

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)

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

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

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

