

Need another word that means the same as “avert”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “avert” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Avert” are: avoid, debar, deflect, fend off, forefend, forfend, head off, obviate, stave off, ward off, turn away, turn aside, turn to one side, prevent, stop, nip in the bud

Avert as a Verb

Definitions of "Avert" as a verb

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

- *Turn away (one's eyes or thoughts).*
- *Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening.*
- *Turn away or aside.*
- *Prevent or ward off (an undesirable occurrence).*



Synonyms of "Avert" as a verb (16 Words)

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| avoid | Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening. <i>If the original owner had avoided his contract with the rogue ownership of the goods would have reverted to him.</i> |
| debar | Prevent from entering; keep out. <i>First round candidates were debarred from standing.</i> |
| <u>deflect</u> | Cause (something) to change direction; turn aside from a straight course. <i>The ball deflected off Knight s body.</i> |
| fend off | Withstand the force of something. |
| forefend | Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening. |

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| forfend | Avert or prevent (something evil or unpleasant). <i>The sacrifice of Mississippi was forfended against even the treason of Wilkinson.</i> |
| head off | Take its rise. |
| nip in the bud | Give a small sharp bite to. |
| obviate | Remove (a need or difficulty). <i>The presence of roller blinds obviated the need for curtains.</i> |
| prevent | Keep (something) from happening. <i>Action must be taken to prevent further accidents.</i> |
| stave off | Kill intentionally and with premeditation. |
| stop | Stop moving or operating. <i>The stile has been stopped up.</i> |
| turn aside | Undergo a transformation or a change of position or action. |
| turn away | Get by buying and selling. |
| turn to one side | Move around an axis or a center. |
| ward off | Watch over or shield from danger or harm; protect. |



Usage Examples of "Avert" as a verb

- *Avert a strike.*
- *She averted her eyes while we made stilted conversation.*
- *Talks failed to avert a rail strike.*
- *They averted their eyes when the King entered.*



Associations of "Avert" (30 Words)

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| airsickness | Motion sickness experienced while traveling by air (especially during turbulence). |
| avoid | Repudiate, nullify, or render void (a decree or contract). <i>If the original owner had avoided his contract with the rogue ownership of the goods would have reverted to him.</i> |
| blockade | Impose a blockade on. <i>They voted to lift the blockade of major railway junctions.</i> |
| circumvention | The act of evading by going around. <i>Circumvention of the rules undermines any fairness.</i> |
| <u>deflect</u> | Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening. <i>The bullet was deflected harmlessly into the ceiling.</i> |

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| deter | Try to prevent; show opposition to. <i>Strategists think not only about how to deter war but about how war might occur.</i> |
| disinclined | Unwilling because of mild dislike or disapproval. <i>Disinclined to say anything to anybody.</i> |
| dislodgement | Forced removal from a position of advantage. |
| evade | (of an abstract thing) elude (someone). <i>She was sentenced on three counts of conspiracy to evade taxes.</i> |
| firewall | Protect a network or system from unauthorized access with a firewall. <i>A firewalled network.</i> |
| foreclose | Keep from happening or arising; make impossible. <i>The decision effectively foreclosed any possibility of his early rehabilitation.</i> |
| forestall | Buy up (goods) in order to profit by an enhanced price. <i>He would have spoken but David forestalled him.</i> |
| forfend | Protect (something) by precautionary measures. <i>The sacrifice of Mississippi was forfended against even the treason of Wilkinson.</i> |
| fungicide | Any agent that destroys or prevents the growth of fungi. <i>Cut away any rotten parts before dusting with fungicide.</i> |
| hamper | A basket with a carrying handle and a hinged lid, used for food, cutlery, and plates on a picnic. <i>He was hampered in his efforts by the bad weather.</i> |
| hinder | Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>The brace I have to wear is hindering my movements.</i> |
| illegalize | Declare illegal; outlaw. |
| impede | Block passage through. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i> |
| inhibit | (in ecclesiastical law) forbid (a member of the clergy) to exercise clerical functions. <i>The earnings rule inhibited some retired people from working.</i> |
| inhibitor | A gene whose presence prevents the expression of some other gene at a different locus. |
| insulate | Protect (someone or something) from unpleasant influences or experiences. <i>Insulate and draught proof your home.</i> |

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| lightproof | Able to block out light completely. <i>Lightproof containers.</i> |
| obstruct | Shut out from view or get in the way so as to hide from sight. <i>Obstruct the path.</i> |
| obviate | Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening. <i>The presence of roller blinds obviated the need for curtains.</i> |
| <u>preclude</u> | Make impossible, especially beforehand. <i>The secret nature of his work precluded official recognition.</i> |
| prevent | Keep from happening or arising; make impossible. <i>The guards threatened to bar the gates to prevent him leaving.</i> |
| prophylactic | Warding off. <i>The swastika a very ancient prophylactic symbol occurring among all peoples.</i> |
| reluctant | Unwillingness to do something contrary to your custom. <i>They were usually reluctant to socialize.</i> |
| <u>thwart</u> | A structural crosspiece forming a seat for a rower in a boat. <i>He was thwarted in his desire to punish Uncle Fred.</i> |
| <u>unwilling</u> | In spite of contrary volition. <i>An unwilling assistant.</i> |

