

Need another word that means the same as “instability”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “instability” in this overview.

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Instability as a Noun

Definitions of "Instability" as a noun

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

- *Tendency to unpredictable behaviour or erratic changes of mood.*
- *Unreliability attributable to being unstable.*
- *An unstable order.*
- *A lack of balance or state of disequilibrium.*
- *The state of being unstable; lack of stability.*
- *The quality or attribute of being unstable and irresolute.*



Synonyms of "Instability" as a noun (27 Words)

capriciousness	The quality of being guided by sudden unpredictable impulses.
changeableness	The quality of being changeable; having a marked tendency to change. <i>The changeableness of the weather.</i>
fitfulness	The quality of being spasmodic and irregular.
flightiness	The trait of acting unpredictably and more from whim or caprice than from reason or judgment. <i>I despair at the flightiness and whimsicality of my memory.</i>
flimsiness	The property of weakness by virtue of careless construction.
fragility	Lack of physical strength. <i>Osteoporosis is characterized by bone fragility.</i>
frailty	Moral weakness. <i>The increasing frailty of old age.</i>
<u>imbalance</u>	(mathematics) a lack of symmetry. <i>A hormonal imbalance.</i>
<u>insecurity</u>	The state of being open to danger or threat; lack of protection. <i>She had a deep sense of insecurity.</i>

insubstantiality	Lacking substance or reality.
oscillation	(physics) a regular periodic variation in value about a mean. <i>The natural oscillation of a spring.</i>
perilousness	The state of being dangerous.
precariousness	The state of being dangerously likely to fall or collapse. <i>The precariousness of privacy in the digital world.</i>
ricketiness	The quality of not being steady or securely fixed in place.
riskiness	A state of danger involving risk.
shakiness	A shaky motion. <i>The shakiness of the present regime.</i>
unbalance	A lack of balance or state of disequilibrium. <i>An unbalance between the currents in the live and neutral wires.</i>
uncertainty	Being unsettled or in doubt or dependent on chance. <i>Times of uncertainty and danger.</i>
unpredictability	The quality of being guided by sudden unpredictable impulses. <i>The constant element of unpredictability keeps the show fresh.</i>
unreliability	The trait of not being dependable or reliable. <i>She causes havoc in the office because of her unreliability.</i>
unsoundness	Not mentally or physically healthy. <i>No one can be a poet without a certain unsoundness of mind.</i>
unstableness	The quality or attribute of being unstable and irresolute.
unsteadiness	The quality of being unsteady-varying and unpredictable.
vacillation	Indecision in speech or action. <i>The First Minister's vacillation over the affair.</i>
variability	The quality of being uneven and lacking uniformity. <i>Seasonal variability in water levels.</i>
volatility	Liability to display rapid changes of emotion. <i>A week of historic stock market volatility.</i>
vulnerability	The quality or state of being exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally. <i>He is confined in isolation because of his vulnerability to infection.</i>



Usage Examples of "Instability" as a noun

- *She showed increasing signs of mental instability.*
- *Political and economic instability.*

Associations of "Instability" (30 Words)

agitation	A state of agitation or turbulent change or development. <i>Widespread agitation for social reform.</i>
apprehension	The act of apprehending (especially apprehending a criminal). <i>He felt sick with apprehension.</i>
asymmetry	(mathematics) a lack of symmetry. <i>There was an asymmetry between the right and left ears.</i>
chaos	(Greek mythology) the most ancient of gods; the personification of the infinity of space preceding creation of the universe. <i>Snow caused chaos in the region.</i>

danger	A dangerous place. <i>He moved out of danger.</i>
disharmony	A lack of harmony. <i>We will become evermore a nation of social disharmony.</i>
disorder	Bring disorder to. <i>Eating disorders.</i>
<u>disproportionate</u>	Too large or too small in comparison with something else. <i>People on lower incomes spend a disproportionate amount of their income on fuel.</i>
disruption	An event that results in a displacement or discontinuity. <i>He gave hints on what industry today he believes may be ripe for disruption.</i>
<u>disturbance</u>	A disorderly outburst or tumult. <i>The disturbances were precipitated when four men were refused bail.</i>
dubiety	The state or quality of being doubtful; uncertainty. <i>His enemies made much of the dubiety of his paternity.</i>
excitement	Something that arouses a feeling of excitement. <i>He could hardly conceal his excitement when she agreed.</i>
<u>fluctuate</u>	Cause to fluctuate or move in a wavelike pattern. <i>The stock market fluctuates.</i>
fluctuation	An irregular rising and falling in number or amount; a variation. <i>Fluctuations in the yearly values could be caused by a variety of factors.</i>
<u>imbalance</u>	A lack of symmetry. <i>The condition is caused by a hormonal imbalance.</i>
indecision	Doubt concerning two or more possible alternatives or courses of action. <i>Government indecision over the future of local taxation.</i>
<u>inequality</u>	Lack of equality. <i>Social inequality.</i>
irregularity	The state or quality of being irregular. <i>There is evidence that fraud and irregularity continue on a large scale.</i>
paranoiac	A person afflicted with paranoia. <i>Psychotic and paranoiac tendencies.</i>
<u>precarious</u>	Fraught with danger. <i>The precarious life of an undersea diver.</i>

<u>shaky</u>	Not safe or reliable; liable to fail or falter. <i>A shaky marriage.</i>
<u>trepidation</u>	A feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen. <i>The men set off in fear and trepidation.</i>
<u>turmoil</u>	A state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty. <i>He endured years of inner turmoil.</i>
unbalance	A lack of symmetry, balance, or stability. <i>An unbalance between the currents in the live and neutral wires.</i>
<u>uncertainty</u>	The state of being unsure of something. <i>Times of uncertainty and danger.</i>
unequal	A person or thing regarded as unequal to another in status or level. <i>Two rooms of unequal size.</i>
<u>unrest</u>	A feeling of disturbance and dissatisfaction in a person. <i>The frenzy and unrest of her own life.</i>
<u>unstable</u>	Likely to change or fail; not firmly established. <i>Sensitive and highly unstable compounds.</i>
<u>upheaval</u>	A rise of land to a higher elevation (as in the process of mountain building). <i>The first upheaval produced a hill which was called Roof Mountain.</i>
<u>variance</u>	An event that departs from expectations. <i>The stylistic variances of classical dance.</i>