

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.*

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



Usage Examples of "Mayhem" as a noun

- *Complete mayhem broke out.*

Associations of "Mayhem" (30 Words)

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

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