

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.*
- disadvantage** An unfavourable circumstance or condition that reduces the chances of success or effectiveness.
*A major **disadvantage** is the limited nature of the data.*
- downside** A negative aspect of something that is generally positive.
*There is a **downside** even to motherhood.*
- drawback** An amount of excise or import duty remitted on goods exported.
*He pointed out all the **drawbacks** to my plan.*
- handicap** A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed.
*He was born with a significant visual **handicap**.*

minus	A disadvantage. <i>Four minus three equals one.</i>
penalisation	The act of punishing.
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penance	Voluntary self-punishment in order to atone for some wrongdoing. <i>He had done public penance for those hasty words.</i>
punishment	A penalty inflicted as retribution for an offence. <i>She assisted her husband to escape punishment for the crime.</i>
retribution	Punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act. <i>Divine retribution.</i>
sanction	Measures taken by a state to coerce another to conform to an international agreement or norms of conduct, typically in the form of restrictions on trade or official sporting participation. <i>The United States had agreed to lift economic sanctions.</i>
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>



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)

abeyance

Temporary cessation or suspension.

*Matters were held in **abeyance** pending further enquiries.*

accuse	Claim that (someone) has done something wrong. <i>He was accused of murdering his wife s lover.</i>
<u>berate</u>	Scold or criticize (someone) angrily. <i>She berated herself for being fickle.</i>
castigate	Inflict severe punishment on. <i>He was castigated for not setting a good example.</i>
castigation	A severe scolding.
chasten	Censure severely. <i>The director was somewhat chastened by his recent flops.</i>
<u>chastise</u>	Censure severely. <i>He chastised his colleagues for their laziness.</i>
comeuppance	An outcome (good or bad) that is well deserved and fitting. <i>He got his comeuppance in the end.</i>
demotion	Act of lowering in rank or position. <i>She could remain on the staff if she accepted demotion to ordinary lecturer.</i>
disciplinary	Concerning or enforcing discipline. <i>A soldier will face disciplinary action after going absent without leave.</i>
<u>errant</u>	Travelling in search of adventure. <i>That same lady errant.</i>
felony	A crime regarded in the US and many other judicial systems as more serious than a misdemeanour. <i>An accusation of felony.</i>
gibbet	Hang up a body on a gibbet. <i>Poor Melbourne is gibbeted in The Times.</i>
misbehavior	Improper or wicked or immoral behavior.
<u>misdeed</u>	Improper or wicked or immoral behavior. <i>His past misdeeds were forgiven.</i>
penal	(of an act or offence) punishable by law. <i>The campaign for penal reform.</i>
penalize	Impose a penalty on; inflict punishment on. <i>Section twenty penalizes possession of a firearm when trespassing.</i>
punish	Impose a penalty on inflict punishment on. <i>I have done wrong and I m being punished for it.</i>
<u>punitive</u>	Inflicting or intended as punishment. <i>A current punitive interest rate of 31 3 per cent.</i>

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

