

Need another word that means the same as “paradox”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “paradox” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Paradox” are: contradiction, contradiction in terms, self-contradiction, inconsistency, incongruity, anomaly, conflict

Paradox as a Noun

Definitions of "Paradox" as a noun

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

- *A seemingly absurd or contradictory statement or proposition which when investigated may prove to be well founded or true.*
- *A statement that contradicts itself.*
- *(logic) a statement that contradicts itself.*
- *A person or thing that combines contradictory features or qualities.*
- *A statement or proposition which, despite sound (or apparently sound) reasoning from acceptable premises, leads to a conclusion that seems logically unacceptable or self-contradictory.*



Synonyms of "Paradox" as a noun (7 Words)

[anomaly](#)

(astronomy) position of a planet as defined by its angular distance from its perihelion (as observed from the sun).

*The position abounds in **anomaly**.*

conflict

A state of opposition between persons or ideas or interests.

*There was a **conflict** between his business and domestic life.*

[contradiction](#)

(logic) a statement that is necessarily false.

*The second sentence appears to be in flat **contradiction** of the first.*

contradiction in terms Opposition between two conflicting forces or ideas.

incongruity

The state of being incongruous; incompatibility.

*The **incongruity** of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.*

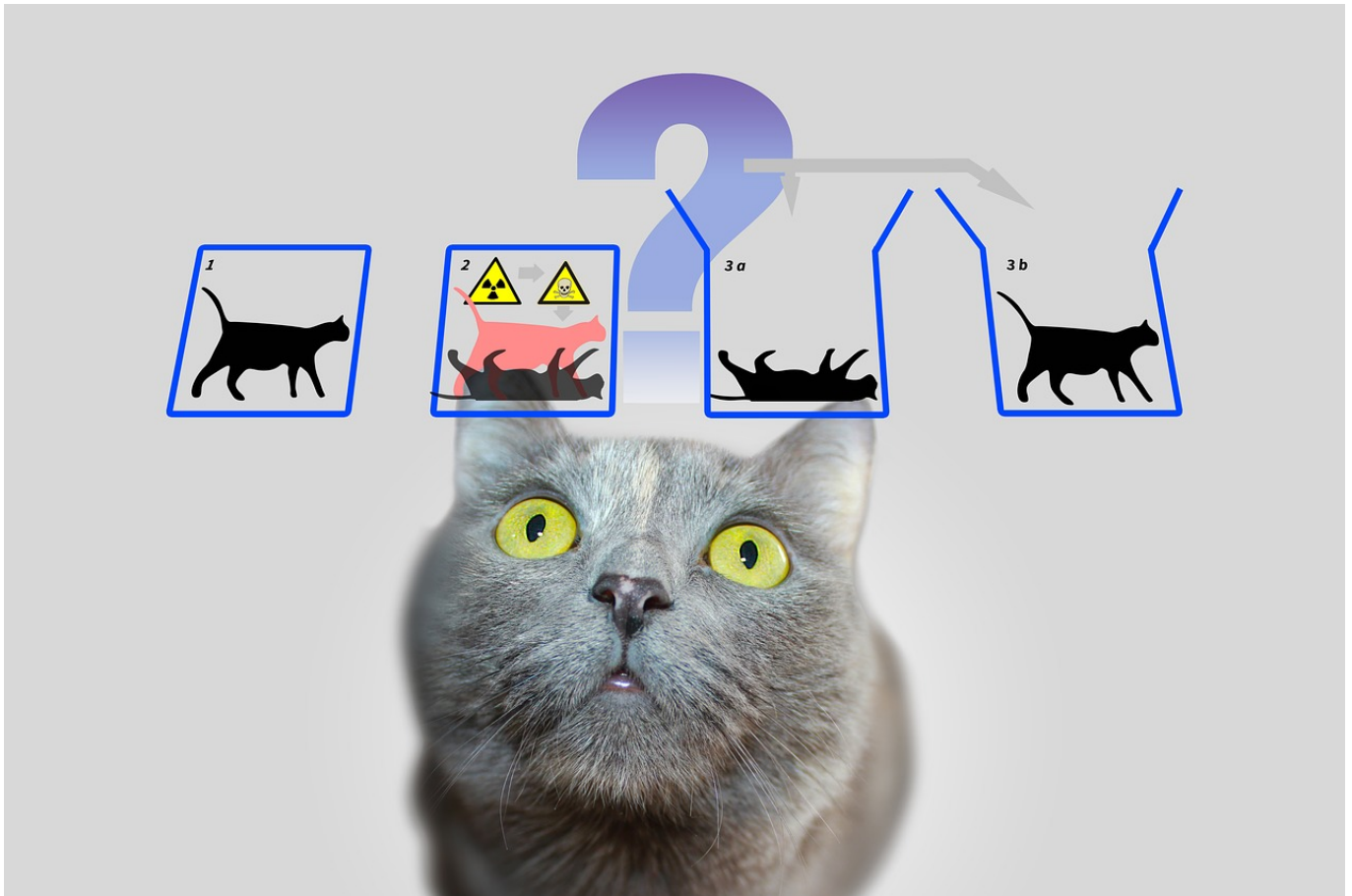
[inconsistency](#)

