

Need another word that means the same as “hurdle”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “hurdle” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Hurdle” are:** vault, obstacle, difficulty, problem, barrier, bar, snag, stumbling block, impediment, obstruction, complication, handicap, hindrance, fence, jump, barricade, railing, rail, wall, hedge, hedgerow, jump over, leap, leap over, skip, skip over, leapfrog, spring over, bound over, sail over, clear

## Hurdle as a Noun

### Definitions of "Hurdle" as a noun

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

- *The act of jumping over an obstacle.*
- *A frame on which traitors were dragged to execution.*
- *A portable rectangular frame strengthened with withies or wooden bars, used as a temporary fence.*
- *A hurdle race.*
- *An obstacle that you are expected to overcome.*
- *A light movable barrier that competitors must leap over in certain races.*
- *One of a series of upright frames over which athletes in a race must jump.*
- *A horse race over a series of hurdles.*
- *A problem or difficulty that must be overcome.*



## Synonyms of "Hurdle" as a noun (21 Words)

### bar

Barristers collectively.

*He bought a hot dog and a coke at the **bar**.*

### **barricade**

A barrier set up by police to stop traffic on a street or road in order to catch a fugitive or inspect traffic etc.

*The police action led to riots with hundreds of demonstrators building **barricades** and burning vehicles.*

### **barrier**

Anything serving to maintain separation by obstructing vision or access.

*The mountain **barrier** between Norway and Sweden.*

### complication

The act or process of complicating.

*To add further **complication** English speakers use a different name.*

<b>difficulty</b>	A factor causing trouble in achieving a positive result or tending to produce a negative result. <i>They agreed about the <b>difficulty</b> of the climb.</i>
<b>fence</b>	A person who deals in stolen goods.
<b>handicap</b>	A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed. <i>He plays off a <b>handicap</b> of 10.</i>
<b>hedge</b>	A fence or boundary formed by closely growing bushes or shrubs. <i>Index linked gilts are a useful <b>hedge</b> against inflation.</i>
<b>hedgerow</b>	A fence formed by a row of closely planted shrubs or bushes.
<b>hindrance</b>	A thing that provides resistance, delay, or obstruction to something or someone. <i>A <b>hindrance</b> to the development process.</i>
<b>impediment</b>	A hindrance or obstruction in doing something. <i>A serious <b>impediment</b> to scientific progress.</i>
<b>jump</b>	An obstacle to be jumped especially by a horse and rider in an equestrian competition. <i>The horse made a nonsense of the second <b>jump</b>.</i>
<b>obstacle</b>	Something immaterial that stands in the way and must be circumvented or surmounted. <i>Lack of imagination is an <b>obstacle</b> to one's advancement.</i>
<b>obstruction</b>	The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction. <i>He was charged with <b>obstruction</b> of a police officer in the execution of his duty.</i>
<b>problem</b>	A thing that is difficult to achieve. <i>A <b>problem</b> family.</i>
<b>rail</b>	A steel bar or continuous line of bars laid on the ground as one of a pair forming a railway track. <i>A curtain <b>rail</b>.</i>
<b>railing</b>	A barrier consisting of a horizontal bar and supports. <i>Wrought iron <b>railings</b>.</i>
<b>snag</b>	A rent or tear in fabric caused by a snag. <i>She had <b>snags</b> in her stockings.</i>
<b>stumbling block</b>	An unintentional but embarrassing blunder.
<b>vault</b>	An arched brick or stone ceiling or roof. <i>A Gothic ribbed <b>vault</b>.</i>



## wall

Anything that suggests a wall in structure or function or effect.  
*He curled a free kick around the **wall** for a late equalizer.*



## Usage Examples of "Hurdle" as a noun

- *Many would like to emigrate to the United States, but face formidable hurdles.*
- *The last hurdle before graduation.*
- *The 100 m hurdles.*
- *A handicap hurdle.*
- *A hurdle race.*



## Hurdle as a Verb

### Definitions of "Hurdle" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "hurdle" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Take part in a hurdle race.*
- *Enclose or fence off with hurdles.*
- *Jump over (a hurdle or other obstacle) while running.*
- *Jump a hurdle.*





## Synonyms of "Hurdle" as a verb (11 Words)

<b>bound over</b>	Spring back; spring away from an impact.
<b><u>clear</u></b>	Clear from impurities blemishes pollution etc. <i>I would hope to <b>clear</b> 50 000 profit from each match.</i>
<b>jump</b>	Cause to jump or leap. <i>He <b>jumped</b> twenty five feet to the ground.</i>
<b>jump over</b>	Run off or leave the rails.
<b><u>leap</u></b>	Move forward by leaps and bounds. <i>Peter <b>leapt</b> the last few stairs.</i>
<b>leap over</b>	Pass abruptly from one state or topic to another.
<b>leapfrog</b>	Progress by large jumps instead of small increments. <i>Attempts to <b>leapfrog</b> the barriers of class.</i>
<b>sail over</b>	Traverse or travel on (a body of water.
<b><u>skip</u></b>	Cause to skip over a surface. <i>She <b>skipped</b> her home amid rumours of a romance.</i>
<b>skip over</b>	Cause to skip over a surface.
<b>spring over</b>	Produce or disclose suddenly or unexpectedly.



