

Need another word that means the same as “irritation”? Find 37 synonyms and 30 related words for “irritation” in this overview.

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## Irritation as a Noun

### Definitions of "Irritation" as a noun

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

- *Inflammation or other discomfort in a body part caused by reaction to an irritant substance.*
- *A sudden outburst of anger.*
- *The act of troubling or annoying someone.*
- *Unfriendly behavior that causes anger or resentment.*
- *The psychological state of being irritated or annoyed.*
- *The stimulation of an organism, cell, or organ to produce an active response.*
- *The state of feeling annoyed, impatient, or slightly angry.*
- *(pathology) abnormal sensitivity to stimulation.*
- *A thing that annoys or irritates someone.*
- *An uncomfortable feeling of mental painfulness or distress.*

- *Abnormal sensitivity to stimulation.*
- *The neural or electrical arousal of an organ or muscle or gland.*



## Synonyms of "Irritation" as a noun (37 Words)

<b>aggravation</b>	Annoyance or exasperation. <i>The <b>aggravation</b> of her condition resulted from lack of care.</i>
<b>annoyance</b>	The act of troubling or annoying someone. <i>He turned his charm on Tara much to Hegarty's <b>annoyance</b>.</i>
<b>annoying</b>	The act of troubling or annoying someone.
<b>bother</b>	Something or someone that causes trouble; a source of unhappiness. <i>He saved me the <b>bother</b> of having to come up with a speech.</i>
<b>botheration</b>	The psychological state of being irritated or annoyed. <i>He has caused us a deal of unnecessary <b>botheration</b>.</i>

**bugbear**

An imaginary monster used to frighten children.  
*The biggest villain is that adman s **bugbear** saturated fat.*

**chagrin**

Strong feelings of embarrassment.  
*To my **chagrin** he was nowhere to be seen.*

**crossness**

An irritable petulant feeling.

**discomfort**

An uncomfortable feeling of mental painfulness or distress.  
*The **discomforts** of air travel.*

**displeasure**

A feeling of annoyance or disapproval.  
*He started hanging around the local pubs much to the **displeasure** of his mother.*

**exasperation**

An exasperated feeling of annoyance.  
*She rolled her eyes in **exasperation**.*

**excitation**

The action of exciting or the state of being excited; excitement.  
*These neurotransmitters can produce **excitation** or inhibition.*

**gall**

A digestive juice secreted by the liver and stored in the gallbladder aids in the digestion of fats.  
*The bank had the **gall** to demand a fee.*

**impatience**

The tendency to be impatient; irritability or restlessness.  
*He was shifting in his seat with **impatience**.*

**inconvenience**

A cause of trouble or difficulty.  
*The **inconvenience** of having to change trains.*

**indignation**

A feeling of righteous anger.  
*The letter filled Lucy with **indignation**.*

**infuriation**

A feeling of extreme anger and impatience.  
*Reactions ran the gamut from apathy to **infuriation**.*

**innervation**

The distribution of nerve fibers to an organ or body region.

**irritant**

A substance that causes slight inflammation or other discomfort to the body.  
*A powerful skin **irritant**.*

**menace**

A threat or the act of threatening.  
*The snakes are a **menace** to farm animals.*

**nuisance**

(law) a broad legal concept including anything that disturbs the reasonable use of your property or endangers life and health or is offensive.  
*I hope you re not going to make a **nuisance** of yourself.*

pest

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.

**Pest** control.

**pinprick**

A minor annoyance.

*Compared with the indignities he had so far endured this was a mere **pinprick**.*

**pique**

A sudden outburst of anger.

*He left in a fit of **pique**.*

plague

A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium typically with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and sometimes infection of the lungs pneumonic plague.

*Staff theft is usually the **plague** of restaurants.*

**provocation**

Something that incites or provokes; a means of arousing or stirring to action.

*You should remain calm and not respond to **provocation**.*

**resentment**

Bitter indignation at having been treated unfairly.

*His **resentment** at being demoted.*

**soreness**

Pain in a part of one's body.

*Stretching after exercise helps prevent muscle **soreness**.*

**source of annoyance**

Someone who originates or causes or initiates something.

**source of irritation**

A process by which energy or a substance enters a system.

**source of vexation**

Anything that provides inspiration for later work.

temper

The elasticity and hardness of a metal object; its ability to absorb considerable energy before cracking.

*I only said it in a fit of **temper**.*

**thorn in someone's flesh**

Something that causes irritation and annoyance.

**thorn in someone's side**

A small sharp-pointed tip resembling a spike on a stem or leaf.

