

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)

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

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

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

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



