

Need another word that means the same as “remorse”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “remorse” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Remorse” are: compunction, self-reproach, contrition, deep regret, repentance, penitence, guilt, feelings of guilt, bad conscience, ruefulness, contriteness, sorrow, shame, self-accusation, self-condemnation**

## Remorse as a Noun

### Definitions of "Remorse" as a noun

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

- *A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed).*
- *Deep regret or guilt for a wrong committed.*



## Synonyms of "Remorse" as a noun (15 Words)

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| <b>bad conscience</b>    | That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.  |
| <b>compunction</b>       | A feeling of guilt or moral scruple that prevents or follows the doing of something bad.<br><i>They used their tanks without <b>compunction</b>.</i> |
| <b>contriteness</b>      | An artificial or unnatural or obviously contrived arrangement of details or parts etc.   |
| <b>contrition</b>        | Sorrow for sin arising from fear of damnation.<br><i>To show <b>contrition</b> for his crime he offered to do community service.</i>                 |
| <b>deep regret</b>       | A long steep-sided depression in the ocean floor.  |
| <b>feelings of guilt</b> | A physical sensation that you experience.  |
| <b>guilt</b>             | Remorse caused by feeling responsible for some offense.<br><i>It is the duty of the prosecution to prove the prisoner s <b>guilt</b>.</i>            |

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| <b>penitence</b>         | The action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentance.<br><i>A public display of <b>penitence</b>.</i> |
| <b>repentance</b>        | Remorse for your past conduct.<br><i>Each person who turns to God in genuine <b>repentance</b> and faith will be saved.</i>           |
| <b>ruefulness</b>        | Sadness associated with some wrong done or some disappointment.   |
| <b>self-accusation</b>   | An admission that you have failed to do or be something you know you should do or be.   |
| <b>self-condemnation</b> | An admission that you have failed to do or be something you know you should do or be.   |
| <b>self-reproach</b>     | A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed).  |
| <b>shame</b>             | A person, action, or situation that brings a loss of respect or honour.<br><i>What a <b>shame</b> Ellie won't be here.</i>            |
| <b>sorrow</b>            | An event or circumstance that causes sorrow.<br><i>A bereaved person needs time to work through their <b>sorrow</b>.</i>              |





## Usage Examples of "Remorse" as a noun

- *They were filled with remorse and shame.*



## Associations of "Remorse" (30 Words)

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| <b><u>apologetic</u></b> | Expressing or showing regretful acknowledgement of an offence or failure.<br><i>She was very <b>apologetic</b> about the whole incident.</i>         |
| <b>atonement</b>         | The reconciliation of God and mankind through Jesus Christ.<br><i>He submitted his resignation as an act of <b>atonement</b>.</i>                    |
| <b>compunction</b>       | A feeling of guilt or moral scruple that prevents or follows the doing of something bad.<br><i>They used their tanks without <b>compunction</b>.</i> |
| <b>confess</b>           | Confess to a punishable or reprehensible deed usually under pressure.<br><i>St Ambrose would weep bitter tears when <b>confessing</b> a sinner.</i>  |

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| <b><u>confession</u></b>  | The religious body or Church sharing a confession of faith.<br><i>His words are a political <b>confession</b> of faith.</i>  |
| <b>confessor</b>          | A priest who hears confessions and gives absolution and spiritual counsel.<br><i>If one prisoner confesses and implicates the other the <b>confessor</b> will go free as a reward.</i> |
| <b>contrite</b>           | Feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong.<br><i>A <b>contrite</b> tone.</i>  |
| <b>contrition</b>         | Sorrow for sin arising from fear of damnation.<br><i>Prayers of <b>contrition</b>.</i>   |
| <b>forgive</b>            | Stop blaming or grant forgiveness.<br><i>She cannot <b>forgive</b> him for forgetting her birthday.</i>  |
| <b>penance</b>            | Impose a penance on.<br><i>He had done public <b>penance</b> for those hasty words.</i>  |
| <b>penitence</b>          | The action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentance.<br><i>A public display of <b>penitence</b>.</i>  |
| <b>penitent</b>           | Feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant.<br><i>A <b>penitent</b> expression.</i>   |
| <b>penitential</b>        | Relating to or expressing penitence or penance.<br><i>Wrote a <b>penitential</b> letter apologizing for her hasty words.</i>   |
| <b><u>qualm</u></b>       | A momentary faint or sick feeling.<br><i>Military regimes generally have no <b>qualms</b> about controlling the press.</i>   |
| <b>regret</b>             | Express with regret.<br><i>I always <b>regretted</b> that I never trained.</i>   |
| <b>regretful</b>          | Feeling or showing regret.<br><i><b>Regretful</b> over mistakes she had made.</i>  |
| <b><u>regretfully</u></b> | In a regretful manner.<br><i><b>Regretfully</b> mounting costs forced the branch to close.</i>   |
| <b>remorseful</b>         | Filled with remorse; sorry.<br><i>The defendant was <b>remorseful</b> for what he had done.</i>  |
| <b>repent</b>             | Feel remorse for; feel sorry for; be contrite about.<br><i>Marian came to <b>repent</b> her hasty judgement.</i>   |
| <b><u>repentance</u></b>  | The action of repenting; sincere regret or remorse.<br><i>Each person who turns to God in genuine <b>repentance</b> and faith will be saved.</i>                                       |
| <b>repentant</b>          | Feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds.<br><i>He is truly <b>repentant</b> for his incredible naivety and stupidity.</i>   |

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| <b>rue</b>              | Leaves sometimes used for flavoring fruit or claret cup but should be used with great caution: can cause irritation like poison ivy.<br><i>To his <b>rue</b> the error cost him the game.</i> |
| <u><b>rueful</b></u>    | Expressing sorrow or regret, especially in a wry or humorous way.<br><i>She gave a <b>rueful</b> grin.</i>  |
| <u><b>salvation</b></u> | The state of being saved or preserved from harm.<br><i>They turned to individualism as their <b>salvation</b>.</i>  |
| <b>sceptic</b>          | A person who doubts the truth of Christianity and other religions; an atheist.  |
| <b>scruple</b>          | Raise scruples.<br><i>In the choice of a second wife one <b>scruple</b> of prudence is worth a pound of passion.</i>  |
| <u><b>sin</b></u>       | Commit a sin violate a law of God or a moral law.<br><i>Lord we have <b>sinned</b> against you.</i>   |
| <u><b>sinner</b></u>    | A person who transgresses against divine law by committing an immoral act or acts.<br><i>God forgives repentant <b>sinner</b>s.</i>   |
| <u><b>sorry</b></u>     | Unpleasant and regrettable, especially on account of incompetence or misbehaviour.<br><i>A <b>sorry</b> excuse.</i>   |
| <b>uneasiness</b>       | Inability to rest or relax or be still.<br><i>I sensed the <b>uneasiness</b> of people around me.</i>   |