

Need another word that means the same as “assail”? Find 53 synonyms and 30 related words for “assail” in this overview.

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Assail as a Verb

Definitions of "Assail" as a verb

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

- *Attack in speech or writing.*
- *Make a concerted or violent attack on.*
- *Launch an attack or assault on; begin hostilities or start warfare with.*
- *Criticize strongly.*
- *(of an unpleasant feeling or physical sensation) come upon (someone) suddenly and strongly.*
- *Attack someone physically or emotionally.*

Synonyms of "Assail" as a verb (53 Words)

abuse	Use wrongly or improperly or excessively. <i>He was a depraved man who had abused his two young daughters.</i>
accost	Speak to someone. <i>He was accosted by a thief demanding his money or his life.</i>
assault	Make a physical attack on. <i>She was sexually assaulted as a child.</i>
attack	Attack someone physically or emotionally. <i>In February the Germans attacked Verdun.</i>
bedevil	(of something bad) cause great and continual trouble to. <i>He bedevilled them with petty practical jokes.</i>
belabour	Attack verbally with harsh criticism. <i>There is no need to belabour the point.</i>
<u>berate</u>	Censure severely or angrily. <i>She berated herself for being fickle.</i>
<u>beset</u>	Hem in. <i>Springy grass all beset with tiny jewel like flowers.</i>
<u>besiege</u>	Cause to feel distressed or worried. <i>The king marched north to besiege Berwick.</i>
castigate	Reprimand (someone) severely. <i>He was castigated for not setting a good example.</i>
censure	Rebuke formally. <i>Shareholders censured the bank for its extravagance.</i>
<u>charge</u>	Enter a certain amount as a charge. <i>They charge the calls to their credit card accounts.</i>
<u>chastise</u>	Punish, especially by beating. <i>The General cruelly chastised them with a whip.</i>
<u>condemn</u>	Appropriate (property) for public use. <i>Most leaders roundly condemned the attack.</i>
criticize	Indicate the faults of (someone or something) in a disapproving way. <i>The opposition criticized the government s failure to consult adequately.</i>
<u>disturb</u>	Destroy the peace or tranquility of. <i>Don t disturb the patient s wounds by moving him too rapidly.</i>
dog	Grip (something) with a mechanical device. <i>The twenty nine year old has constantly been dogged by controversy.</i>
fall on	To be given by right or inheritance.
find fault with	Get something or somebody for a specific purpose.

fly at	Be dispersed or disseminated.
give someone a bad press	Transmit (knowledge or skills).
<u>harass</u>	Exhaust by attacking repeatedly. <i>The squadron's task was to harass the retreating enemy forces.</i>
hit out at	Hit the intended target or goal.
lambast	Censure severely or angrily. <i>They lambasted the report as a gross distortion of the truth.</i>
lash	Lash or flick about sharply. <i>They lashed him repeatedly about the head.</i>
lash out	Beat severely with a whip or rod.
lash out at	Lash or flick about sharply.
launch an attack on	Get going; give impetus to.
launch oneself at	Launch for the first time; launch on a maiden voyage.
let fly at	Cause to move; cause to be in a certain position or condition.
make an assault on	Charge with a function; charge to be.
<u>mug</u>	Attack and rob (someone) in a public place. <i>I was mugged in the streets of New York last night.</i>
<u>nag</u>	Worry persistently. <i>She constantly nags her daughter about getting married.</i>
<u>pester</u>	Trouble or annoy (someone) with frequent or persistent requests or interruptions. <i>She constantly pestered him with telephone calls.</i>
pillory	Punish by putting in a pillory. <i>He found himself pilloried by members of his own party.</i>
<u>plague</u>	Cause to suffer a blight. <i>He has been plagued by ill health.</i>
pounce on	Move down on as if in an attack.
rack	Go at a rack. <i>He was racked with guilt.</i>
revile	Criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner. <i>He was now reviled by the party that he had helped to lead.</i>
<u>round</u>	Wind around move along a circular course. <i>Her eyes rounded in dismay.</i>

