

Need another word that means the same as “pitfall”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “pitfall” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Pitfall” are: booby trap, pit, hazard, danger, risk, peril, difficulty, issue, problem, catch, snag, stumbling block, drawback**

## **Pitfall as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Pitfall" as a noun**

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

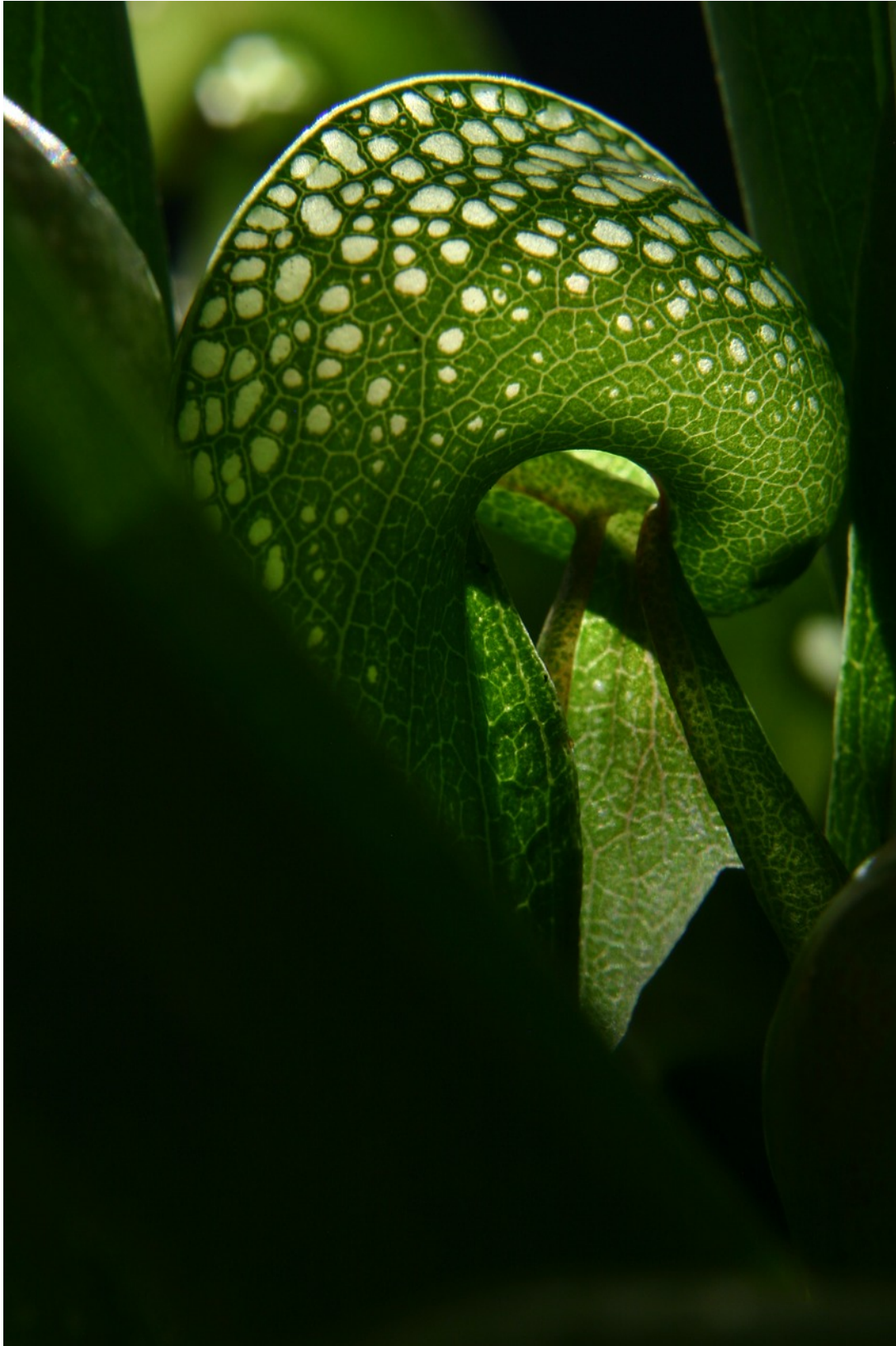
- *A trap in the form of a concealed hole.*
- *An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty.*
- *A hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty.*
- *A covered pit for use as a trap.*



## Synonyms of "Pitfall" as a noun (13 Words)

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| <b>booby trap</b>      | Drain consisting of a U-shaped section of drainpipe that holds liquid and so prevents a return flow of sewer gas.  |
| <b>catch</b>           | Anything that is caught especially if it is worth catching.<br><i>It sounds good but what s the <b>catch</b>.</i>  |
| <b>danger</b>          | A dangerous place.<br><i>He moved out of <b>danger</b>.</i>  |
| <b>difficulty</b>      | A factor causing trouble in achieving a positive result or tending to produce a negative result.<br><i>I managed with <b>difficulty</b> to struggle upright.</i> |
| <b><u>drawback</u></b> | The quality of being a hindrance.<br><i>They had been complaining of difficulties in getting quick reimbursement of duty <b>drawback</b>.</i>                    |
| <b><u>hazard</u></b>   | An obstacle on a golf course.<br><i>We can form no calculation concerning the laws of <b>hazard</b>.</i>   |

