

Need another word that means the same as “sanctuary”? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for “sanctuary” in this overview.

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Sanctuary as a Noun

Definitions of "Sanctuary" as a noun

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

- *Refuge or safety from pursuit, persecution, or other danger.*
- *The inmost recess or holiest part of a temple.*
- *The part of the chancel of a church containing the high altar.*
- *A shelter from danger or hardship.*
- *A holy place; a temple.*
- *Area around the altar of a church for the clergy and choir; often enclosed by a lattice or railing.*
- *A consecrated place where sacred objects are kept.*
- *A place where injured or unwanted animals of a specified kind are cared for.*
- *A nature reserve.*



Synonyms of "Sanctuary" as a noun (40 Words)

adytum	The innermost sanctuary of an ancient Greek temple.
altar	A raised structure on which gifts or sacrifices to a god are made.
asylum	A hospital for mentally incompetent or unbalanced person. <i>He d been committed to an asylum.</i>
bema	The platform from which orators spoke in ancient Athens.
bolthole	A place where a person can escape and hide. <i>He thought of Antwerp as a possible bolthole.</i>
chancel	The part of a church near the altar, reserved for the clergy and choir, and typically separated from the nave by steps or a screen.
den	A wild mammal s hidden home a lair. <i>An opium den.</i>

fastness	The quality of being fixed in place as by some firm attachment. <i>A remote Himalayan mountain fastness.</i>
foxhole	A place of refuge or concealment.
harbour	A place of refuge. <i>The westerly wind kept us in harbour until the following afternoon.</i>
haven	An inlet providing shelter for ships or boats; a harbour or small port. <i>A haven for wildlife.</i>
hideaway	A place used for hiding in or as a retreat from other people. <i>Workmen added 4 ft to the top of the 6 ft high wooden fence round her Surrey hideaway to stop prying eyes.</i>
hideout	A hiding place; usually a remote place used by outlaws. <i>The kidnappers did not want their hideout discovered.</i>
hiding place	The state of being hidden.
holy of holies	A sacred place of pilgrimage.
holy place	A sacred place of pilgrimage.
home	The district or country where one was born or has settled on a long-term basis. <i>Low cost homes for first time buyers.</i>
immunity	Protection or exemption from something, especially an obligation or penalty. <i>Immunity to criticism.</i>
naos	The inner chamber or sanctuary of a Greek or other ancient temple.
nature reserve	A causal agent creating and controlling things in the universe.
oasis	A fertile spot in a desert, where water is found. <i>The park is an oasis of calm in the centre of the city.</i>
park	A gear position that acts as a parking brake. <i>Marcus had the park s swings and slides to himself.</i>
port in a storm	An opening (in a wall or ship or armored vehicle) for firing through.
preserve	A foodstuff made with fruit preserved in sugar such as jam or marmalade. <i>Medicine is no longer a male preserve.</i>
protection	Protection money paid to criminals especially on a regular basis. <i>Most European climbers drill bolts into rock rather than using removable protection.</i>
refuge	The state of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or difficulty. <i>He was forced to take refuge in the French embassy.</i>

reservation	(in church use) the practice of retaining a portion of the consecrated elements after Mass for communion of the sick or as a focus for devotion. <i>Some generals voiced reservations about making air strikes.</i>
reserve	A member of the military reserve. <i>She trusted him without reserve.</i>
retreat	An area where you can be alone. <i>A gloomy stock market forecast sent share prices into a rapid retreat.</i>
sacrarium	(in the ancient Roman world) a shrine, in particular the room in a house containing the penates.
safe house	A ventilated or refrigerated cupboard for securing provisions from pests.
safe keeping	A ventilated or refrigerated cupboard for securing provisions from pests.
safety	A defensive back who plays in a deep position. <i>The reciprocal of safety is risk.</i>
sanctum	A place of inviolable privacy. <i>He ushered her into his sanctum and gave her something to drink.</i>
security	Procedures followed or measures taken to ensure the security of a state or organization. <i>The watch dog gave her a feeling of security.</i>
shelter	Temporary housing for homeless or displaced persons. <i>Did they give you any breakfast at the shelter.</i>
shrine	A place associated with or containing memorabilia of a particular revered person or thing. <i>A Hindu shrine at which offerings are placed twice a day.</i>
tabernacle	An ornamented receptacle or cabinet in which a pyx containing the reserved sacrament may be placed in Catholic churches, usually on or above an altar.
temple	A thing regarded as holy or likened to a temple especially a person's body. <i>The veins in his temple throbbed.</i>
wildlife reserve	All living things (except people) that are undomesticated.