An inconsistent aspect or element.

*The **inconsistency** between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.*

self-contradiction

Contradicting yourself.



Usage Examples of "Paradox" as a noun

- *Cathedrals face the paradox of having enormous wealth in treasures but huge annual expenses.*
- *The uncertainty principle leads to all sorts of paradoxes, like the particles being in two places at once.*
- *Parmenides was the original advocate of the philosophical power of paradox.*
- *'I always lie' is a paradox because if it is true it must be false.*
- *The liar paradox.*



Associations of "Paradox" (30 Words)

<u>ambivalence</u>	The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. <i>The law s ambivalence about the importance of a victim s identity.</i>
antinomy	A contradiction between two statements that seem equally reasonable. <i>There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.</i>
charade	A word acted out in an episode of the game of charades. <i>Talk of unity was nothing more than a charade.</i>
conflicting	Incompatible or at variance; contradictory. <i>Conflicting</i> opinions.
<u>contradiction</u>	A situation in which inconsistent elements are present. <i>He spoke as if he thought his claims were immune to contradiction.</i>
<u>contradictory</u>	A contradictory proposition. <i>Contradictory</i> attributes of unjust justice and loving vindictiveness.
cynicism	A school of ancient Greek philosophers, the Cynics. <i>Cynicism</i> about the future.
derision	Contemptuous ridicule or mockery. <i>My stories were greeted with derision and disbelief.</i>
discrepant	Not in agreement. <i>The reasons for these discrepant results are unclear.</i>
disjunction	The relation of two distinct alternatives. <i>There is a disjunction between the skills taught in education and those demanded in the labour market.</i>
<u>incompatible</u>	Incapable of being used with or connected to other devices or components without modification. <i>Long hours are simply incompatible with family life.</i>
<u>inconsistency</u>	The quality of being inconsistent and lacking a harmonious uniformity among things or parts. <i>The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
inconsistent	Not capable of being made consistent or harmonious. <i>Inconsistent</i> statements cannot both be true at the same time.
<u>ironic</u>	Using or characterized by irony. <i>His mouth curved into an ironic smile.</i>

<u>irony</u>	The expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or emphatic effect. <i>Don't go overboard with the gratitude he rejoined with heavy irony.</i>
irreverence	An irreverent mental attitude. <i>An attitude of irreverence towards politicians.</i>
lampoon	A speech or text lampooning someone or something. <i>The actor was lampooned by the press.</i>
<u>mockery</u>	An absurd misrepresentation or imitation of something. <i>Stung by her mockery Frankie hung his head.</i>
opposing	Characterized by active hostility. <i>The opposing team.</i>
<u>oxymoron</u>	Conjoining contradictory terms (as in 'deafening silence).
<u>paradoxical</u>	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the paradoxical effect of making them trivial.</i>
<u>parody</u>	Make a parody of. <i>His speciality was parodying schoolgirl fiction.</i>
<u>ridicule</u>	Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>The satirists ridiculed the plans for a new opera house.</i>
sarcasm	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn-Jonathan Swif. <i>He used sarcasm to upset his opponent.</i>
<u>sarcastic</u>	Marked by or given to using irony in order to mock or convey contempt. <i>I think they're being sarcastic.</i>
<u>satire</u>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>A number of articles on Elizabethan satire.</i>
<u>satirical</u>	Sarcastic, critical, and mocking another's weaknesses. <i>His satirical sense of humour.</i>
satirize	Deride and criticize by means of satire. <i>The movie satirized the notion of national superiority.</i>
spoof	Make a parody of. <i>The students spoofed the teachers.</i>
<u>travesty</u>	Make a travesty of. <i>The absurdly lenient sentence is a travesty of justice.</i>

