

Need another word that means the same as “hostile”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “hostile” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Hostile” are: uncongenial, unfriendly, antagonistic, aggressive, confrontational, belligerent, bellicose, pugnacious, militant, truculent, combative, warlike, opposed, averse, unsympathetic, antipathetic, inimical

Hostile as an Adjective

Definitions of "Hostile" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “hostile” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

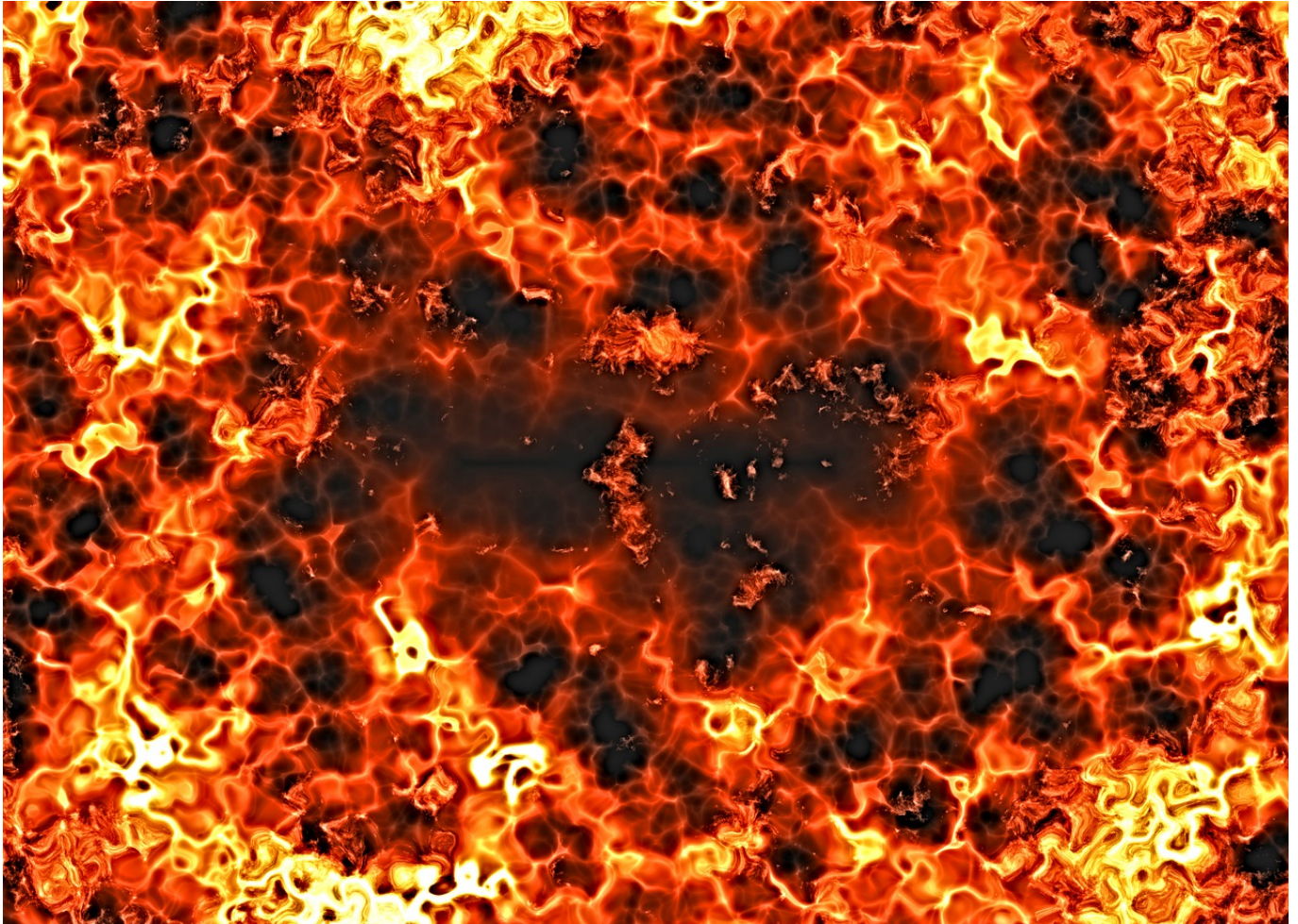
- *Unsolicited and resisted by the management of the target company (used of attempts to buy or take control of a business).*
- *Of or belonging to a military enemy.*
- *Opposed.*
- *Unsolicited and resisted by the management of the target company (used of attempts to buy or take control of a business).*
- *Impossible to bring into friendly accord.*
- *Not belonging to your own country's forces or those of an ally.*
- *(of a takeover bid) opposed by the company to be bought.*
- *Very unfavorable to life or growth.*
- *Characterized by enmity or ill will.*
- *Showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly.*



Synonyms of "Hostile" as an adjective (17 Words)

