

Need another word that means the same as “tardiness”? Find 4 synonyms and 30 related words for “tardiness” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tardiness” are: lateness, delay, retardation, dilatoriness

Tardiness as a Noun

Definitions of "Tardiness" as a noun

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

- *The quality or fact of being late; lateness.*
- *The quality or habit of not adhering to a correct or usual or expected time.*



Synonyms of "Tardiness" as a noun (4 Words)

- delay** The action of delaying or being delayed.
*Instant replay caused too long a **delay**.*
- dilatoriness** State of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options.
- lateness** Quality of coming late or later in time.
*She wouldn't tolerate **lateness** in her class.*
- retardation** The action of delaying or slowing the progress or development of something.
*The goals of treatment include **retardation** of disease progression.*



Usage Examples of "Tardiness" as a noun

- *Forgive my tardiness, I had some very important business to attend to.*



Associations of "Tardiness" (30 Words)

andantino	A movement or passage marked to be performed andantino. <i>The slow movement is marked andantino.</i>
belated	After the expected or usual time; delayed. <i>A belated birthday card.</i>
deceased	Dead. <i>The deceased man s family.</i>
dilatory	Intended to cause delay. <i>They resorted to dilatory tactics forcing a postponement of peace talks.</i>
drawl	Lengthen and slow down or draw out. <i>Suits me fine he drawled.</i>
dullness	The quality of not perceiving things distinctly. <i>The summer light cut into the dullness of the room.</i>

<u>easygoing</u>	Not hurried or forced. <i>At a leisurely or easygoing pace.</i>
<u>gradual</u>	(Roman Catholic Church) an antiphon (usually from the Book of Psalms) immediately after the epistle at Mass. <i>A gradual slope.</i>
idler	A pulley that transmits no power but guides or stretches a belt or rope.
inactive	Not active physically or mentally. <i>Inactive Crohn's disease.</i>
indolence	Avoidance of activity or exertion; laziness. <i>My failure is probably due to my own indolence.</i>
<u>inert</u>	Chemically inactive. <i>An inert political system.</i>
laggard	A person who makes slow progress and falls behind others. <i>A bell to summon laggard children to school.</i>
<u>late</u>	Later than usual or than expected. <i>Their late quarrel.</i>
<u>lazy</u>	Showing a lack of care. <i>Lazy white clouds.</i>
<u>lethargic</u>	Deficient in alertness or activity. <i>I felt tired and a little lethargic.</i>
<u>lifeless</u>	Deprived of life; no longer living. <i>It was a lifeless party until she arrived.</i>
lingering	The act of tarrying. <i>There are still some lingering doubts in my mind.</i>
loosen	Cause to become loose. <i>Loosen the tension on a rope.</i>
oafish	Rough or clumsy and unintelligent. <i>Oafish behaviour.</i>
piecemeal	Characterized by unsystematic partial measures taken over a period of time. <i>The village is slowly being killed off by piecemeal development.</i>
ponderous	Having great mass and weight and unwieldiness. <i>The show is loaded down with ponderous one liners.</i>
<u>procrastination</u>	The act of procrastinating; putting off or delaying or deferring an action to a later time. <i>Your first tip is to avoid procrastination.</i>

relax	Cause to feel relaxed. <i>He relaxed in the hot tub.</i>
slacken	Make less active or fast. <i>He slackened his pace as he got tired.</i>
sloth	A disinclination to work or exert yourself. <i>He should overcome his natural sloth and complacency.</i>
slow	At a slow tempo. <i>Worked with the slow students.</i>
sluggish	Slow-moving or inactive. <i>A sluggish worker.</i>
sulky	Morose, bad-tempered, and resentful; refusing to be cooperative or cheerful. <i>She had a sultry sulky mouth.</i>
torpid	Slow and apathetic. <i>A mind grown torpid in old age.</i>

