

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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**The synonyms of “Instability” are: unstableness, imbalance, unbalance, unreliability, uncertainty, unpredictability, precariousness, unsteadiness, insecurity, vulnerability, perilousness, riskiness, unsoundness, shakiness, ricketiness, frailty, fragility, flimsiness, insubstantiality, changeableness, variability, capriciousness, volatility, flightiness, fitfulness, vacillation, oscillation**

## 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.  
*The **changeableness** of the weather.*
- 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 despair at the **flightiness** and whimsicality of my memory.*
- flimsiness** The property of weakness by virtue of careless construction.
- fragility** Lack of physical strength.  
*Osteoporosis is characterized by bone **fragility**.*
- frailty** Moral weakness.  
*The increasing **frailty** of old age.*
- imbalance** (mathematics) a lack of symmetry.  
*A hormonal **imbalance**.*
- insecurity** The state of being open to danger or threat; lack of protection.  
*She had a deep sense of **insecurity**.*

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

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

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

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