

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)

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.

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)

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>

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>

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>

