

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

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The synonyms of “Relapse” are: get worse, fall back, lapse, recidivate, regress, retrogress, get ill again, get worse again, have a relapse, suffer a relapse, worsen, deteriorate, degenerate, take a turn for the worse, sicken, weaken, fail, sink, revert, backsliding, lapsing, relapsing, reversion, reverting, deterioration, worsening of someone's condition, turn for the worse, setback, weakening

Relapse as a Noun

Definitions of "Relapse" as a noun

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

- *A deterioration in someone's state of health after a temporary improvement.*
- *A failure to maintain a higher state.*

Synonyms of "Relapse" as a noun (11 Words)

backsliding	The action of relapsing into bad ways or error. <i>There would be no backsliding from the government's sound policies.</i>
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deterioration	Process of changing to an inferior state. <i>A deterioration in the condition of the patient.</i>
lapse	The termination of a right or privilege through disuse or failure to follow appropriate procedures. <i>A lapse of concentration in the second set cost her the match.</i>
lapsing	A break or intermission in the occurrence of something.
relapsing	A failure to maintain a higher state.
reversion	A property to which someone has the right of reversion. <i>A problem applicable to most variegated plants is that of reversion.</i>
reverting	A failure to maintain a higher state.
setback	The distance by which a building or part of a building is set back from the property line. <i>A serious setback for the peace process.</i>
turn for the worse	A division during which one team is on the offensive.
weakening	The act of reducing the strength of something.
worsening of someone's condition	A state at a particular time.

Usage Examples of "Relapse" as a noun

- *He responded well to treatment, but then suffered a relapse.*

Relapse as a Verb

Definitions of "Relapse" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "relapse" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Return to (a less active or a worse state).*
- *Go back to bad behavior.*
- *Deteriorate in health.*
- *(of a sick or injured person) deteriorate after a period of improvement.*

Synonyms of "Relapse" as a verb (19 Words)

degenerate	Grow worse. <i>The debate degenerated into a brawl.</i>
deteriorate	Grow worse. <i>His mind deteriorated.</i>
fail	Fail to get a passing grade. <i>A lorry whose brakes had failed.</i>
fall back	Touch or seem as if touching visually or audibly.
get ill again	Go or come after and bring or take back.
get worse	Overcome or destroy.
get worse again	Reach with a blow or hit in a particular spot.
have a relapse	Have ownership or possession of.
lapse	Revert to (a previous or more familiar style of speaking or behaviour). <i>The girls lapsed into French.</i>
recidivate	(of a convicted criminal) reoffend. <i>Offenders involved with drugs were more likely to recidivate.</i>
<u>regress</u>	Calculate the coefficient or coefficients of regression of a variable against or on another variable. <i>I regressed Sylvia to early childhood.</i>
retrogress	Go back to an earlier state, typically a worse one. <i>She retrogressed to the starting point of her rehabilitation.</i>
<u>revert</u>	(of property) return to (the original owner) by reversion. <i>It is impossible that a fishlike mammal will actually revert to being a true fish.</i>
sicken	Upset and make nauseated. <i>He sickened at the thought.</i>
sink	Fall or sink heavily. <i>The players were sinking a few post match lagers.</i>
suffer a relapse	Put up with something or somebody unpleasant.
take a turn for the worse	Take somebody somewhere.
<u>weaken</u>	Make or become weaker in power, resolve, or physical strength. <i>Fault lines had weakened and shattered the rocks.</i>
<u>worsen</u>	Make or become worse. <i>Conditions in the slum worsened.</i>

Usage Examples of "Relapse" as a verb

- *He relapsed into silence.*
- *He relapsed.*
- *Two of the patients in remission relapsed after 48 months.*

