

Need another word that means the same as “obstruction”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “obstruction” in this overview.

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Obstruction as a Noun

Definitions of "Obstruction" as a noun

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

- *The act of obstructing.*
- *Something immaterial that stands in the way and must be circumvented or surmounted.*
- *The action of impeding the movement of traffic on a highway.*
- *Getting in someone's way.*
- *A thing that impedes or prevents passage or progress; an obstacle or blockage.*
- *Any structure that makes progress difficult.*
- *Blockage of a bodily passage, especially the gut.*
- *The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction.*
- *The action of obstructing or the state of being obstructed.*
- *The action of deliberately hindering the police in their duties.*
- *(in various sports) the action of unlawfully obstructing a player in the opposing team.*



Synonyms of "Obstruction" as a noun (28 Words)

balk	The area on a billiard table behind the balkline. A balk of timber.
bar	Barristers collectively. Clark's shot hit the bar .
barrier	A gate at a car park or railway station that controls access by being raised or lowered. The mountain barrier between Norway and Sweden.
block	An act of blocking someone or something. We had to call a plumber to clear out the blockage in the drainpipe.
blockage	An obstruction which makes movement or flow difficult or impossible. A blockage in the pipes.
catch	An act of catching something typically a ball. The window catch was rusty.

check	A textile pattern of squares or crossed lines resembling a checkerboard. <i>A permanent check upon the growth or abuse of central authority.</i>
curb	An edge between a sidewalk and a roadway consisting of a line of curbstones usually forming part of a gutter. <i>Plans to introduce tougher curbs on insider dealing.</i>
deterrent	A thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something. <i>Britain's nuclear deterrent.</i>
difficulty	A condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and requiring great effort to bear or overcome. <i>They agreed about the difficulty of the climb.</i>
<u>drawback</u>	The quality of being a hindrance. <i>The main drawback of fitting catalytic converters is the cost.</i>
handicap	A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed. <i>He was born with a significant visual handicap.</i>
<u>hindrance</u>	The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding. <i>The visitor can wander around without hindrance.</i>
hitch	An act of hitch hiking. <i>Everything went without a hitch.</i>
<u>hurdle</u>	A horse race over a series of hurdles. <i>The last hurdle before graduation.</i>
<u>impediment</u>	Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress. <i>A serious impediment to scientific progress.</i>
impedimenta	The baggage and equipment carried by an army. <i>She collected her briefcase and other impedimenta.</i>
narrowing	The act of making something narrower.
obstacle	An obstruction that stands in the way (and must be removed or surmounted or circumvented). <i>Lack of imagination is an obstacle to one's advancement.</i>
obstructor	Any structure that makes progress difficult.
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restriction	An act of limiting or restricting (as by regulation). <i>I am willing to accept certain restrictions on my movements.</i>
shrinking	The act of becoming less.
snag	A rent or tear in fabric caused by a snag. <i>Dozens of species of birds and mammals use standing snags for nesting.</i>
squeezing	A twisting squeeze.

stop	A short length of rope used to secure something a stopper. <i>The flight landed for a refuelling stop.</i>
stumbling block	An unintentional but embarrassing blunder.
tightening	The act of making something tighter. <i>The tightening of economic controls.</i>

Usage Examples of "Obstruction" as a noun

- *Walkers could proceed with the minimum of obstruction.*
- *Obstruction of justice.*
- *They were held for obstruction and other public order offences.*
- *They presented with severe intestinal obstruction.*
- *The tractor hit an obstruction.*
- *The filibuster was a major obstruction to the success of their plan.*
- *He was charged with obstruction of a police officer in the execution of his duty.*

Associations of "Obstruction" (30 Words)

balk	The area on a billiard table behind the balkline. <i>A tiger balked of its prey.</i>
barrier	A circumstance or obstacle that keeps people or things apart or prevents communication or progress. <i>The cultural barriers to economic growth.</i>
block	Block passage through. <i>Her arteries are blocked.</i>
deceleration	A decrease in rate of change. <i>The deceleration of the arms race.</i>
deterrent	A nuclear weapon or weapons system regarded as deterring an enemy from attack. <i>The deterrent effects of high prices.</i>
difficulty	The state or condition of being difficult. <i>I managed with difficulty to struggle upright.</i>
<u>disability</u>	A physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities. <i>Differing types of disability.</i>
<u>disrupt</u>	Interfere in someone else's activity. <i>Our 3D printing technology is disrupting the traditional manufacturing industry.</i>

<u>distraction</u>	A thing that prevents someone from concentrating on something else. <i>He drives me to distraction.</i>
encumbrance	Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome. <i>For parents childhood is too long a period of encumbrance.</i>
hinderance	The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding.
<u>hindrance</u>	Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress. <i>A hindrance to the development process.</i>
<u>hurdle</u>	Take part in a hurdle race. <i>All 450 runners had hurdled the barriers.</i>
impassable	Impossible to travel along or over. <i>The narrow channels are impassable to ocean going ships.</i>
<u>impediment</u>	Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress. <i>A serious impediment to scientific progress.</i>
impermeable	Preventing especially liquids to pass or diffuse through. <i>Impermeable stone.</i>
inconvenience	To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>The inconveniences of life in a remote city.</i>
incubus	A situation resembling a terrifying dream. <i>Debt is a big incubus in developing countries.</i>
insuperable	Impossible to surmount. <i>Insuperable heroes.</i>
insupportable	Unable to be endured; intolerable. <i>The heat was insupportable.</i>
interference	A policy of intervening in the affairs of other countries. <i>Concerns about government interference in church life.</i>
<u>intervene</u>	Be placed or located between other things or extend between spaces and events. <i>Christmas intervened and the investigation was suspended.</i>
<u>intervention</u>	Action taken to improve a medical disorder. <i>As her health worsened her daughters considered staging an intervention.</i>
nuisance	(law) a broad legal concept including anything that disturbs the reasonable use of your property or endangers life and health or is offensive. <i>I hope you re not going to make a nuisance of yourself.</i>
obstacle	A thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress. <i>Lack of imagination is an obstacle to one s advancement.</i>

pitfall

A trap in the form of a concealed hole.

The **pitfalls** of buying goods at public auctions.

retardation

The act of slowing down or falling behind.

The goals of treatment include **retardation** of disease progression.

snag

Catch on a snag.

Dozens of species of birds and mammals use standing **snags** for nesting.

stutter

A tendency to stutter while speaking.

The child was **stuttering** in fright.