round on	Bring to a highly developed, finished, or refined state.
rush	Cause to move fast or to rush or race. <i>Shoppers rushed to buy computers.</i>
set on	Apply or start.
set upon	Arrange attractively.
snipe	Hunt or shoot snipe. <i>The state governor constantly sniped at the president.</i>
<u>storm</u>	Attack by storm attack suddenly. <i>It was storming all night.</i>
torment	Torment emotionally or mentally. <i>The sinners will be tormented in Hell according to the Bible.</i>
<u>torture</u>	Subject to torture. <i>Most of the victims had been brutally tortured.</i>
trouble	Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>It did not trouble me that he had secrets.</i>
turn on	Become officially one year older.
vex	Make (someone) feel annoyed, frustrated, or worried, especially with trivial matters. <i>Vex the subject of the death penalty.</i>
weigh into	Have weight; have import, carry weight.
<u>worry</u>	Be on the mind of. <i>There was no need to worry her.</i>

Usage Examples of "Assail" as a verb

- *She was assailed by doubts and regrets.*
- *He assailed a group of editors for their alleged excesses.*
- *Nightmares assailed him regularly.*
- *The Scots army assailed Edward's army from the rear.*
- *Serbian forces assailed Bosnian towns all week.*

Associations of "Assail" (30 Words)

<u>arrow</u>	A projectile with a straight thin shaft and an arrowhead on one end and stabilizing vanes on the other intended to be shot from a bow. <i>I ve never used a bow and arrow.</i>
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artillery	Large but transportable armament. <i>Tanks and heavy artillery.</i>
assault	A threatened or attempted physical attack by someone who appears to be able to cause bodily harm if not stopped. <i>They left their strong position to assault the hill.</i>
attack	The act of attacking. <i>A plan of action to attack unemployment.</i>
ballistic	Moving under the force of gravity only.
battalion	A large body of troops ready for battle, especially an infantry unit forming part of a brigade. <i>A battalion of ants.</i>
bomb	Make someone homeless by destroying their home with bombs. <i>It just became another big budget film that bombed.</i>
bombard	Direct a stream of high-speed particles at (a substance). <i>They will be bombarded with complaints.</i>
bombardier	A noncommissioned officer in the British artillery.
bullet	A pitch thrown with maximum velocity. <i>Your record s bad but it s doubtful they ll give you the bullet.</i>
cannon	Make a cannon. <i>They would cross at the Town ford under cover of the defending cannon.</i>
deactivation	Breaking up a military unit (by transfers or discharges.
defense	(military) military action or resources protecting a country against potential enemies. <i>He gave evidence for the defense.</i>
detonate	Burst and release energy as through a violent chemical or physical reaction. <i>The bomb detonated at noon.</i>
enemy	A personal enemy. <i>The enemy attacked at dawn.</i>
explosion	The noise caused by an explosion. <i>An explosion in the adder population.</i>
fiercely	In a powerful and destructive manner. <i>They are fiercely independent.</i>
fighter	A fast military aircraft designed for attacking other aircraft. <i>World War II fighter planes.</i>
gunner	A naval warrant officer in charge of a ship's guns, gun crews, and ordnance stores.

implode	Collapse or cause to collapse violently inwards. <i>The bottle imploded.</i>
missile	A rocket carrying a warhead of conventional or nuclear explosives; may be ballistic or directed by remote control. <i>The plane disintegrated after being hit by a missile launched from the ground.</i>
opposed	In conflict with or hostile to. <i>Parties opposed to the ruling party.</i>
outburst	A sudden release of strong emotion. <i>An angry outburst from the prime minister.</i>
projectile	Denoting or relating to a projectile. <i>They tried to shield Johnson from the projectiles that were being thrown.</i>
<u>raid</u>	Conduct a raid on. <i>The pirates raided the coastal villages regularly.</i>
<u>rocket</u>	Propel with a rocket. <i>He got a rocket from the Director.</i>
<u>tank</u>	Fill the tank of a vehicle with fuel. <i>The previous movie had tanked at the box office.</i>
<u>trajectory</u>	The path followed by an object moving through space. <i>The rapid upward trajectory of Rich s career.</i>
<u>war</u>	Engage in a war. <i>A war of wits.</i>
<u>weapon</u>	Any instrument or instrumentality used in fighting or hunting. <i>He used all his conversational weapons.</i>