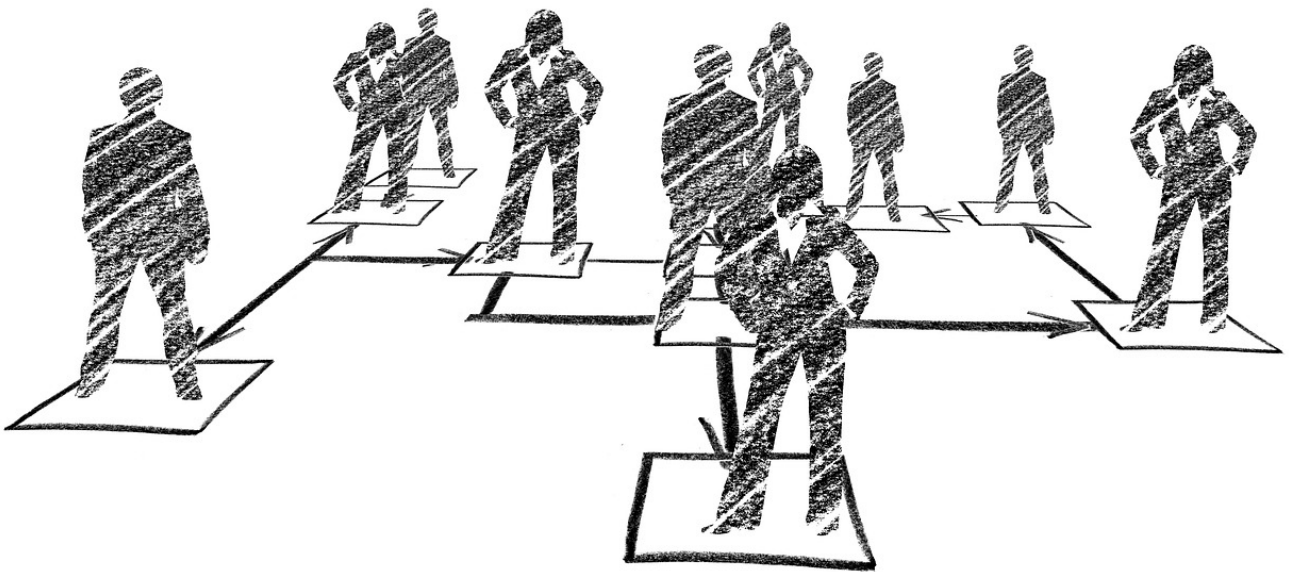
**The synonyms of “Hierarchy” are: pecking order, power structure, ranking, grading, ladder, social order, social stratum, social scale, class system**

## 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)

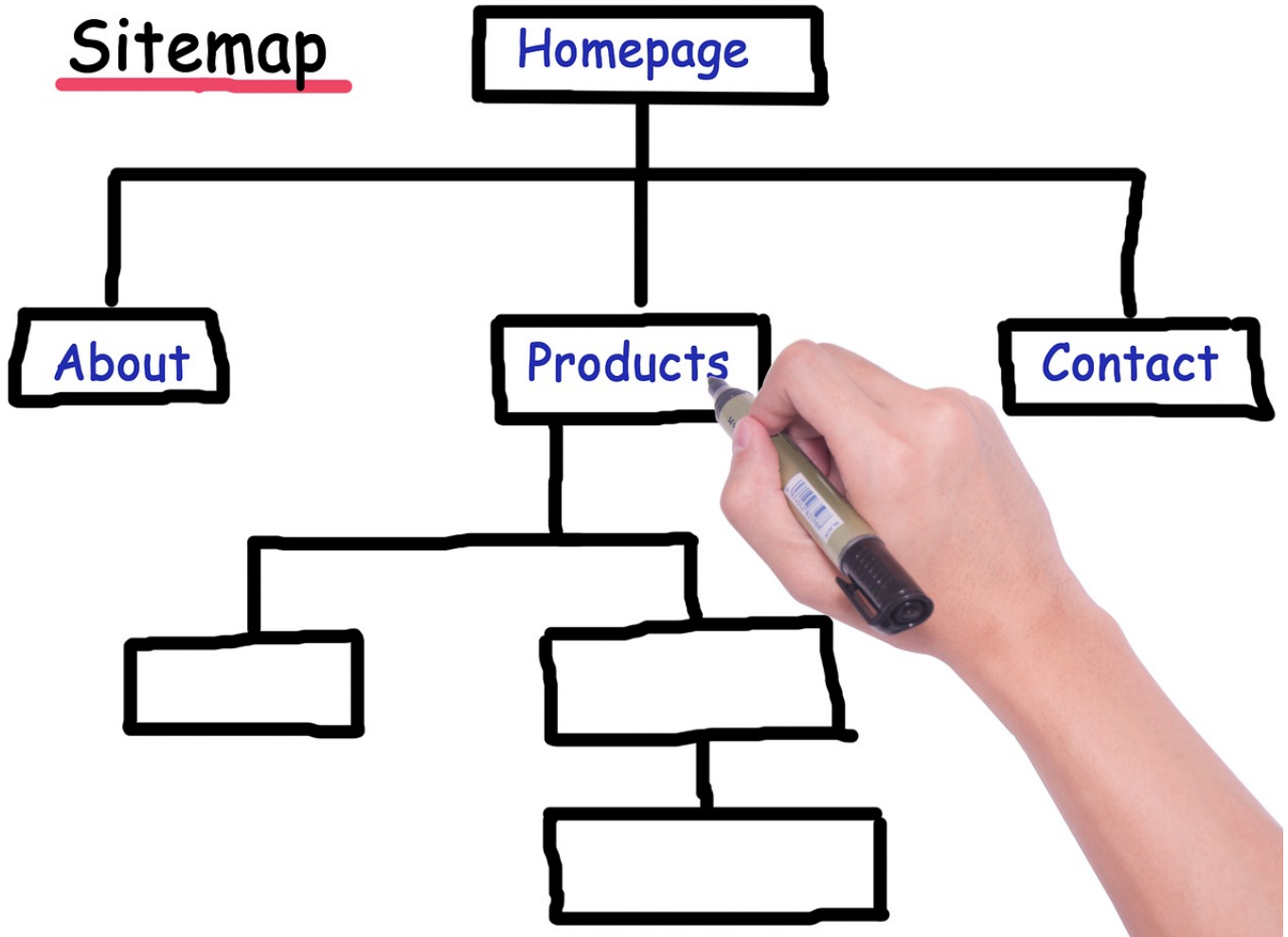
- class system** Education imparted in a series of lessons or meetings.
- grading** Evaluation of performance by assigning a grade or score.  
*What he disliked about teaching was all the **grading** he had to do.*
- ladder** A piece of equipment consisting of a series of bars or steps between two upright 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.

<b>social scale</b>	A party of people assembled to promote sociability and communal activity.
<b>social stratum</b>	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.*

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

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