## Usage Examples of "Hurdle" as a verb

- *All 450 runners had hurdled the barriers.*
- *A maze of individual hurdled pens.*
- *This gelding hurdled fluently.*





## Associations of "Hurdle" (30 Words)

<b>barricade</b>	Block or defend with a barricade. <i>They <b>barricaded</b> the building and occupied it all night.</i>
<b>barrier</b>	Anything serving to maintain separation by obstructing vision or access. <i>The cultural <b>barriers</b> to economic growth.</i>
<b>deceleration</b>	The act of decelerating; decreasing the speed. <i>The <b>deceleration</b> of the arms race.</i>
<b>deterrent</b>	A thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something. <i>Britain's nuclear <b>deterrent</b>.</i>
<b>difficulty</b>	A condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and requiring great effort to bear or overcome. <i>Guy had no <b>difficulty</b> in making friends.</i>

<b><u>disrupt</u></b>	Make a break in. <i>If an explosion of volcanic steam had formed the crater the blast from below would have <b>disrupted</b> the underlying rock.</i>
<b><u>distraction</u></b>	An obstacle to attention. <i>The firm found passenger travel a <b>distraction</b> from the main business of moving freight.</i>
<b>hie</b>	Go quickly. <i>I <b>hied</b> me to a winehouse.</i>
<b>hinderance</b>	The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding.
<b><u>hindrance</u></b>	The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding. <i>A <b>hindrance</b> to the development process.</i>
<b><u>hustle</u></b>	Pressure or urge someone into an action. <i>The secret service agents <b>hustled</b> the speaker out of the amphitheater.</i>
<b>impassable</b>	Impossible to travel along or over. <i>The narrow channels are <b>impassable</b> to ocean going ships.</i>
<b><u>impediment</u></b>	Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress. <i>A serious <b>impediment</b> to scientific progress.</i>
<b>inconvenience</b>	To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>The <b>inconveniences</b> of life in a remote city.</i>
<b>insuperable</b>	(of a difficulty or obstacle) impossible to overcome. <i><b>Insuperable</b> heroes.</i>
<b>insupportable</b>	Unable to be endured; intolerable. <i>The heat was <b>insupportable</b>.</i>
<b>jump</b>	An act of jumping from a surface by pushing upwards with one's legs and feet. <i>Gordon <b>jumped</b> to my defence.</i>
<b><u>might</u></b>	Used tentatively to ask permission or to express a polite request. <i><b>Might</b> I just ask one question.</i>
<b>obstacle</b>	An obstruction that stands in the way (and must be removed or surmounted or circumvented). <i>Lack of imagination is an <b>obstacle</b> to one's advancement.</i>
<b><u>obstruction</u></b>	The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction. <i>The tractor hit an <b>obstruction</b>.</i>
<b><u>pitfall</u></b>	A trap in the form of a concealed hole. <i>The <b>pitfalls</b> of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
<b>puissance</b>	Great power, influence, or prowess. <i>The <b>puissance</b> of the labor vote.</i>



<b>retardation</b>	Any agent that retards or delays or hinders. <i>The goals of treatment include <b>retardation</b> of disease progression.</i>
<b>rush</b>	Cause to move fast or to rush or race. <i>How much did they <b>rush</b> you for this heap.</i>
<b>slowdown</b>	The act of slowing down or falling behind. <i>The drop in earnings was due to an extreme economic <b>slowdown</b>.</i>
<b>snag</b>	A rent or tear in fabric caused by a snag. <i>Thorns <b>snagged</b> his sweater.</i>
<u>sprint</u>	Run very fast, usually for a short distance. <i>A <b>sprint</b> planning session.</i>
<b>stumble</b>	Miss a step and fall or nearly fall. <i>He parodied my groping <b>stumble</b> across the stage.</i>
<u>stutter</u>	A tendency to stutter while speaking. <i>A machine gun shattered the quiet with its explosive <b>stutter</b>.</i>

