

Need another word that means the same as “mayhem”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “mayhem” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Mayhem” are: havoc, chaos, disorder, confusion, bedlam, pandemonium, tumult, uproar, turmoil, madness, madhouse, hullabaloo, wild disarray, disorganization, maelstrom, trouble, disturbance, commotion, riot, anarchy, destruction, violence**

## Mayhem as a Noun

### Definitions of "Mayhem" as a noun

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

- *The willful and unlawful crippling or mutilation of another person.*
- *Violent and needless disturbance.*
- *Violent or extreme disorder; chaos.*
- *The crime of maliciously injuring or maiming someone, originally so as to render them defenceless.*



## Synonyms of "Mayhem" as a noun (22 Words)

### [anarchy](#)

A state of disorder due to absence or non-recognition of authority or other controlling systems.

*He must ensure public order in a country threatened with **anarchy**.*

### **bedlam**

A scene of uproar and confusion.

*There was **bedlam** in the courtroom.*

### **chaos**

A state of extreme confusion and disorder.

*Snow caused **chaos** in the region.*

### [commotion](#)

A disorderly outburst or tumult.

*Damage caused by civil **commotion**.*

### **confusion**

A disorderly jumble.

*She looked about her in **confusion**.*

### [destruction](#)

An event (or the result of an event) that completely destroys something.

*The **destruction** of the rainforest.*

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| <b>disorder</b>               | A state of confusion.<br><i>Skin <b>disorders</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>disorganization</u></b> | A condition in which an orderly system has been disrupted.<br><i>If you frequently lose your keys you may be suffering from chronic <b>disorganization</b>.</i> |
| <b><u>disturbance</u></b>     | A state in which normal mental or physical functioning is disrupted.<br><i>There was too much anger and <b>disturbance</b>.</i>                                 |
| <b><u>havoc</u></b>           | Widespread destruction.<br><i>If they weren't at school they'd be wreaking <b>havoc</b> in the streets.</i>   |
| <b>hullabaloo</b>             | Disturbance usually in protest.<br><i>Remember all the <b>hullabaloo</b> over the golf ball.</i>  |
| <b>madhouse</b>               | Pejorative terms for an insane asylum.<br><i>This place is a <b>madhouse</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>madness</u></b>         | The quality of being rash and foolish.<br><i>It is <b>madness</b> to allow children to roam around after dark.</i>  |
| <b>maelstrom</b>              | A powerful circular current of water (usually the result of conflicting tides).<br><i>The train station was a <b>maelstrom</b> of crowds.</i>                   |
| <b>pandemonium</b>            | A state of extreme confusion and disorder.<br><i>There was complete <b>pandemonium</b> everyone just panicked.</i>  |
| <b><u>riot</u></b>            | An uproar.<br><i>A young lord leaving the city after a night of <b>riot</b>.</i>  |
| <b>trouble</b>                | An unwanted pregnancy.<br><i>I wouldn't want to put you to any <b>trouble</b>.</i>  |
| <b>tumult</b>                 | The act of making a noisy disturbance.<br><i>His personal <b>tumult</b> ended when he began writing songs.</i>  |
| <b><u>turmoil</u></b>         | A violent disturbance.<br><i>He endured years of inner <b>turmoil</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>uproar</u></b>          | A public expression of protest or outrage.<br><i>The room was in an <b>uproar</b>.</i>  |
| <b>violence</b>               | Behaviour involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something.<br><i>The storm's <b>violence</b>.</i>                               |
| <b>wild disarray</b>          | A wild primitive state untouched by civilization.   |



