

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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**The synonyms of “Obstruction” are: impediment, impedimenta, obstructor, obstructor, obstacle, blockage, barrier, stumbling block, hurdle, bar, block, hindrance, snag, difficulty, catch, drawback, hitch, handicap, deterrent, curb, check, stop, balk, restriction, tightening, narrowing, shrinking, squeezing**

## 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.*

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

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

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



<b><u>distraction</u></b>	A thing that prevents someone from concentrating on something else. <i>He drives me to <b>distraction</b>.</i>
<b>encumbrance</b>	Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome. <i>For parents childhood is too long a period of <b>encumbrance</b>.</i>
<b>hinderance</b>	The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding.
<b><u>hindrance</u></b>	Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress. <i>A <b>hindrance</b> to the development process.</i>
<b><u>hurdle</u></b>	Take part in a hurdle race. <i>All 450 runners had <b>hurdled</b> the barriers.</i>
<b>impassable</b>	Impossible to travel along or over. <i>The narrow channels are <b>impassable</b> to ocean going ships.</i>
<b><u>impediment</u></b>	Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress. <i>A serious <b>impediment</b> to scientific progress.</i>
<b>impermeable</b>	Preventing especially liquids to pass or diffuse through. <i><b>Impermeable</b> stone.</i>
<b>inconvenience</b>	To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>The <b>inconveniences</b> of life in a remote city.</i>
<b>incubus</b>	A situation resembling a terrifying dream. <i>Debt is a big <b>incubus</b> in developing countries.</i>
<b>insuperable</b>	Impossible to surmount. <i><b>Insuperable</b> heroes.</i>
<b>insupportable</b>	Unable to be endured; intolerable. <i>The heat was <b>insupportable</b>.</i>
<b>interference</b>	A policy of intervening in the affairs of other countries. <i>Concerns about government <b>interference</b> in church life.</i>
<b><u>intervene</u></b>	Be placed or located between other things or extend between spaces and events. <i>Christmas <b>intervened</b> and the investigation was suspended.</i>
<b><u>intervention</u></b>	Action taken to improve a medical disorder. <i>As her health worsened her daughters considered staging an <b>intervention</b>.</i>
<b>nuisance</b>	(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 <b>nuisance</b> of yourself.</i>
<b>obstacle</b>	A thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress. <i>Lack of imagination is an <b>obstacle</b> to one s advancement.</i>

<b><u>pitfall</u></b>	A trap in the form of a concealed hole. <i>The <b>pitfalls</b> of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
<b>retardation</b>	The act of slowing down or falling behind. <i>The goals of treatment include <b>retardation</b> of disease progression.</i>
<b>snag</b>	Catch on a snag. <i>Dozens of species of birds and mammals use standing <b>snags</b> for nesting.</i>
<b><u>stutter</u></b>	A tendency to stutter while speaking. <i>The child was <b>stuttering</b> in fright.</i>