Need another word that means the same as "penalty"? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for "penalty" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Penalty" are: penalisation, penalization, punishment, sanction, retribution, penance, disadvantage, difficulty, drawback, handicap, snag, downside, minus, detriment

## Penalty as a Noun

## Definitions of "Penalty" as a noun

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "penalty" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A punishment imposed for breaking a law, rule, or contract.
- The disadvantage or painful consequences of an action or condition.
- The act of punishing.
- (games) a handicap or disadvantage that is imposed on a competitor (or a team) for an infraction of the rules of the game.
- A payment required for not fulfilling a contract.
- A handicap or disadvantage that is imposed on a competitor (or a team) for an infraction of the rules of the game.
- A kick or shot awarded to a team because of an infringement of the rules by an opponent.
- (in sports and games) a handicap imposed on a player or team for infringement of rules.
- A disadvantage suffered as the result of an action or situation.
- Points won by the defenders when a declarer fails to make the contract.



## Synonyms of "Penalty" as a noun (14 Words)

## detriment

A damage or loss.
Such tests are a detriment to good education.

## difficulty

A thing that is hard to accomplish, deal with, or understand.
They agreed about the difficulty of the climb.
An unfavourable circumstance or condition that reduces the chances of disadvantage success or effectiveness.

A major disadvantage is the limited nature of the data.

## downside

drawback
handicap

A negative aspect of something that is generally positive. There is a downside even to motherhood.
An amount of excise or import duty remitted on goods exported.
He pointed out all the drawbacks to my plan.
A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed. He was born with a significant visual handicap.
minus A disadvantage.
Four minus three equals one.
penalisation The act of punishing.
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penance
Voluntary self-punishment in order to atone for some wrongdoing. He had done public penance for those hasty words.

## punishment A penalty inflicted as retribution for an offence.

She assisted her husband to escape punishment for the crime.
Punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act. Divine retribution.
Measures taken by a state to coerce another to conform to an international
sanction agreement or norms of conduct, typically in the form of restrictions on trade or official sporting participation.
The United States had agreed to lift economic sanctions.
snag
A rent or tear in fabric caused by a snag.
Dozens of species of birds and mammals use standing snags for nesting.


## Usage Examples of "Penalty" as a noun

- A penalty corner.
- The charge carries a maximum penalty of ten years' imprisonment.
- The cold never leaves my bones these days-one of the penalties of age.
- She only incurred 6.40 penalties for time on cross-country.
- Neglected his health and paid the penalty.



## Associations of "Penalty" (30 Words)

Temporary cessation or suspension. Matters were held in abeyance pending further enquiries.
$\left.\begin{array}{ll} & \text { Claim that (someone) has done something wrong. } \\ \text { accuse } & \begin{array}{l}\text { He was accused of murdering his wife s lover. }\end{array} \\ \text { berate } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Scold or criticize (someone) angrily. } \\ \text { She berated herself for being fickle. }\end{array} \\ \text { castigate } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Inflict severe punishment on. } \\ \text { castigation }\end{array} \\ \text { He was castigated for not setting a good example. } \\ \text { A severe scolding. } \\ \text { chasten } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Censure severely. } \\ \text { The director was somewhat chastened by his recent flops. }\end{array} \\ \text { chastise } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Censure severely. }\end{array} \\ \text { He chastised his colleagues for their laziness. }\end{array}\right\}$

| rebuke | An act or expression of criticism and censure. <br> The judge publicly rebuked the jury. |
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| reprimand | Address a reprimand to. <br> Officials were reprimanded for poor work. <br> Censure severely or angrily. |
| reproof | She welcomed him with a mild reproof for leaving her alone. <br> The act of taking revenge (harming someone in retaliation for something <br> harmful that they have done) especially in the next life. <br> Minos threatened war against Athens in retribution for his son s death. |
| retribution |  |
| retributive | Given or inflicted in requital according to merits or deserts. <br> Retributive justice. <br> Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding |
| scold | fault. <br> His mother was the village scold. |
| spank | Give a spanking to subject to a spanking. <br> She was spanked for spilling ink on the carpet. |
| subdue | Bring under control by force or authority. <br> Charles went on a campaign to subdue the Saxons. |
| suspension | Temporary cessation or suspension. <br> Modifications have been made to the car s rear suspension. |
| vindicatory | Given or inflicted in requital according to merits or deserts. <br> Someone who assaults others sexually. |
| violator | Sonica is able to name the violators of her body. <br> Mon |



