

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> |
| <u>malady</u> | 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> |
| <u>debilitating</u> | (of a disease or condition) making someone very weak and infirm. <i>The debilitating effects of underinvestment.</i> |
| <u>diagnose</u> | 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> |
| <u>epidemic</u> | 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> |
| <u>healer</u> | 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> |
| <u>ill</u> | 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> |
| <u>insane</u> | 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> | <p>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.</p> <p>Mild paranoia afflicts all prime ministers.</p> |
| <u>paranoid</u> | <p>A person who is paranoid.</p> <p>You think I m paranoid but I tell you there is something going on.</p> |
| paroxysm | <p>A sudden uncontrollable attack.</p> <p>Paroxysms of ataxia and shaking.</p> |
| pestilence | <p>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.</p> <p>Neither prayers nor demonstrations halted the advance of the pestilence.</p> |
| pestilential | <p>Likely to spread and cause an epidemic disease- Jonathan Swift.</p> <p>The tsetse flies that are so pestilential in tropical Africa.</p> |
| psychiatrist | <p>A physician who specializes in psychiatry.</p> |
| recover | <p>Get or find back recover the use of.</p> <p>Bring the firelock to the recover.</p> |
| <u>recuperate</u> | <p>Restore to good health or strength.</p> <p>They will seek to recuperate the returns that go with investment.</p> |
| schizophrenia | <p>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.</p> <p>Gibraltar s schizophrenia continues to be fed by colonial pride.</p> |
| <u>therapist</u> | <p>A person who treats psychological problems a psychotherapist.</p> <p>Cost is one factor keeping them from the therapist s couch.</p> |