Associations of "Relapse" (30 Words)

alcoholism	An intense persistent desire to drink alcoholic beverages to excess. <i>He had a long history of depression drug abuse and alcoholism.</i>
<u>anachronism</u>	The action of attributing something to a period to which it does not belong. <i>It is anachronism to suppose that the official morality of the age was mere window dressing.</i>
atavism	A reappearance of an earlier characteristic. <i>The more civilized a society seems to be the more susceptible it is to its buried atavism.</i>
<u>back</u>	Walk or drive backwards. <i>At the back of the hotel is a secluded garden.</i>
backslide	Drop to a lower level, as in one's morals or standards. <i>There are many things that can cause slimmers to backslide.</i>
backward	Having made less than normal progress. <i>The child put her jersey on backward.</i>
backwards	(of an object's motion) back towards the starting point. <i>The songs look backwards to long ago battles.</i>
chronic	Of a person having a chronic illness. <i>The film was absolutely chronic.</i>
degeneration	Deterioration and loss of function in the cells of a tissue or organ. <i>Overgrazing has caused serious degeneration of grassland.</i>
<u>degraded</u>	Lowered in value. <i>She had felt cheap and degraded.</i>
dilution	The degree to which a solution has been diluted. <i>The milk factor is greatly reduced by dilution.</i>
discontinuity	A break in or lack of continuity. <i>There is no significant discontinuity between modern and primitive societies.</i>

inversion	<p>A transformation in which each point of a given figure is replaced by another point on the same straight line from a fixed point especially in such a way that the product of the distances of the two points from the centre of inversion is constant.</p> <p><i>The inversion of the normal domestic arrangement.</i></p>
rate	<p>(in the UK) a tax on commercial land and buildings paid to a local authority; (in Northern Ireland and formerly in the UK) a tax levied on private property.</p> <p><i>Your heart rate.</i></p>
<u>recession</u>	<p>A small concavity.</p> <p><i>Measures to pull the economy out of recession.</i></p>
recrudescence	<p>The recurrence of an undesirable condition.</p> <p><i>Recrudescence of the disease is a real possibility.</i></p>
<u>recurrence</u>	<p>Happening again (especially at regular intervals).</p> <p><i>A drug used to prevent the recurrence of breast cancer.</i></p>
<u>recurrent</u>	<p>(of a nerve or blood vessel) turning back so as to reverse direction.</p> <p><i>She had a recurrent dream about falling.</i></p>
<u>regress</u>	<p>Calculate the coefficient or coefficients of regression of a variable against or on another variable.</p> <p><i>A regress to the nursery.</i></p>
<u>regression</u>	<p>The relation between selected values of x and observed values of y (from which the most probable value of y can be predicted for any value of x).</p> <p><i>It is easy to blame unrest on economic regression.</i></p>
regressive	<p>Proceeding from effect to cause or from particular to universal.</p> <p><i>A regressive personality.</i></p>
retreat	<p>Make a retreat from an earlier commitment or activity.</p> <p><i>His proposals were clearly unreasonable and he was forced to retreat.</i></p>
retrograde	<p>Show retrograde motion.</p> <p><i>To go back on the progress that has been made would be a retrograde step.</i></p>
retrogression	<p>Passing from a more complex to a simpler biological form.</p> <p><i>A retrogression to 19th century attitudes.</i></p>
<u>retrospect</u>	<p>Look back upon (a period of time, sequence of events); remember.</p> <p><i>A full retrospect of the battle.</i></p>
retrospective	<p>(of a statute or legal decision) taking effect from a date in the past.</p> <p><i>Our survey was retrospective.</i></p>

return	A mechanism or key on a typewriter that returns the carriage to a fixed position at the start of a new line. <i>The company returned a profit of 4 3 million.</i>
reversion	A property to which someone has the right of reversion. <i>The reversion of property.</i>
<u>revert</u>	Return to (a former or ancestral type). <i>On reverting our eyes every step presented some new and admirable scene.</i>
<u>throwback</u>	Characteristic of an atavist. <i>A lot of his work is a throwback to the fifties.</i>