

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:

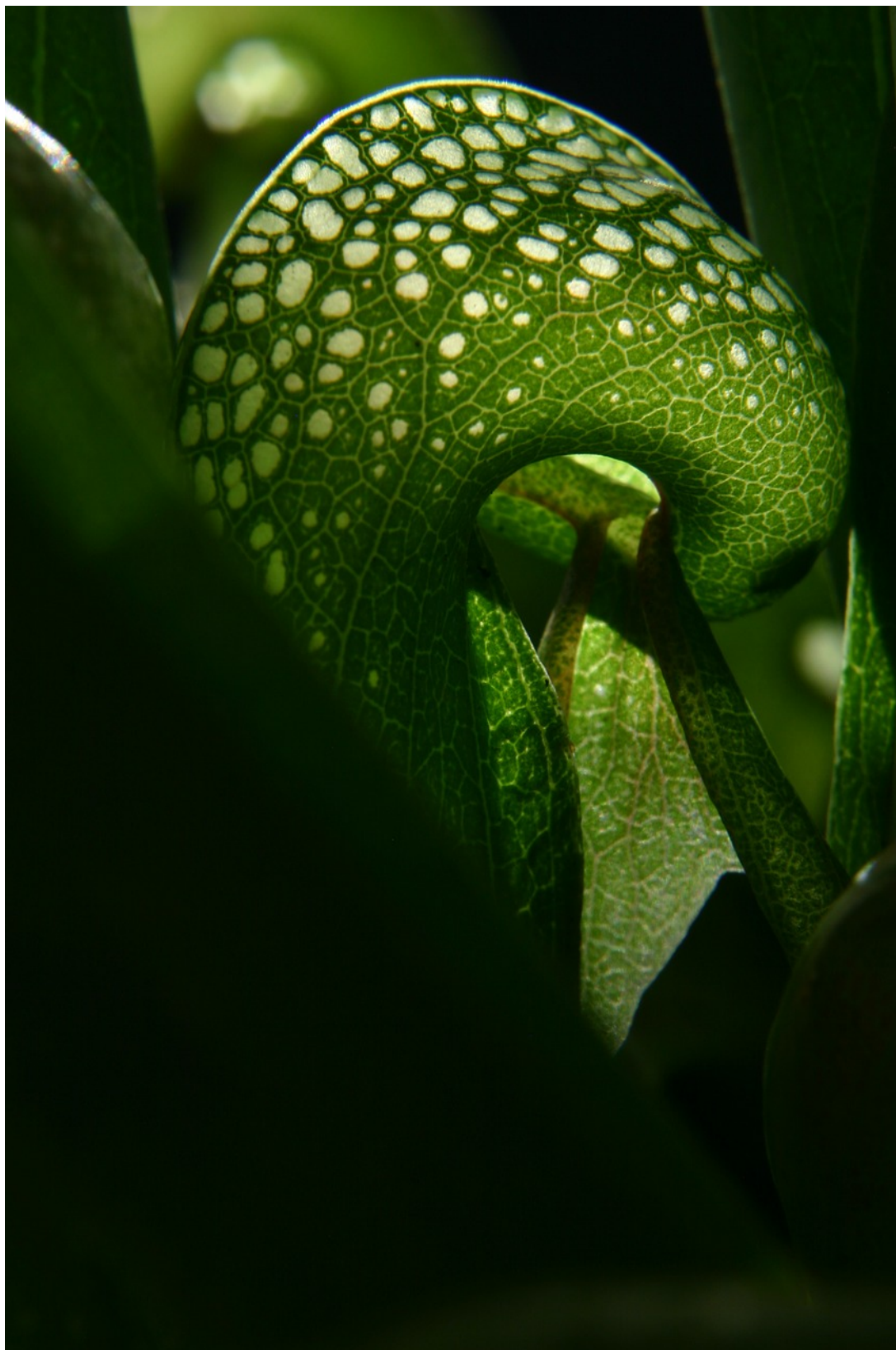
- *A trap in the form of a concealed hole.*
- *An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty.*
- *A hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty.*
- *A covered pit for use as a trap.*



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

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

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

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

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<u>disability</u>	A disadvantage or handicap, especially one imposed or recognized by the law. <i>Reading disability.</i>
<u>disrupt</u>	Drastically alter or destroy the structure of. <i>Our 3D printing technology is disrupting the traditional manufacturing industry.</i>
<u>distraction</u>	Mental turmoil. <i>He drives me to distraction.</i>
hinderance	The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding.
<u>hindrance</u>	The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding. <i>A hindrance to the development process.</i>
<u>hurdle</u>	Enclose or fence off with hurdles. <i>All 450 runners had hurdled the barriers.</i>
<u>impediment</u>	A hindrance or obstruction in doing something. <i>A serious impediment to scientific progress.</i>
inconvenience	To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>The inconvenience of having to change trains.</i>
incubus	A male demon believed to lie on sleeping persons and to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women. <i>Debt is a big incubus in developing countries.</i>
insuperable	(of a difficulty or obstacle) impossible to overcome. <i>Insuperable heroes.</i>
interference	Electrical or acoustic activity that can disturb communication. <i>An unwarranted interference with personal liberty.</i>
nuisance	A bothersome annoying person. <i>I hope you re not going to make a nuisance of yourself.</i>
obstacle	A thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress. <i>Lack of imagination is an obstacle to one s advancement.</i>
<u>obstruction</u>	The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction. <i>He was charged with obstruction of a police officer in the execution of his duty.</i>
parlous	Full of danger or uncertainty; precarious. <i>She is parlous handsome.</i>

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

