

Need another word that means the same as “impediment”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “impediment” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Impediment” are: impedimenta, obstructor, obstruction, obstructor, balk, baulk, check, deterrent, handicap, hinderance, hindrance, obstacle, barrier, bar, block, curb, brake, restraint, restriction, limitation, encumbrance, speech defect, speech impediment, stammer, stutter, lisp

Impediment as a Noun

Definitions of "Impediment" as a noun

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

- *Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress.*
- *A hindrance or obstruction in doing something.*
- *Any structure that makes progress difficult.*
- *A defect in a person's speech, such as a lisp or stammer.*



Synonyms of "Impediment" as a noun (26 Words)

balk	The area on a billiard table behind the balkline. <i>A balk of timber.</i>
bar	A barrier or restriction to an action or advance. <i>He bought a hot dog and a coke at the bar.</i>
barrier	Any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective. <i>The mountain barrier between Norway and Sweden.</i>
balk	Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress.
block	A starting block. <i>Jackson jetted out of his blocks.</i>
brake	An area thickly overgrown usually with one kind of plant. <i>He slammed on his brakes.</i>

check	A move by which a piece or pawn directly attacks the opponent's king and by which the king may be checkmated. <i>They made a check of their equipment.</i>
curb	An edge between a sidewalk and a roadway consisting of a line of curbstones usually forming part of a gutter. <i>Plans to introduce tougher curbs on insider dealing.</i>
deterrent	A thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something. <i>Cameras are a major deterrent to crime.</i>
encumbrance	An impediment or burden. <i>For parents childhood is too long a period of encumbrance.</i>
handicap	A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed. <i>Not being able to drive was something of a handicap.</i>
hinderance	Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome.
<u>hindrance</u>	A thing that provides resistance, delay, or obstruction to something or someone. <i>The visitor can wander around without hindrance.</i>
impedimenta	Equipment for an activity or expedition, especially when considered as bulky or an encumbrance. <i>She collected her briefcase and other impedimenta.</i>
limitation	The quality of being limited or restricted. <i>It is a good plan but it has serious limitations.</i>
lisp	A speech defect in which s is pronounced like th in thick and z is pronounced like th in this. <i>He spoke with a slight lisp.</i>
obstacle	Something immaterial that stands in the way and must be circumvented or surmounted. <i>The major obstacle to achieving that goal is money.</i>
obstructor	Someone who systematically obstructs some action that others want to take.
<u>obstruction</u>	The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction. <i>The filibuster was a major obstruction to the success of their plan.</i>
obstructor	Any structure that makes progress difficult.
restraint	Unemotional, dispassionate, or moderate behaviour; self-control. <i>Restraints imposed on imports.</i>
restriction	A principle that limits the extent of something. <i>The restriction of the infection to a focal area.</i>

speech defect	The mental faculty or power of vocal communication.
speech impediment	Communication by word of mouth.
stammer	A tendency to stammer. <i>As a young man he had a dreadful stammer.</i>
<u>stutter</u>	A tendency to stutter while speaking. <i>She s p perfectly j justified he said with his intermittent stutter.</i>

Usage Examples of "Impediment" as a noun

- A serious impediment to scientific progress.

Associations of "Impediment" (30 Words)

balk	The area on a billiard table between the balk line and the bottom cushion within which in some circumstances a ball is protected from a direct stroke. <i>He raised every objection he could to balk this plan.</i>
barrier	A circumstance or obstacle that keeps people or things apart or prevents communication or progress. <i>Intolerance is a barrier to understanding.</i>
deterrent	Able or intended to deter. <i>The deterrent effects of high prices.</i>
difficulty	A situation that is difficult or dangerous. <i>Guy had no difficulty in making friends.</i>
<u>disrupt</u>	(of a company or form of technology) cause radical change in (an industry or market) by means of innovation. <i>If an explosion of volcanic steam had formed the crater the blast from below would have disrupted the underlying rock.</i>
<u>distraction</u>	A thing that prevents someone from concentrating on something else. <i>He drives me to distraction.</i>
falter	Be unsure or weak. <i>He faltered and finally stopped in mid stride.</i>
hesitate	Interrupt temporarily an activity before continuing. <i>He hesitated to spoil the mood by being inquisitive.</i>
hinderance	Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress.
<u>hindrance</u>	A thing that provides resistance, delay, or obstruction to something or someone. <i>A hindrance to the development process.</i>

<u>hurdle</u>	Jump over a hurdle or other obstacle while running. <i>All 450 runners had hurdled the barriers.</i>
inconvenience	To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>The inconvenience of having to change trains.</i>
incubus	A male demon believed to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women. <i>Debt is a big incubus in developing countries.</i>
insuperable	Incapable of being surmounted or excelled. <i>Insuperable heroes.</i>
interference	The action of interfering or the process of being interfered with. <i>An unwarranted interference with personal liberty.</i>
<u>intervene</u>	Be situated between things. <i>Christmas intervened and the investigation was suspended.</i>
<u>intervention</u>	A proceeding that permits a person to enter into a lawsuit already in progress; admission of person not an original party to the suit so that person can protect some right or interest that is allegedly affected by the proceedings. <i>It occurs without human intervention.</i>
<u>mumble</u>	A soft indistinct utterance. <i>The old man had no teeth left and mumbled his food.</i>
<u>murmur</u>	Make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath. <i>A quiet murmur of thanks.</i>
nuisance	An act which is harmful or offensive to the public or a member of it and for which there is a legal remedy. <i>I hope you re not going to make a nuisance of yourself.</i>
obstacle	An obstruction that stands in the way (and must be removed or surmounted or circumvented). <i>The major obstacle to achieving that goal is money.</i>
<u>obstruction</u>	The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction. <i>They were held for obstruction and other public order offences.</i>
obtrude	Push to thrust outward. <i>I felt unable to obtrude my private sorrow upon anyone.</i>
<u>pitfall</u>	A trap in the form of a concealed hole. <i>The pitfalls of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
retardation	The action of delaying or slowing the progress or development of something. <i>The goals of treatment include retardation of disease progression.</i>
snag	Catch on a snag. <i>Keep an emery board handy in case of nail snags.</i>

stammer

A tendency to stammer.

*I **stammered** out my history.*

stumble

An unintentional but embarrassing blunder.

*He broke a bone in his foot in a **stumble** down an Alpine pass.*

stutter

A tendency to stutter while speaking.

*A machine gun shattered the quiet with its explosive **stutter**.*