

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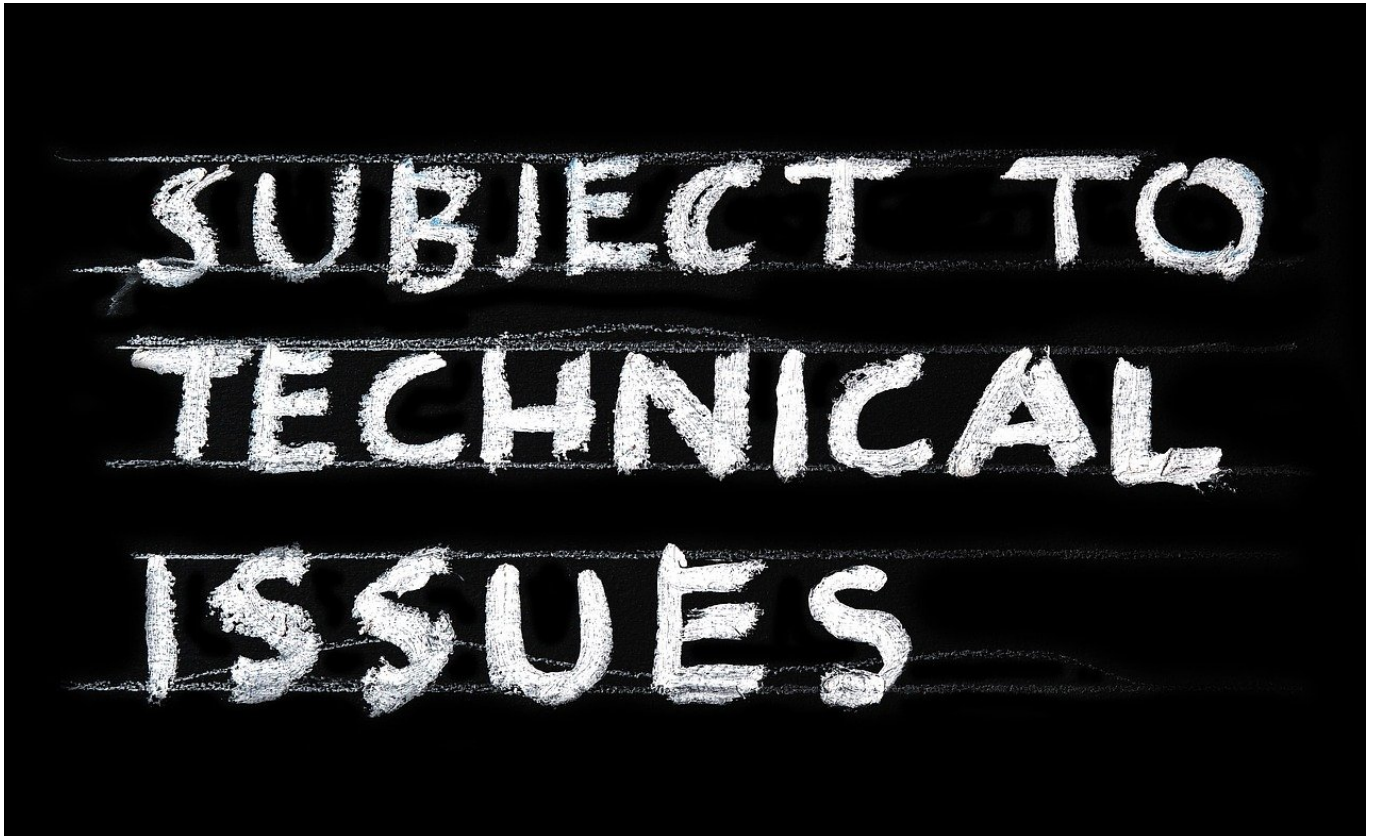
**The synonyms of “Malfunction” are: malfunction, crash, develop a fault, go wrong, break down, break, act up, be defective, be faulty, fail, cease to function, cease to work, stop working, breakdown, fault, failure, defect, flaw, collapse, impairment**

## **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)

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

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

## Usage Examples of "Malfunction" as a verb

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

## Associations of "Malfunction" (30 Words)

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

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

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