

Need another word that means the same as “malfunction”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “malfunction” in this overview.

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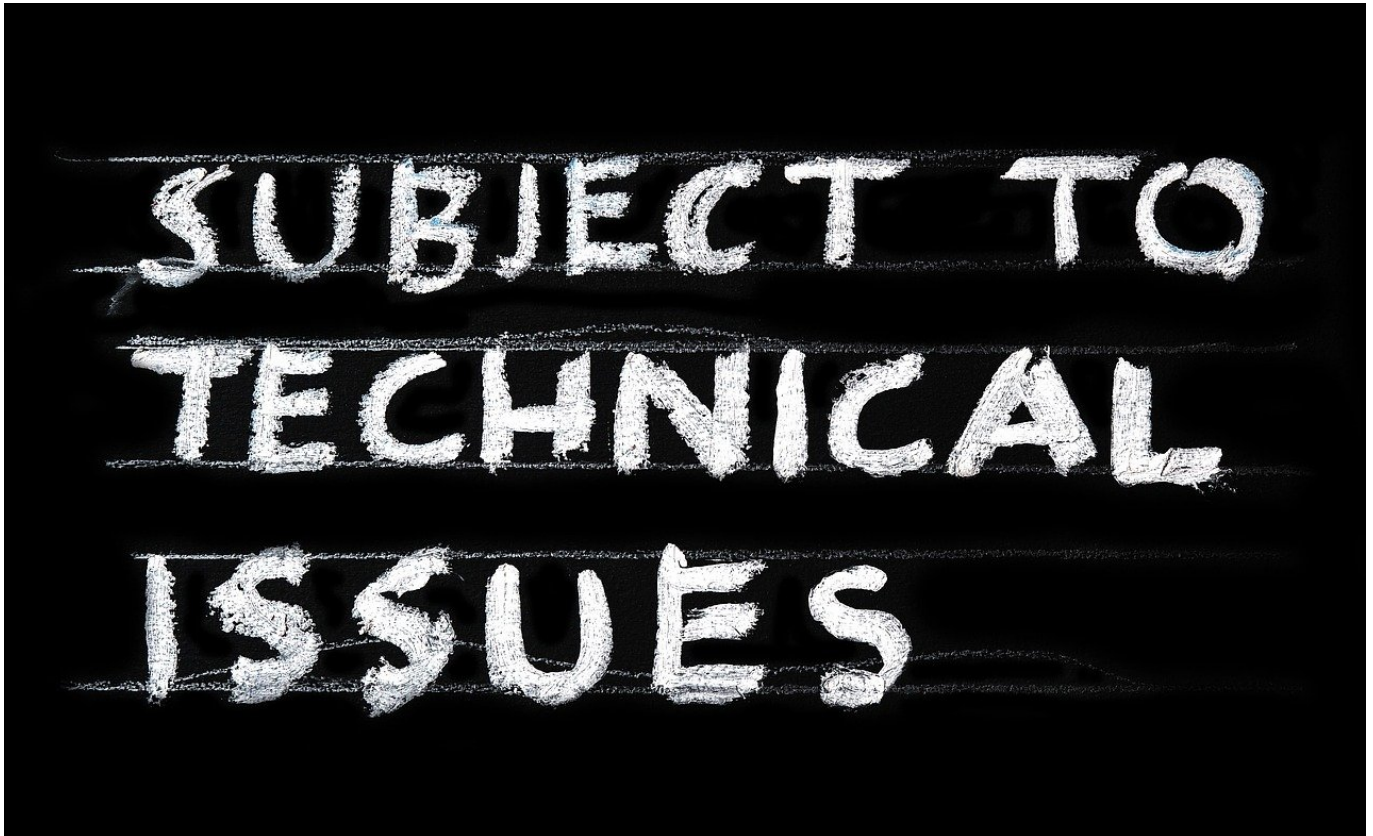
The synonyms of “Malfunction” are: malfunction, crash, develop a fault, go wrong, break down, break, act up, be defective, be faulty, fail, cease to function, cease to work, stop working, breakdown, fault, failure, defect, flaw, collapse, impairment

Malfunction as a Noun

Definitions of "Malfunction" as a noun

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

- *A failure to function normally.*



Synonyms of "Malfunction" as a noun (8 Words)

