

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.

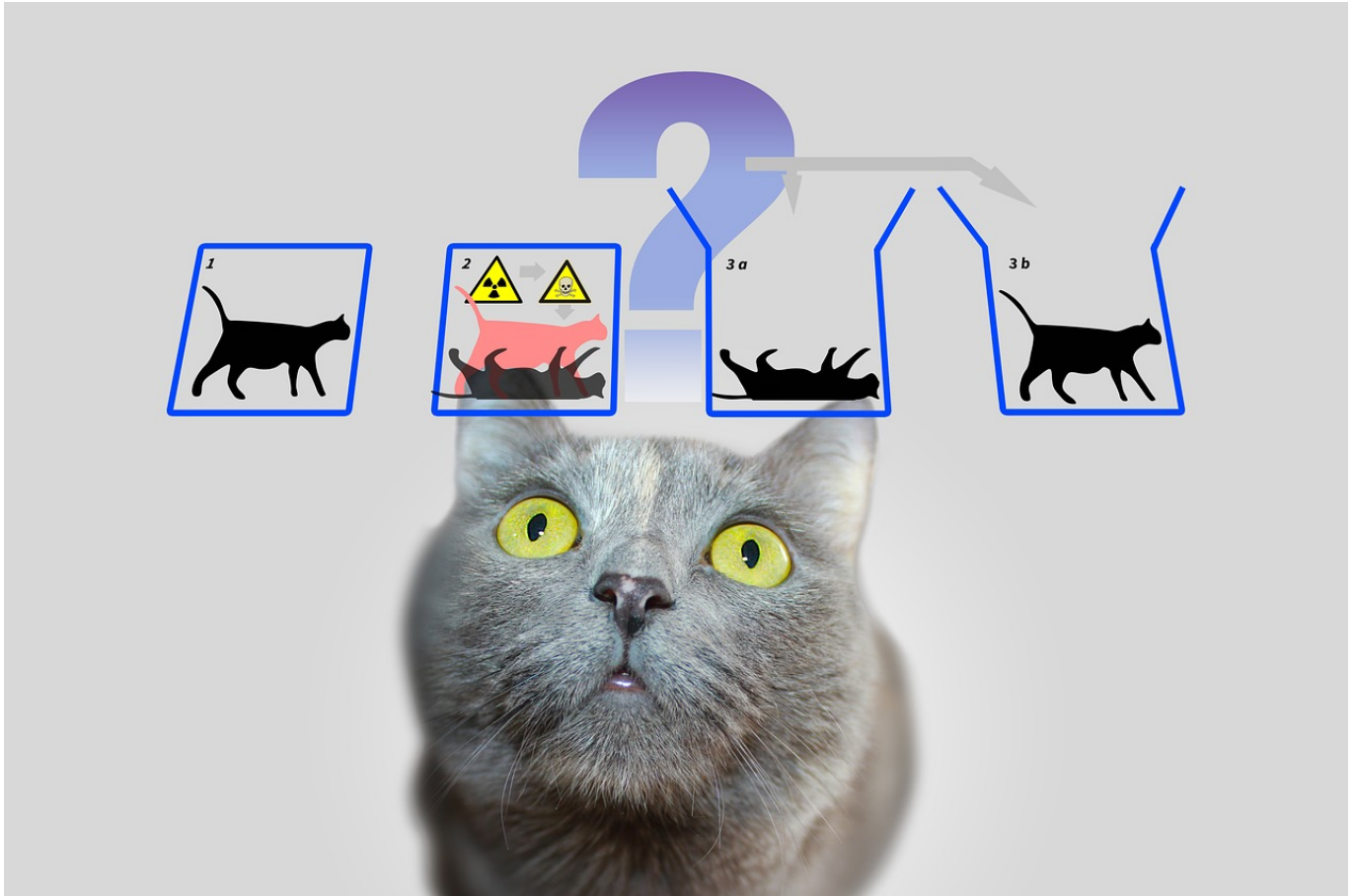
*The **incongruity** of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.*

### [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)

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

<b><u>irony</u></b>	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 <b>irony</b>.</i>
<b>irreverence</b>	An irreverent mental attitude. <i>An attitude of <b>irreverence</b> towards politicians.</i>
<b>lampoon</b>	A speech or text lampooning someone or something. <i>The actor was <b>lampooned</b> by the press.</i>
<b><u>mockery</u></b>	An absurd misrepresentation or imitation of something. <i>Stung by her <b>mockery</b> Frankie hung his head.</i>
<b>opposing</b>	Characterized by active hostility. <i>The <b>opposing</b> team.</i>
<b><u>oxymoron</u></b>	Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence).
<b><u>paradoxical</u></b>	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the <b>paradoxical</b> effect of making them trivial.</i>
<b><u>parody</u></b>	Make a parody of. <i>His speciality was <b>parodying</b> schoolgirl fiction.</i>
<b><u>ridicule</u></b>	Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>The satirists <b>ridiculed</b> the plans for a new opera house.</i>
<b>sarcasm</b>	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn-Jonathan Swif. <i>He used <b>sarcasm</b> to upset his opponent.</i>
<b><u>sarcastic</u></b>	Marked by or given to using irony in order to mock or convey contempt. <i>I think they're being <b>sarcastic</b>.</i>
<b><u>satire</u></b>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire. <i>A number of articles on Elizabethan <b>satire</b>.</i>
<b><u>satirical</u></b>	Sarcastic, critical, and mocking another's weaknesses. <i>His <b>satirical</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b>satirize</b>	Deride and criticize by means of satire. <i>The movie <b>satirized</b> the notion of national superiority.</i>
<b>spoof</b>	Make a parody of. <i>The students <b>spoofed</b> the teachers.</i>
<b><u>travesty</u></b>	Make a travesty of. <i>The absurdly lenient sentence is a <b>travesty</b> of justice.</i>

