

Need another word that means the same as “illness”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “illness” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Illness” are: malady, sickness, unwellness, disease, ailment, disorder, complaint, affliction, attack, infection, contagion, disability, indisposition

Illness as a Noun

Definitions of "Illness" as a noun

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

- *Impairment of normal physiological function affecting part or all of an organism.*
- *A disease or period of sickness affecting the body or mind.*



Synonyms of "Illness" as a noun (13 Words)

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| affliction | An instance of one celestial body afflicting another. <i>A crippling affliction of the nervous system.</i> |
| <u>ailment</u> | An illness, typically a minor one. <i>The doctor diagnosed a common stomach ailment.</i> |
| attack | The act of attacking. <i>Open to attack by the elements.</i> |
| complaint | (formerly) a loud cry (or repeated cries) of pain or rage or sorrow. <i>She is receiving treatment for her skin complaint.</i> |
| contagion | A disease spread by close contact. <i>A contagion of mirth.</i> |
| <u>disability</u> | The condition of being unable to perform as a consequence of physical or mental unfitness. <i>The plaintiff was under a disability.</i> |

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| disease | An impairment of health or a condition of abnormal functioning. <i>We are suffering from the British disease of self deprecation.</i> |
| disorder | The breakdown of peaceful and law-abiding public behaviour. <i>The files are in complete disorder.</i> |
| indisposition | Mild illness. <i>She was chiefly confined by indisposition to her bedroom.</i> |
| infection | The invasion of the body by pathogenic microorganisms and their multiplication which can lead to tissue damage and disease. <i>The infection of his enthusiasm for poetry.</i> |
| malady | A disease or ailment. <i>An incurable malady.</i> |
| sickness | The state that precedes vomiting. <i>A great sickness of his judgment.</i> |
| unwellness | Impairment of normal physiological function affecting part or all of an organism. |



Usage Examples of "Illness" as a noun

- *I've never missed a day's work through illness.*
- *He died after a long illness.*



Associations of "Illness" (30 Words)

bipolar

Of a person suffering from bipolar disorder.
***Bipolar** species.*

blight

Cause to suffer a blight.
*Her remorse could be a **blight** on that happiness.*

canker

Of a plant or part of a plant become infected with canker.
*Secondary infections of **canker** and coccidiosis.*

contagious

Easily diffused or spread as from one person to another.
*It is a relatively new disease and very **contagious**.*

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| convalescence | Time spent recovering from an illness or medical treatment; recuperation. <i>I had a long convalescence ahead.</i> |
| debilitating | (of a disease or condition) making someone very weak and infirm. <i>The debilitating effects of underinvestment.</i> |
| diagnose | Identify the nature of (an illness or other problem) by examination of the symptoms. <i>20 000 men are diagnosed with skin cancer every year.</i> |
| disease | A particular quality or disposition regarded as adversely affecting a person or group of people. <i>We are suffering from the British disease of self deprecation.</i> |
| epidemic | Of the nature of an epidemic. <i>An epidemic of violent crime.</i> |
| epilepsy | A disorder of the central nervous system characterized by loss of consciousness and convulsions. |
| epizootic | An outbreak of an epizootic disease. <i>Epizootic diseases in domestic livestock.</i> |
| flu | Influenza. <i>She was in bed with flu.</i> |
| healer | A person or thing that mends or repairs something. <i>Time is the best healer.</i> |
| hospitalization | Admission to hospital for treatment. <i>He hoped to avoid the expense of hospitalization.</i> |
| ill | Presaging ill fortune P B Shelley. <i>Ill predictions.</i> |
| infectious | Of or relating to infection. <i>Fear is exceedingly infectious children catch it from their elders.</i> |
| insane | Astonishingly good or impressive; amazing. <i>Was declared insane.</i> |
| osteopath | A therapist who manipulates the skeleton and muscles. |
| outpatient | A patient who does not reside in the hospital where he is being treated. <i>An outpatient clinic.</i> |
| pandemic | An outbreak of a pandemic disease. <i>Pandemic fear of nuclear war.</i> |

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| <u>paranoia</u> | A mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically worked into an organized system. It may be an aspect of chronic personality disorder, of drug abuse, or of a serious condition such as schizophrenia in which the person loses touch with reality. <i>Mild paranoia afflicts all prime ministers.</i> |
| <u>paranoid</u> | A person who is paranoid. <i>You think I m paranoid but I tell you there is something going on.</i> |
| paroxysm | A sudden uncontrollable attack. <i>Paroxysms of ataxia and shaking.</i> |
| pestilence | A serious (sometimes fatal) infection of rodents caused by Yersinia pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal. <i>Neither prayers nor demonstrations halted the advance of the pestilence.</i> |
| pestilential | Likely to spread and cause an epidemic disease- Jonathan Swift. <i>The tsetse flies that are so pestilential in tropical Africa.</i> |
| psychiatrist | A physician who specializes in psychiatry. |
| recover | Get or find back recover the use of. <i>Bring the firelock to the recover.</i> |
| <u>recuperate</u> | Restore to good health or strength. <i>They will seek to recuperate the returns that go with investment.</i> |
| schizophrenia | A long-term mental disorder of a type involving a breakdown in the relation between thought, emotion, and behaviour, leading to faulty perception, inappropriate actions and feelings, withdrawal from reality and personal relationships into fantasy and delusion, and a sense of mental fragmentation. <i>Gibraltar s schizophrenia continues to be fed by colonial pride.</i> |
| <u>therapist</u> | A person who treats psychological problems a psychotherapist. <i>Cost is one factor keeping them from the therapist s couch.</i> |