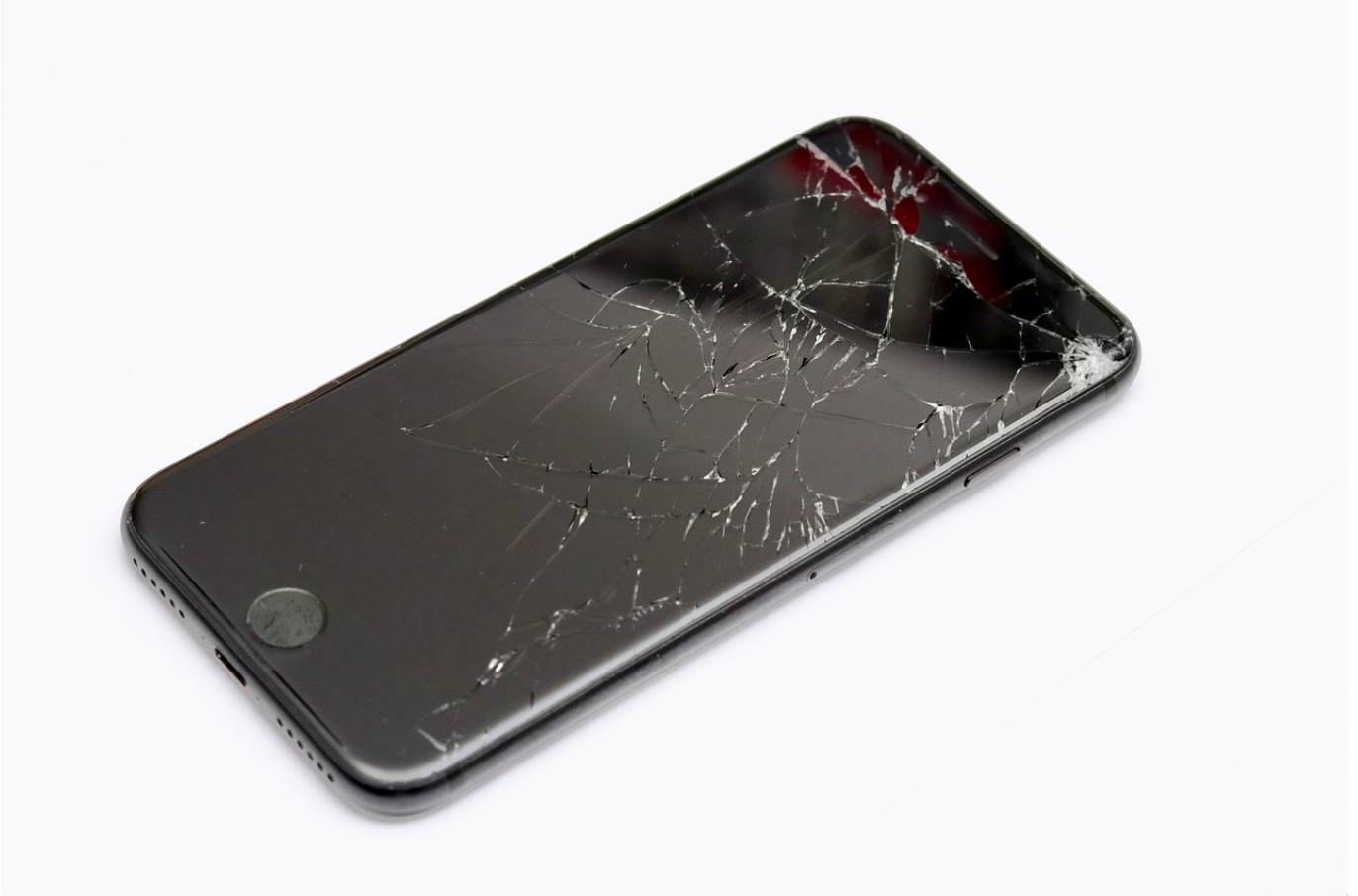
- breakdown** A mental or physical breakdown.
*A communications **breakdown**.*
- collapse** An instance of a structure falling down or giving way.
*She s lying there in a state of **collapse**.*
- crash** A sudden disastrous drop in the value or price of something.
*A pilot who survived the **crash** of his plane.*
- defect** An imperfection in an object or machine.
*If there are any **defects** you should send it back to the manufacturer.*
- failure** A person with a record of failing; someone who loses consistently.
*Symptoms of heart **failure**.*
- fault** A break or other defect in an electric circuit or piece of machinery.
*He studied the **faulting** of the earth s crust.*
- flaw** A fault or weakness in a person's character.
*A **flaw** caused the crystal to shatter.*

impairment The occurrence of a change for the worse.
*Hearing **impairment**.*



Usage Examples of "Malfunction" as a noun

- *They were sent back to the manufacturers at the first sign of malfunction.*
- *A computer malfunction.*