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| <b>issue</b>           | Supplies as food or clothing or ammunition issued by the government.<br><i>She found an old <b>issue</b> of the magazine in her dentist's waiting room.</i>        |
| <b>peril</b>           | A state of danger involving risk.<br><i>You could well place us both in <b>peril</b>.</i>  |
| <b>pit</b>             | A person's armpit.<br><i>Pooled commodity funds liquidated positions in the corn and soybean <b>pits</b>.</i>  |
| <b>problem</b>         | A matter or situation regarded as unwelcome or harmful and needing to be dealt with and overcome.<br><i>She and her husband are having <b>problems</b>.</i>        |
| <b>risk</b>            | A person or thing regarded as likely to turn out well or badly in a particular context or respect.<br><i>Western banks regarded Romania as a good <b>risk</b>.</i> |
| <b>snag</b>            | A rent or tear in fabric caused by a snag.<br><i>There's one small <b>snag</b>.</i>  |
| <b>stumbling block</b> | An unintentional but embarrassing blunder.   |



## Usage Examples of "Pitfall" as a noun

- *The pitfalls of buying goods at public auctions.*



## Associations of "Pitfall" (30 Words)

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| <b>barrier</b>   | A structure or object that impedes free movement.<br><i>Intolerance is a <b>barrier</b> to understanding.</i>                            |
| <b>block</b>     | The length of one side of a block especially as a measure of distance.<br><i>A family <b>block</b> of ice cream.</i>                     |
| <b>dangerous</b> | Able or likely to cause harm or injury.<br><i>It is <b>dangerous</b> to convict on his evidence.</i>                                     |
| <b>deterrent</b> | Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress.<br><i>The <b>deterrent</b> effect of heavy prison sentences.</i> |

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| <b>difficulty</b>    | A factor causing trouble in achieving a positive result or tending to produce a negative result.<br><i>I managed with <b>difficulty</b> to struggle upright.</i>                |
| <b>disability</b>    | A disadvantage or handicap, especially one imposed or recognized by the law.<br><i>Reading <b>disability</b>.</i>   |
| <b>disrupt</b>       | Drastically alter or destroy the structure of.<br><i>Our 3D printing technology is <b>disrupting</b> the traditional manufacturing industry.</i>                                |
| <b>distraction</b>   | Mental turmoil.<br><i>He drives me to <b>distraction</b>.</i>   |
| <b>hinderance</b>    | The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding.  |
| <b>hindrance</b>     | The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding.<br><i>A <b>hindrance</b> to the development process.</i>   |
| <b>hurdle</b>        | Enclose or fence off with hurdles.<br><i>All 450 runners had <b>hurdled</b> the barriers.</i>   |
| <b>impediment</b>    | A hindrance or obstruction in doing something.<br><i>A serious <b>impediment</b> to scientific progress.</i>  |
| <b>inconvenience</b> | To cause inconvenience or discomfort to.<br><i>The <b>inconvenience</b> of having to change trains.</i>   |
| <b>incubus</b>       | A male demon believed to lie on sleeping persons and to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women.<br><i>Debt is a big <b>incubus</b> in developing countries.</i>            |
| <b>insuperable</b>   | (of a difficulty or obstacle) impossible to overcome.<br><i><b>Insuperable</b> heroes.</i>  |
| <b>interference</b>  | Electrical or acoustic activity that can disturb communication.<br><i>An unwarranted <b>interference</b> with personal liberty.</i>   |
| <b>nuisance</b>      | A bothersome annoying person.<br><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.<br><i>Lack of imagination is an <b>obstacle</b> to one s advancement.</i>  |
| <b>obstruction</b>   | The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction.<br><i>He was charged with <b>obstruction</b> of a police officer in the execution of his duty.</i> |
| <b>parlous</b>       | Full of danger or uncertainty; precarious.<br><i>She is <b>parlous</b> handsome.</i>  |

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| <b><u>perilous</u></b> | Exposed to imminent risk of disaster or ruin.<br><i>A <b>perilous</b> journey south.</i>  |
| <b>retardation</b>     | The action of delaying or slowing the progress or development of something.<br><i>The goals of treatment include <b>retardation</b> of disease progression.</i> |
| <b>risk</b>            | Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome.<br><i>Why <b>risk</b> your life.</i>  |
| <b><u>risky</u></b>    | Risqu.<br><i>Extremely <b>risky</b> going out in the tide and fog.</i>  |
| <b>snag</b>            | Catch on a snag.<br><i>I <b>snagged</b> my stocking.</i>  |
| <b>stumble</b>         | Trip or momentarily lose one's balance; almost fall.<br><i>Her foot caught in the rug and she <b>stumbled</b>.</i>  |
| <b>threatened</b>      | Likely in the near future to become endangered.<br><i>The spotted owl is a <b>threatened</b> species not yet an endangered one.</i>                             |
| <b><u>trap</u></b>     | Catch an animal in a trap.<br><i>By keeping quiet I was walking into a <b>trap</b>.</i>   |
| <b>unsafe</b>          | Lacking in security or safety.<br><i>Drinking water in some areas may be <b>unsafe</b>.</i>   |

