

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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**The synonyms of “Assail” are:** assault, attack, lash out, round, snipe, set on, make an assault on, launch an attack on, pounce on, set upon, launch oneself at, weigh into, fly at, let fly at, turn on, round on, lash out at, hit out at, beset, belabour, fall on, accost, mug, charge, rush, storm, besiege, trouble, disturb, worry, plague, torture, torment, rack, bedevil, nag, vex, harass, pester, dog, criticize, censure, condemn, castigate, chastise, berate, lambast, lash, pillory, find fault with, abuse, revile, give someone a bad press

## 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)

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

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

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

<b><u>arrow</u></b>	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 <b>arrow</b>.</i>
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<b>artillery</b>	Large but transportable armament. <i>Tanks and heavy <b>artillery</b>.</i>
<b>assault</b>	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 <b>assault</b> the hill.</i>
<b>attack</b>	The act of attacking. <i>A plan of action to <b>attack</b> unemployment.</i>
<b>ballistic</b>	Moving under the force of gravity only.
<b>battalion</b>	A large body of troops ready for battle, especially an infantry unit forming part of a brigade. <i>A <b>battalion</b> of ants.</i>
<b>bomb</b>	Make someone homeless by destroying their home with bombs. <i>It just became another big budget film that <b>bombed</b>.</i>
<b>bombard</b>	Direct a stream of high-speed particles at (a substance). <i>They will be <b>bombarded</b> with complaints.</i>
<b>bombardier</b>	A noncommissioned officer in the British artillery.
<b>bullet</b>	A pitch thrown with maximum velocity. <i>Your record s bad but it s doubtful they ll give you the <b>bullet</b>.</i>
<b>cannon</b>	Make a cannon. <i>They would cross at the Town ford under cover of the defending <b>cannon</b>.</i>
<b>deactivation</b>	Breaking up a military unit (by transfers or discharges.
<b>defense</b>	(military) military action or resources protecting a country against potential enemies. <i>He gave evidence for the <b>defense</b>.</i>
<b>detonate</b>	Burst and release energy as through a violent chemical or physical reaction. <i>The bomb <b>detonated</b> at noon.</i>
<b>enemy</b>	A personal enemy. <i>The <b>enemy</b> attacked at dawn.</i>
<b>explosion</b>	The noise caused by an explosion. <i>An <b>explosion</b> in the adder population.</i>
<b>fiercely</b>	In a powerful and destructive manner. <i>They are <b>fiercely</b> independent.</i>
<b>fighter</b>	A fast military aircraft designed for attacking other aircraft. <i>World War II <b>fighter</b> planes.</i>
<b>gunner</b>	A naval warrant officer in charge of a ship's guns, gun crews, and ordnance stores.

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