

Need another word that means the same as “hostility”? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for “hostility” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Hostility” are: enmity, ill will, antagonism, aggression, unfriendliness, bitterness, malevolence, malice, unkindness, spite, spitefulness, rancour, rancorousness, venom, wrath, anger, hatred, opposition, animosity, antipathy, animus, ill feeling, bad feeling, resentment, aversion, fighting, conflict, combat, warfare, war, bloodshed, violence, action, military action, battles, strife**

## Hostility as a Noun

### Definitions of "Hostility" as a noun

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

- *Acts of warfare.*
- *A state of deep-seated ill-will.*
- *Violent action that is hostile and usually unprovoked.*
- *A hostile (very unfriendly) disposition.*
- *Hostile behaviour; unfriendliness or opposition.*
- *The feeling of a hostile person.*



## Synonyms of "Hostility" as a noun (36 Words)

- action** An act by a government body or supranational organization.  
*A man of **action**.*
- aggression** Violent action that is hostile and usually unprovoked.  
*He called for an end to foreign **aggression** against his country.*
- anger** A strong emotion; a feeling that is oriented toward some real or supposed grievance.  
*She could barely restrain her **anger** at this comment.*
- animosity** Strong hostility.  
*He no longer felt any **animosity** towards her.*
- [animus](#)** A feeling of ill will arousing active hostility.  
*The reformist **animus** came from within the Party.*
- antagonism** A state of deep-seated ill-will.  
*The **antagonism** between them.*

<b>antipathy</b>	A feeling of intense dislike. <i>Cats were his greatest <b>antipathy</b>.</i>
<b>aversion</b>	A person or thing that arouses strong feelings of dislike. <i>My dog s pet <b>aversion</b> is visitors particularly males.</i>
<b>bad feeling</b>	That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.
<b>battles</b>	An energetic attempt to achieve something. <i>Grant won a decisive victory in the battle of Chickamauga.</i>
<b>bitterness</b>	A feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will. <i>The lime juice imparts a slight <b>bitterness</b>.</i>
<b>bloodshed</b>	The shedding of blood resulting in murder. <i>He avenged the <b>bloodshed</b> of his kinsmen.</i>
<b>combat</b>	Non-violent conflict or opposition. <i>A <b>combat</b> zone.</i>
<b>conflict</b>	Opposition in a work of drama or fiction between characters or forces (especially an opposition that motivates the development of the plot). <i>A <b>conflict</b> of loyalties.</i>
<b>enmity</b>	The feeling of a hostile person. <i>Decades of <b>enmity</b> between the two countries.</i>
<b>fighting</b>	The action of fighting violence or conflict. <i>Terrible <b>fighting</b> broke out in the streets.</i>
<b>hatred</b>	The emotion of intense dislike; a feeling of dislike so strong that it demands action. <i>His murderous <b>hatred</b> of his brother.</i>
<b>ill feeling</b>	An often persistent bodily disorder or disease; a cause for complaining.
<b>ill will</b>	An often persistent bodily disorder or disease; a cause for complaining.
<b>malevolence</b>	Wishing evil to others. <i>His eyes were glowing with <b>malevolence</b>.</i>
<b>malice</b>	Feeling a need to see others suffer. <i>I bear no <b>malice</b> towards anybody.</i>
<b>military action</b>	The military forces of a nation.
<b>opposition</b>	The relation between opposed entities. <i>The invaders encountered stiff <b>opposition</b>.</i>
<b>rancorousness</b>	A feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will.
<b>rancour</b>	Bitterness or resentfulness, especially when long standing. <i>He spoke without <b>rancour</b>.</i>
<b>resentment</b>	Bitter indignation at having been treated unfairly. <i>Some people harbour <b>resentments</b> going back many years.</i>