Usage Examples of "Sanctuary" as a noun

- *The sanctuaries of Apollo and Athena.*
- *A bird sanctuary.*
- *The inner sanctuary where the reliquary was kept.*
- *She thought of her room as a sanctuary.*
- *His sons took sanctuary in the church.*
- *A donkey sanctuary.*



Associations of "Sanctuary" (30 Words)

asylum	Shelter or protection from danger. <i>We provide asylum for those too ill to care for themselves.</i>
avalanche	Undergo a rapid increase in conductivity due to an avalanche process. <i>The climbers were avalanched down the south face of the mountain.</i>
deportation	The expulsion from a country of an undesirable alien. <i>His deportation to a penal colony.</i>
deviant	A deviant person or thing. <i>Killers deviants and those whose actions are beyond most human comprehension.</i>
escape	Interrupt an operation by means of the escape key. <i>The convicted murderer escaped from a high security prison.</i>

escaped	Having escaped especially from confinement. <i>Searching for two escaped prisoners.</i>
exile	A person who is voluntarily absent from home or country. <i>The poet was exiled because he signed a letter protesting the government's actions.</i>
firearm	A portable gun. <i>He wore his firearm in a shoulder holster.</i>
flee	Run away from (someone or something). <i>He was forced to flee the country.</i>
goggles	(plural) tight-fitting spectacles worn to protect the eyes.
guard	The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team. <i>Guard against infection.</i>
harbor	Keep in one's possession; of animals. <i>She is harboring a grudge against him.</i>
haven	An inlet providing shelter for ships or boats; a harbour or small port. <i>A haven for wildlife.</i>
helmet	A hard or padded protective hat, various types of which are worn by soldiers, police officers, motorcyclists, sports players, and others.
hiding	The state of being hidden. <i>If they'd played badly they might have expected a hiding.</i>
lancet	Shaped like a lancet arch. <i>A lancet clock.</i>
landslide	An overwhelming majority of votes for one party or candidate in an election. <i>They won by a landslide.</i>
latch	Fasten with a latch. <i>Latch the door.</i>
migrant	An animal that migrates. <i>Appalled by the social conditions of migrant life.</i>
port	A place seaport or airport where people and merchandise can enter or leave a country. <i>The French port of Toulon.</i>
protection	Protection money paid to criminals especially on a regular basis. <i>The witnesses demanded police protection.</i>
prudence	Knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress. <i>We need to exercise prudence in such important matters.</i>

- recourse** Something or someone turned to for assistance or security.
*All three countries had **recourse** to the IMF for standby loans.*
- refuge** A safe place.
*The family came to be seen as a **refuge** from a harsh world.*
- refugee** An exile who flees for safety.
*A **refugee** camp.*
- safety** The state of being certain that adverse effects will not be caused by some agent under defined conditions.
*They should leave for their own **safety**.*
- shelter** Provide shelter for.
*The **shelter** sees many dogs which have been dumped on Dartmoor.*
- spectacles** Optical instrument consisting of a frame that holds a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision.
*Gold rimmed **spectacles**.*
- transportation** The United States federal department that institutes and coordinates national transportation programs created in 1966.
***Transportation** on the site includes a monorail.*