**torment**

A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented.

*Their deaths have left both families in **torment**.*

trial

The determination of a person's innocence or guilt by due process of law.

*He had a fair **trial** and the jury found him guilty.*

vexation

Anger produced by some annoying irritation.

*Jenna bit her lip in **vexation**.*





### Usage Examples of "Irritation" as a noun

- *Some chemicals cause a direct irritation to the skin leading to dermatitis.*
- *Much to my irritation, Chris fell asleep.*
- *The minor irritations of life.*
- *Any food produced irritation of the stomach.*



## Associations of "Irritation" (30 Words)

<b>afflict</b>	(of a problem or illness) cause pain or trouble to; affect adversely. <i>He comforted the <b>afflicted</b>.</i>
<b>aggravate</b>	Make worse. <i>This drug <b>aggravates</b> the pain.</i>
<b>aggravation</b>	Action that makes a problem or a disease (or its symptoms) worse. <i>The whole business has caused me a lot of <b>aggravation</b>.</i>
<b>annoy</b>	Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations. <i>Your damned cheerfulness has always <b>annoyed</b> me.</i>
<b>annoyance</b>	The act of troubling or annoying someone. <i>The Council found him an <b>annoyance</b>.</i>
<b>annoying</b>	The act of troubling or annoying someone. <i>Unsolicited calls are <b>annoying</b>.</i>

<b>bother</b>	Cause trouble or annoyance to (someone) by interrupting or otherwise inconveniencing them. <i>Don't <b>bother</b> the professor while she is grading term papers.</i>
<b>bothersome</b>	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>Most childhood stomach aches though <b>bothersome</b> aren't serious.</i>
<u><b>discomfort</b></u>	The state of being tense and feeling pain. <i>The <b>discomforts</b> of air travel.</i>
<b>galling</b>	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>It would be <b>galling</b> to lose your job because of a dispute with a customer.</i>
<b>inconvenience</b>	To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>Noise and fumes from traffic would <b>inconvenience</b> residents.</i>
<b>indignation</b>	Anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment. <i>The letter filled Lucy with <b>indignation</b>.</i>
<b>irk</b>	Irritate; annoy. <i>It <b>irks</b> her to think of the runaround she received.</i>
<b>irritate</b>	Make (someone) annoyed or a little angry. <i>His tone <b>irritated</b> her.</i>
<b>irritating</b>	(used of physical stimuli) serving to stimulate or excite. <i>The substance may be <b>irritating</b> to eyes and skin.</i>
<b>itching</b>	An irritating cutaneous sensation that produces a desire to scratch.
<b>nuisance</b>	A bothersome annoying person. <i>I hope you're not going to make a <b>nuisance</b> of yourself.</i>
<u><b>obnoxious</b></u>	Causing disapproval or protest. <i>He found her son somewhat <b>obnoxious</b>.</i>
<b>offend</b>	Break a commonly accepted rule or principle. <i><b>Offend</b> all laws of humanity.</i>
<u><b>pesky</b></u>	Causing trouble; annoying. <i>A <b>pesky</b> younger brother.</i>
<b>pique</b>	A feeling of irritation or resentment resulting from a slight, especially to one's pride. <i>He left in a fit of <b>pique</b>.</i>
<b>provocation</b>	Action or speech held to be likely to prompt physical retaliation. <i>The assault had taken place under <b>provocation</b>.</i>
<b>rile</b>	Make turbid by stirring up the sediments of. <i>He'd been drinking sweet clear water from a well and now that water had been muddied and <b>riled</b>.</i>

<b>scratching</b>	The action or fact of marking a surface with a sharp or pointed object. <i>A screen protector prevents any <b>scratching</b> of the display.</i>
<b><u>teasing</u></b>	Intended to provoke or make fun of someone in a playful way. <i><b>Teasing</b> comments.</i>
<b><u>uncomfortable</u></b>	Causing or feeling slight pain or physical discomfort. <i>This kind of life can prove disruptive and <b>uncomfortable</b>.</i>
<b>vex</b>	Change the arrangement or position of. <i>I wouldn't <b>vex</b> it will be just great if whoever borrow the pump just bring it back.</i>
<b><u>vexation</u></b>	The act of troubling or annoying someone. <i>The <b>vexations</b> of life under canvas.</i>
<b>vexing</b>	Causing annoyance, frustration, or worry. <i>It is <b>vexing</b> to have to admit you are wrong.</i>
<b><u>worsen</u></b>	Make worse. <i>Arguing actually <b>worsens</b> the problem.</i>