- aggressive** Ready or likely to attack or confront; characterized by or resulting from aggression.
*An **aggressive** basketball player.*
- antagonistic** Showing or feeling active opposition or hostility towards someone or something.
*He was **antagonistic** to the government s reforms.*
- antipathetic** Characterized by antagonism or antipathy.
***Antipathetic** factions within the party.*
- averse** Having a strong dislike of or opposition to something.
***Averse** to taking risks.*
- bellicose** Having or showing a ready disposition to fight.
***Bellicose** young officers.*
- belligerent** Engaged in a war or conflict, as recognized by international law.
***Belligerent** or warring nations.*

combative	Inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree, even to engage in law suits. <i>He made some enemies with his combative style.</i>
confrontational	Of or relating to confrontation. <i>He distanced himself from the confrontational approach adopted by his predecessor.</i>
inimical	Unfriendly; hostile. <i>An inimical critic.</i>
militant	Engaged in war. <i>Militant in fighting for better wages for workers.</i>
opposed	Being in opposition or having an opponent. <i>The agency is being asked to do two diametrically opposed things.</i>
pugnacious	Ready and able to resort to force or violence- Herman Melville. <i>His public statements became increasingly pugnacious.</i>
truculent	Defiantly aggressive. <i>A truculent speech against the new government.</i>
uncongenial	Not suitable to your tastes or needs. <i>The religious climate proved uncongenial to such ideas.</i>
unfriendly	Not disposed to friendship or friendliness. <i>An unfriendly act of aggression.</i>
unsympathetic	(of characters in literature or drama) tending to evoke antipathetic feelings. <i>A totally unsympathetic character.</i>
warlike	(of plans, preparations, or munitions) directed towards or prepared for war. <i>Warlike preparations could be made quickly.</i>



Usage Examples of "Hostile" as an adjective

- *Hostile bid.*
- *A hostile audience.*
- *Hostile takeover.*
- *Hostile aircraft.*
- *Hostile factions.*
- *He wrote a ferociously hostile attack.*
- *People are very hostile to the idea.*
- *A hostile nation.*
- *The brewery fought off a hostile takeover bid last year.*
- *A hostile remark.*
- *Hostile actions.*
- *A hostile climate.*

- *Hostile tender offer.*



Associations of "Hostile" (30 Words)

aggressive	Behaving or done in a determined and forceful way. <i>An aggressive businessman.</i>
antagonistic	Showing or feeling active opposition or hostility towards someone or something. <i>He was antagonistic to the government s reforms.</i>
attack	Attack someone physically or emotionally. <i>He launched a stinging attack on the Prime Minister.</i>
bellicose	Having or showing a ready disposition to fight. <i>A mood of bellicose jingoism.</i>
belligerent	Engaged in a war or conflict, as recognized by international law. <i>A conference of socialists from all belligerent countries.</i>
combative	Inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree, even to engage in law suits. <i>He made some enemies with his combative style.</i>
conflict	Be in conflict. <i>Doctors often come into conflict with politicians.</i>
<u>confrontational</u>	Tending to deal with situations in an aggressive way; hostile or argumentative. <i>He distanced himself from the confrontational approach adopted by his predecessor.</i>
<u>contentious</u>	Involving or likely to cause controversy- Tim W.Ferfuson. <i>A central and contentious element of the book.</i>
crossfire	Gunfire from two or more directions passing through the same area. <i>A photographer was killed in crossfire.</i>
<u>disapproving</u>	Expressing an unfavourable opinion. <i>He shot a disapproving glance at her.</i>
disputatious	Inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree, even to engage in law suits. <i>It s a congenial hang out for disputatious academics.</i>
<u>enemy</u>	A personal enemy. <i>Routine is the enemy of art.</i>
factious	Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion). <i>A factious country.</i>
<u>fiercely</u>	In a powerful and destructive manner. <i>They fought fiercely.</i>

<u>incompatible</u>	Not suitable to your tastes or needs. <i>All four prototype camcorders used special tapes and were incompatible with each other.</i>
inhospitable	(of an environment) harsh and difficult to live in. <i>The inhospitable landscape.</i>
inimical	Tending to obstruct or harm. <i>An inimical alien power.</i>
irreconcilable	Incapable of being resolved. <i>These two views of the economy are irreconcilable.</i>
litigious	Inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree, even to engage in law suits. <i>Our increasingly litigious society.</i>
<u>militant</u>	A militant reformer. <i>Militant in fighting for better wages for workers.</i>
overtly	Without concealment or secrecy; openly. <i>Some of the narrative is overtly sexual.</i>
pugnacious	Tough and callous by virtue of experience. <i>Pugnacious spirits lamented that there was so little prospect of an exhilarating disturbance.</i>
quarrelsome	Given to quarreling. <i>A moody quarrelsome man.</i>
<u>reckless</u>	Heedless of danger or the consequences of one's actions; rash or impetuous. <i>Reckless driving.</i>
<u>unfavorable</u>	(of winds or weather) tending to hinder or oppose. <i>Unfavorable conditions.</i>
<u>unfriendly</u>	Not disposed to friendship or friendliness. <i>The unfriendly environment at high altitudes.</i>
violent	Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions inclined to react violently fervid. <i>A violent noise.</i>
<u>warlike</u>	Disposed to warfare or hard-line policies. <i>Warlike policies.</i>
<u>warring</u>	(of two or more people or groups) in conflict with each other. <i>Warring factions.</i>

