

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.*

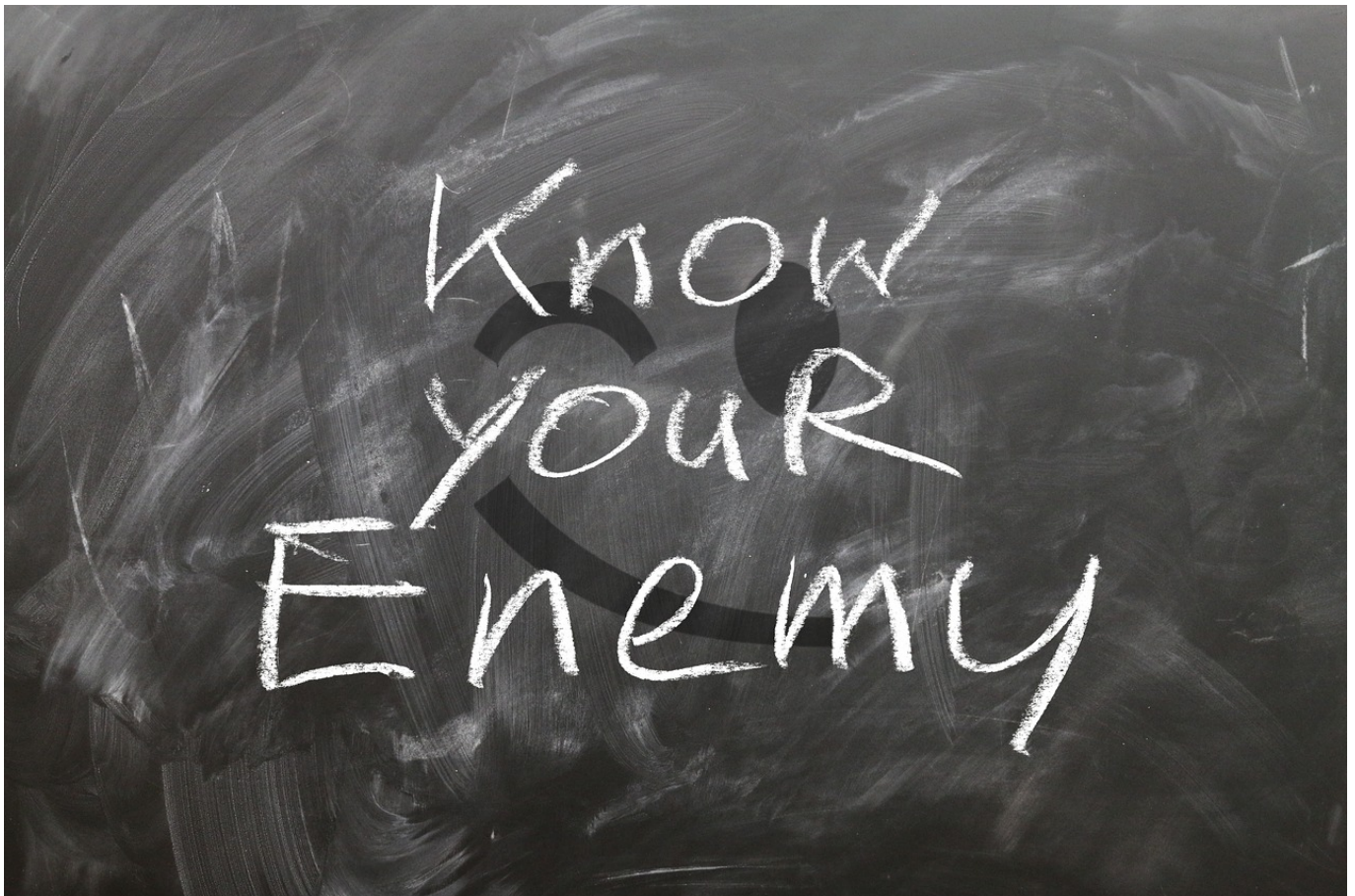
antipathy	A feeling of intense dislike. <i>Cats were his greatest antipathy.</i>
aversion	A person or thing that arouses strong feelings of dislike. <i>My dog s pet aversion is visitors particularly males.</i>
bad feeling	That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.
battles	An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

<u>spite</u>	Malevolence by virtue of being malicious or spiteful or nasty. <i>It seemed as if the wind had a spite at her.</i>
spitefulness	Feeling a need to see others suffer.
strife	Trouble or difficulty of any kind. <i>Strife within the community.</i>
unfriendliness	Dislike experienced as an absence of friendliness.
unkindness	Lack of sympathy. <i>She had had enough of her father s unkindness.</i>
venom	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 venom seems reserved for the media itself.</i>
violence	Strength of emotion or of a destructive natural force. <i>The storm s violence.</i>
<u>war</u>	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 war with her parents.</i>
<u>warfare</u>	The waging of armed conflict against an enemy. <i>Guerrilla warfare.</i>
<u>wrath</u>	Extreme anger. <i>He hid his pipe for fear of incurring his father s wrath.</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.*

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

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

