

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)

<b>adytum</b>	The innermost sanctuary of an ancient Greek temple.
<b>altar</b>	A raised structure on which gifts or sacrifices to a god are made.
<b><a href="#">asylum</a></b>	A hospital for mentally incompetent or unbalanced person. <i>He d been committed to an <b>asylum</b>.</i>
<b>bema</b>	The platform from which orators spoke in ancient Athens.
<b>bolthole</b>	A place where a person can escape and hide. <i>He thought of Antwerp as a possible <b>bolthole</b>.</i>
<b>chancel</b>	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.
<b>den</b>	A wild mammal s hidden home a lair. <i>An opium <b>den</b>.</i>

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

<b>reservation</b>	(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 <b>reservations</b> about making air strikes.</i>
<b>reserve</b>	A member of the military reserve. <i>She trusted him without <b>reserve</b>.</i>
<b>retreat</b>	An area where you can be alone. <i>A gloomy stock market forecast sent share prices into a rapid <b>retreat</b>.</i>
<b>sacrarium</b>	(in the ancient Roman world) a shrine, in particular the room in a house containing the penates.
<b>safe house</b>	A ventilated or refrigerated cupboard for securing provisions from pests.
<b>safe keeping</b>	A ventilated or refrigerated cupboard for securing provisions from pests.
<b>safety</b>	A defensive back who plays in a deep position. <i>The reciprocal of <b>safety</b> is risk.</i>
<b>sanctum</b>	A place of inviolable privacy. <i>He ushered her into his <b>sanctum</b> and gave her something to drink.</i>
<b>security</b>	Procedures followed or measures taken to ensure the security of a state or organization. <i>The watch dog gave her a feeling of <b>security</b>.</i>
<b>shelter</b>	Temporary housing for homeless or displaced persons. <i>Did they give you any breakfast at the <b>shelter</b>.</i>
<b>shrine</b>	A place associated with or containing memorabilia of a particular revered person or thing. <i>A Hindu <b>shrine</b> at which offerings are placed twice a day.</i>
<b>tabernacle</b>	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.
<b>temple</b>	A thing regarded as holy or likened to a temple especially a person's body. <i>The veins in his <b>temple</b> throbbed.</i>
<b>wildlife reserve</b>	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)

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

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

