

Need another word that means the same as “nostalgia”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “nostalgia” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Nostalgia” are: wistfulness, longing for the past, pining for the past, yearning for the past, regret, reminiscence, remembrance, recollection, homesickness, sentimentality**

## Nostalgia as a Noun

### Definitions of "Nostalgia" as a noun

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

- *Something done or presented in order to evoke feelings of nostalgia.*
- *Longing for something past.*
- *A sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past.*



## Synonyms of "Nostalgia" as a noun (10 Words)

<b>homesickness</b>	A longing to return home. <i>I lived four years in London without a single pang of <b>homesickness</b>.</i>
<b>longing for the past</b>	Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need.
<b>pining for the past</b>	A coniferous tree.
<b><u>recollection</u></b>	A thing recollected; a memory. <i>A biography based on his wife's <b>recollections</b>.</i>
<b>regret</b>	Used in polite formulas to express apology for or sadness at an occurrence or an inability to accept an invitation. <i>He had to decline to his <b>regret</b>.</i>
<b>remembrance</b>	A thing kept or given as a reminder or in commemoration of someone. <i>They exchanged fond <b>remembrances</b> of his gentle ways.</i>

- reminiscence** A collection in literary form of incidents that someone remembers.  
*His **reminiscences** of his early days in Parliament.*
- sentimentality** Exaggerated and self-indulgent tenderness, sadness, or nostalgia.  
*There are passages which verge on **sentimentality**.*
- wistfulness** A sadly pensive longing.
- yearning for the past** Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need.



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

- *I was overcome with acute nostalgia for my days at university.*
- *An evening of TV nostalgia.*



## Associations of "Nostalgia" (30 Words)

- angst** A feeling of persistent worry about something trivial.  
*The existential **angst** of the middle classes.*
- bygone** A thing dating from an earlier time.  
***Bygone** days.*
- contemplative** A person devoted to the contemplative life.  
***Contemplative** knowledge of God.*
- depressed** (of a place or economic activity) suffering the damaging effects of a lack of demand or employment.  
***Depressed** inner city areas.*
- despair** The complete loss or absence of hope.  
*They were rescued from **despair** at the last minute.*
- desperate** Desperately determined.  
*A **desperate** sadness enveloped Ruth.*

<b><u>desperation</u></b>	Desperate recklessness. <i>Courage born of <b>desperation</b>.</i>
<b>despondency</b>	Feeling downcast and disheartened and hopeless. <i>An air of <b>despondency</b>.</i>
<b>despondent</b>	In low spirits from loss of hope or courage. <i><b>Despondent</b> about his failure.</i>
<b><u>disappointing</u></b>	Not up to expectations. <i>The team made a <b>disappointing</b> start.</i>
<b><u>disappointment</u></b>	A person or thing that causes disappointment. <i>The job proved a <b>disappointment</b>.</i>
<b>dismal</b>	Causing a mood of gloom or depression. <i>His <b>dismal</b> mood was not dispelled by finding the house empty.</i>
<b><u>frustration</u></b>	An event or circumstance that causes one to feel frustrated. <i>Her constant complaints were the main source of his <b>frustration</b>.</i>
<b>gloom</b>	A state of depression or despondency. <i>A year of economic <b>gloom</b> for the car industry.</i>
<b><u>grief</u></b>	Intense sorrow, especially caused by someone's death. <i>Her death was a great <b>grief</b> to John.</i>
<b>heartache</b>	Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death). <i>The familiar pang of <b>heartache</b>.</i>
<b>homesick</b>	Experiencing a longing for one's home during a period of absence from it. <i>He was <b>homesick</b> for America after five weeks in Europe.</i>
<b>homesickness</b>	A longing to return home. <i>I lived four years in London without a single pang of <b>homesickness</b>.</i>
<b>hopeless</b>	Very bad or incompetent. <i>I m <b>hopeless</b> at names.</i>
<b>loneliness</b>	The state of being alone in solitary isolation. <i>Feelings of depression and <b>loneliness</b>.</i>
<b><u>longing</u></b>	Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need. <i>Her <b>longing</b> eyes.</i>
<b><u>melancholy</u></b>	A humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and melancholy. <i>At the centre of his music lies a profound <b>melancholy</b> and nostalgia.</i>
<b>mourning</b>	State of sorrow over the death or departure of a loved one. <i>If he dies she ll put on <b>mourning</b> but she won t cry.</i>

<b>oldie</b>	An old song, film, or television programme that is still well known or popular. <i>Collections of pop <b>oldies</b>.</i>
<b>sadness</b>	Emotions experienced when not in a state of well-being. <i>It is one of life's <b>sadnesses</b>.</i>
<b>somber</b>	Lacking brightness or color; dull. <i>A <b>somber</b> mood.</i>
<b>sorrow</b>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>It was a great <b>sorrow</b> to her when they separated.</i>
<b>sorry</b>	Filled with compassion for. <i>He said he was <b>sorry</b> he had upset me.</i>
<b>unhappy</b>	Not happy. <i>The <b>unhappy</b> or sad news.</i>
<b>wistful</b>	Showing pensive sadness. <i>A <b>wistful</b> smile.</i>