Malfunction as a Verb

Definitions of "Malfunction" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "malfunction" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Fail to function or function improperly.*
- *(of a piece of equipment or machinery) fail to function normally.*

Synonyms of "Malfunction" as a verb (13 Words)

act up	Be engaged in an activity, often for no particular purpose other than pleasure.
be defective	Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun).

be faulty	Be priced at.
break	Become fractured break or crack on the surface only. <i>She put out an arm to break her fall.</i>
break down	Break down literally or metaphorically.
cease to function	Have an end, in a temporal, spatial, or quantitative sense; either spatial or metaphorical.
cease to work	Have an end, in a temporal, spatial, or quantitative sense; either spatial or metaphorical.
crash	Cause to crash. <i>The test pilot crashed a Hurricane fighter plane.</i>
develop a fault	Make something new, such as a product or a mental or artistic creation.
fail	Fail to get a passing grade. <i>The criteria used to pass or fail the candidate.</i>
go wrong	Stretch out over a distance, space, time, or scope; run or extend between two points or beyond a certain point.
misfunction	Fail to function or function improperly.
stop working	Cause to stop.

Usage Examples of "Malfunction" as a verb

- *The unit is clearly malfunctioning.*
- *The coffee maker malfunctioned.*

Associations of "Malfunction" (30 Words)

<u>ascertain</u>	Learn or discover with certainty. <i>Management should ascertain whether adequate funding can be provided.</i>
breakdown	A mental or physical breakdown. <i>A breakdown in military discipline.</i>
damage	Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>Bombing caused extensive damage to the town.</i>
destroyed	Destroyed physically or morally. <i>Alzheimer's is responsible for her destroyed mind.</i>
<u>detect</u>	Discover or identify the presence or existence of. <i>Cancer may soon be detected in its earliest stages.</i>
detection	The detection that a signal is being received. <i>The early detection of fetal abnormalities.</i>

determine	Find out learn or determine with certainty usually by making an inquiry or other effort. <i>Experience often determines ability.</i>
discern	Detect with the senses. <i>Pupils quickly discern what is acceptable to the teacher.</i>
discover	Discover or determine the existence presence or fact of. <i>With what agility did these military men discover their skill in feats of war.</i>
discovered	Discovered or determined by scientific observation. <i>Discovered differences in achievement.</i>
discovery	The act of discovering something. <i>The drug is not a new discovery.</i>
espy	Catch sight of. <i>She espied her daughter rounding the corner.</i>
explore	Examine (organs) for diagnostic purposes. <i>Explore unknown territory in biology.</i>
failure	Inability to discharge all your debts as they come due. <i>Their failure to comply with the basic rules.</i>
find	Come upon after searching find the location of something that was missed or lost. <i>The majority of staff find the magazine to be informative and useful.</i>
happening	An event or occurrence. <i>Altogether it was an eerie happening.</i>
improperly	In a way that lacks modesty or decency. <i>Evidence is inadmissible if it is improperly obtained.</i>
inappropriate	Not suitable or proper in the circumstances. <i>There are penalties for inappropriate behaviour.</i>
incidence	The relative frequency of occurrence of something. <i>The point of incidence of the beam.</i>
kaput	Broken and useless; no longer working or effective. <i>The water pump s broken kaput.</i>
mishap	An unpredictable outcome that is unfortunate. <i>Although there were a few minor mishaps none of the pancakes stuck to the ceiling.</i>
newfound	Newly discovered. <i>Hudson pointed his ship down the coast of the newfound sea.</i>
notice	Notice or perceive. <i>He gave notice two months before he moved.</i>

occur	Happen; take place. <i>The accident occurred at about 3 30 p m.</i>
<u>occurrence</u>	An incident or event. <i>A disease of frequent occurrence.</i>
prevention	The action of stopping something from happening or arising. <i>The treatment and prevention of malaria.</i>
problem	A question raised for consideration or solution. <i>The problem of ageism in Hollywood.</i>
seismograph	An instrument that measures and records details of earthquakes, such as force and duration.
<u>startling</u>	Very surprising, astonishing, or remarkable. <i>Startling earthquake shocks.</i>
<u>unsuitable</u>	Not capable of being applied. <i>The display is unsuitable for young children.</i>