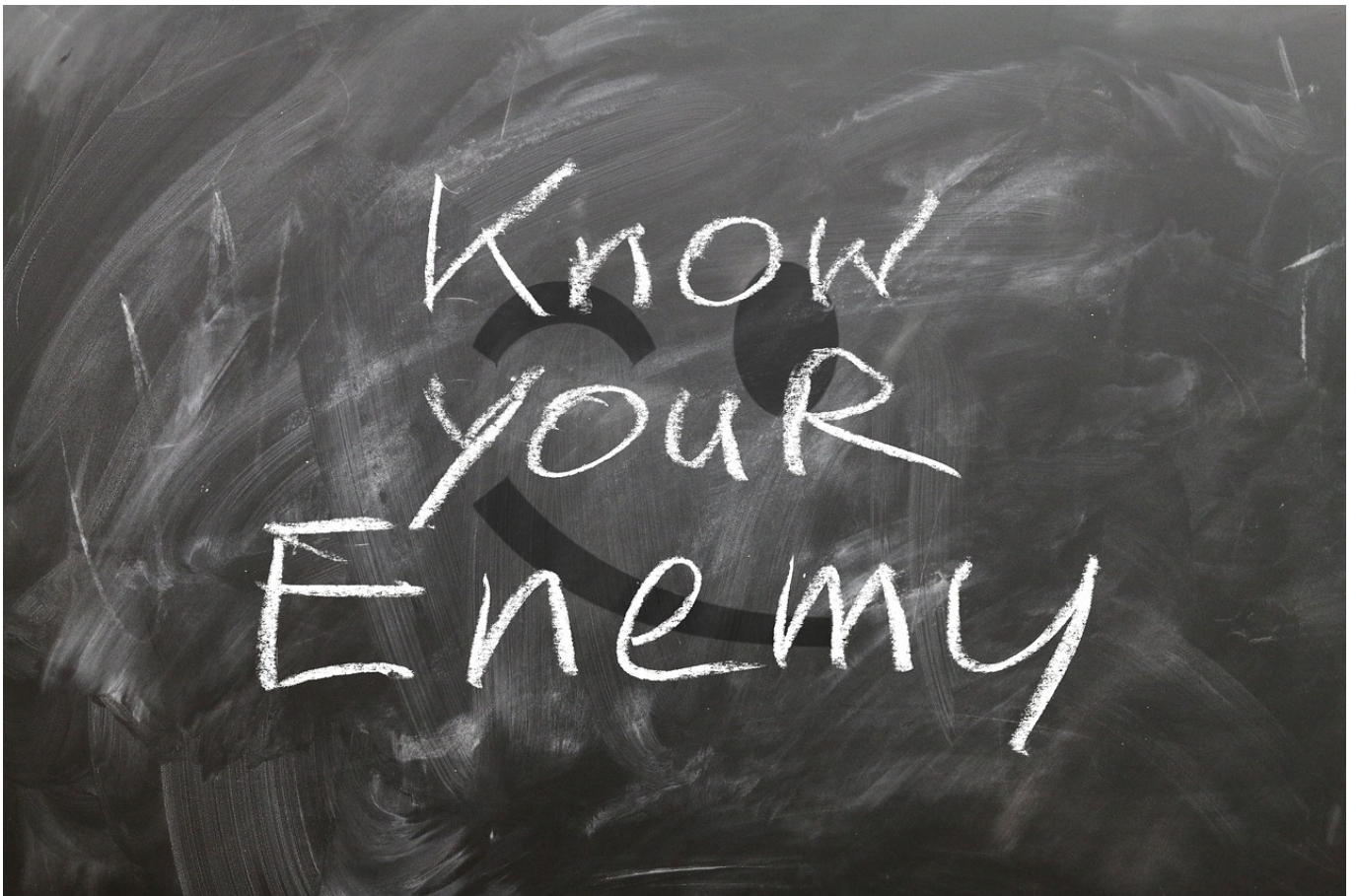
<b><u>spite</u></b>	Malevolence by virtue of being malicious or spiteful or nasty. <i>It seemed as if the wind had a <b>spite</b> at her.</i>
<b>spitefulness</b>	Feeling a need to see others suffer.
<b>strife</b>	Trouble or difficulty of any kind. <i><b>Strife</b> within the community.</i>
<b>unfriendliness</b>	Dislike experienced as an absence of friendliness.
<b>unkindness</b>	Lack of sympathy. <i>She had had enough of her father s <b>unkindness</b>.</i>
<b>venom</b>	A poisonous substance secreted by animals such as snakes, spiders, and scorpions and typically injected into prey or aggressors by biting or stinging. <i>Her true <b>venom</b> seems reserved for the media itself.</i>
<b>violence</b>	Strength of emotion or of a destructive natural force. <i>The storm s <b>violence</b>.</i>
<b><u>war</u></b>	A legal state created by a declaration of war and ended by official declaration during which the international rules of war apply. <i>She was at <b>war</b> with her parents.</i>
<b><u>warfare</u></b>	The waging of armed conflict against an enemy. <i>Guerrilla <b>warfare</b>.</i>
<b><u>wrath</u></b>	Extreme anger. <i>He hid his pipe for fear of incurring his father s <b>wrath</b>.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Hostility" as a noun