## Usage Examples of "Mayhem" as a noun

- *Complete mayhem broke out.*

## Associations of "Mayhem" (30 Words)

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| <b>bedlam</b>                      | A state of extreme confusion and disorder.<br><i>There was <b>bedlam</b> in the courtroom.</i>                                   |
| <b>brouhaha</b>                    | A noisy and overexcited reaction or response to something.<br><i>All that election <b>brouhaha</b>.</i>                          |
| <b>cacophony</b>                   | A harsh discordant mixture of sounds.<br><i>A <b>cacophony</b> of deafening alarm bells.</i>                                     |
| <b>chaos</b>                       | The formless and disordered state of matter before the creation of the cosmos.<br><i>Snow caused <b>chaos</b> in the region.</i> |
| <u><a href="#">clamor</a></u>      | Compel someone to do something by insistent clamoring.<br><i>He ignored the <b>clamor</b> of the crowd.</i>                      |
| <b>clatter</b>                     | Fall or move with a clatter.<br><i>The shutters <b>clattered</b> against the house.</i>  |
| <u><a href="#">commotion</a></u>   | Confused movement.<br><i>She was distracted by a <b>commotion</b> across the street.</i>   |
| <u><a href="#">destruction</a></u> | The action or process of killing or being killed.<br><i>Gambling was his <b>destruction</b>.</i>                                 |
| <b>devastation</b>                 | An event that results in total destruction.<br><i>The floods caused widespread <b>devastation</b>.</i>                           |
| <u><a href="#">din</a></u>         | Make a resonant sound, like artillery.<br><i>A runner up he <b>dinned</b> into them was a loser.</i>                             |
| <b>disorder</b>                    | Bring disorder to.<br><i>The doctor prescribed some medicine for the <b>disorder</b>.</i>  |
| <u><a href="#">disturbance</a></u> | A disorderly outburst or tumult.<br><i>There was a <b>disturbance</b> of neural function.</i>                                    |
| <u><a href="#">flap</a></u>        | The motion made by flapping up and down.<br><i>The bird <b>flapped</b> its wings.</i>  |
| <u><a href="#">flutter</a></u>     | An act of fluttering.<br><i>There was a <b>flutter</b> of wings at the window.</i>   |
| <u><a href="#">havoc</a></u>       | Widespread destruction.<br><i>If they weren't at school they'd be wreaking <b>havoc</b> in the streets.</i>                      |

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| <b>hubbub</b>      | Loud confused noise from many sources.<br><i>She fought through the <b>hubbub</b>.</i>   |
| <b>mess</b>        | Make a mess of or create disorder in.<br><i>She replaced the jug and mopped up the <b>mess</b>.</i>  |
| <b>midst</b>       | The middle part or point.<br><i>He left his flat in the <b>midst</b> of a rainstorm.</i>   |
| <b>pandemonium</b> | Wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar.<br><i>There was complete <b>pandemonium</b> everyone just panicked.</i>  |
| <b>racket</b>      | Hit a ball with a racket.<br><i>A squash <b>racket</b>.</i>  |
| <b>riot</b>        | Take part in a riot disturb the public peace by engaging in a riot.<br><i>A prison <b>riot</b>.</i>  |
| <b>shakeup</b>     | The imposition of a new organization; organizing differently (often involving extensive and drastic changes).<br><i>Top officials were forced out in the cabinet <b>shakeup</b>.</i> |
| <b>subversion</b>  | Destroying someone's (or some group's) honesty or loyalty; undermining moral integrity.<br><i>The ruthless <b>subversion</b> of democracy.</i>                                       |
| <b>tumult</b>      | Violent agitation.<br><i>A <b>tumult</b> of shouting and screaming broke out.</i>  |
| <b>turbulence</b>  | A state of violent disturbance and disorder (as in politics or social conditions generally).<br><i>The plane shuddered as it entered some <b>turbulence</b>.</i>                     |
| <b>turmoil</b>     | A state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty.<br><i>The country was in <b>turmoil</b>.</i>  |
| <b>upheaval</b>    | A rise of land to a higher elevation (as in the process of mountain building).<br><i>The first <b>upheaval</b> produced a hill which was called Roof Mountain.</i>                   |
| <b>uproar</b>      | Loud confused noise from many sources.<br><i>The room was in an <b>uproar</b>.</i>   |
| <b>wreck</b>       | Suffer or undergo shipwreck.<br><i>The plane was reduced to a smouldering <b>wreck</b>.</i>  |
| <b>wrought</b>     | (of metals) beaten out or shaped by hammering.<br><i>Well <b>wrought</b> pop music.</i>  |