- *He could not conceal his hostility.*
- *He called for an immediate cessation of hostilities.*
- *He could no longer contain his hostility.*
- *Their hostility to all outsiders.*



## Associations of "Hostility" (30 Words)

- abhor** Find repugnant.  
*She **abhors** cats.*
- acrimony** A rough and bitter manner.  
*The AGM dissolved into **acrimony**.*
- aggression** A feeling of hostility that arouses thoughts of attack.  
*The sheer volume and **aggression** of his playing.*

<b>aggressive</b>	Behaving or done in a determined and forceful way. <i>An <b>aggressive</b> businessman.</i>
<b>anger</b>	Fill someone with anger provoke anger in. <i>I was <b>angered</b> to receive a further letter from them.</i>
<b>animosity</b>	Strong hostility. <i>He no longer felt any <b>animosity</b> towards her.</i>
<b>antagonism</b>	An actively expressed feeling of dislike and hostility. <i>His <b>antagonism</b> towards the local people.</i>
<b>contemn</b>	Treat or regard with contempt. <i>It lay in Deronda's nature usually to <b>contemn</b> the feeble.</i>
<b>contempt</b>	A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous. <i>Pam stared at the girl with total <b>contempt</b>.</i>
<b>despise</b>	Feel contempt or a deep repugnance for. <i>He <b>despised</b> himself for being selfish.</i>
<b>despite</b>	Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike. <i>The <b>despite</b> in which outsiders were held is legendary.</i>
<b>disaffection</b>	A state or feeling of being dissatisfied, especially with people in authority or a system of control. <i>There is growing <b>disaffection</b> with large corporations.</i>
<b>discourtesy</b>	Rude and inconsiderate behaviour. <i>The fact that MPs were not kept informed was an extraordinary <b>discourtesy</b>.</i>
<b>disgust</b>	Cause aversion in; offend the moral sense of. <i>Some of the audience walked out in <b>disgust</b>.</i>
<b>disrespect</b>	A disrespectful mental attitude. <i>A young brave who <b>disrespects</b> his elders.</i>
<b>enmity</b>	A state or feeling of active opposition or hostility. <i>Decades of <b>enmity</b> between the two countries.</i>
<b>feud</b>	Carry out a feud. <i>Hoover <b>feuded</b> with the CIA for decades.</i>
<b>fiercely</b>	In an emotionally fierce manner. <i>The wind was blowing <b>fiercely</b>.</i>
<b>flout</b>	Openly disregard (a rule, law, or convention). <i>The advertising code is being <b>flouted</b>.</i>
<b>grudge</b>	Bear a grudge harbor ill feelings. <i>He <b>grudged</b> the work and time that the meeting involved.</i>
<b>hatred</b>	Intense dislike; hate. <i>His murderous <b>hatred</b> of his brother.</i>

<b>malice</b>	Wrongful intention, especially as increasing the guilt of certain offences. <i>I bear no <b>malice</b> towards anybody.</i>
<b>pout</b>	A pouting expression. <i>She lounged on the steps <b>pouting</b>.</i>
<b>rage</b>	Feel or express violent uncontrollable anger. <i>The great cholera epidemic which <b>raged</b> across Europe in 1831.</i>
<b>rancour</b>	Bitterness or resentfulness, especially when long standing. <i>He spoke without <b>rancour</b>.</i>
<b>repugnance</b>	The relation between propositions that cannot both be true at the same time. <i>Our <b>repugnance</b> at the bleeding carcasses.</i>
<b>revulsion</b>	A sense of disgust and loathing. <i>News of the attack will be met with sorrow and <b>revulsion</b>.</i>
<b>scorn</b>	Open disrespect for a person or thing. <i>I do not wish to become the object of <b>scorn</b>.</i>
<b>tantrum</b>	A display of bad temper. <i>She threw a <b>tantrum</b>.</i>
<b>undisguised</b>	(of a feeling) not disguised or concealed; open. <i><b>Undisguised</b> curiosity.</i>



