

Need another word that means the same as “avoidance”? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for “avoidance” in this overview.

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## **Avoidance as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Avoidance" as a noun**

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

- *The action of keeping away from or not doing something.*
- *The action of preventing something from happening.*
- *Deliberately avoiding; keeping away from or preventing from happening.*
- *The action of repudiating, nullifying, or rendering void a decree or contract.*



### **Synonyms of "Avoidance" as a noun (3 Words)**

- dodging** A statement that evades the question by cleverness or trickery.  
**shunning** Deliberately avoiding; keeping away from or preventing from happening.  
**turning away** The act of turning away or in the opposite direction.



## Usage Examples of "Avoidance" as a noun

- A pilotless passenger aircraft would rely on computers and automatic collision avoidance.
- Insurance underwriters could not rely on non-disclosure to justify avoidance of the contract.
- One third of cancer deaths could be prevented by avoidance of smoking.



## Associations of "Avoidance" (30 Words)

- apophasis**      Mentioning something by saying it will not be mentioned.
- avert**            Prevent or ward off (an undesirable occurrence).  
*Avert a strike.*
- banish**            Send (someone) away from a country or place as an official punishment.  
*Banish bad thoughts.*

<b>bypass</b>	An alternative channel created during a bypass operation. <i>A manager might <b>bypass</b> formal channels of communication.</i>
<b>circumvent</b>	Overcome (a problem or difficulty), typically in a clever and surreptitious way. <i>I found it quite easy to <b>circumvent</b> security.</i>
<b>circumvention</b>	The act of evading by going around. <i><b>Circumvention</b> of the rules undermines any fairness.</i>
<b>deflect</b>	(of an object) change direction after hitting something. <i>He attempted to <b>deflect</b> attention away from his private life.</i>
<b>derail</b>	Cause (a train or tram) to leave its tracks accidentally. <i>The plot is seen by some as an attempt to <b>derail</b> the negotiations.</i>
<b>deter</b>	Prevent the occurrence of. <i>Strategists think not only about how to <b>deter</b> war but about how war might occur.</i>
<b>detour</b>	Avoid by taking a detour. <i>He had made a <b>detour</b> to a cafe.</i>
<b>dodge</b>	The dodging of a bell in change-ringing. <i>Marchers had to <b>dodge</b> missiles thrown by loyalists.</i>
<b>elude</b>	(of an achievement or something desired) fail to be attained by (someone). <i>We need to ensure that bad cases do not <b>elude</b> tough penalties.</i>
<b>escape</b>	Escape potentially unpleasant consequences get away with a forbidden action. <i>They tried to stop the <b>escape</b> of gas from the damaged pipe.</i>
<b>eschew</b>	Avoid and stay away from deliberately; stay clear of. <i>He appealed to the crowd to <b>eschew</b> violence.</i>
<b>evade</b>	Escape or avoid (someone or something), especially by guile or trickery. <i>She was sentenced on three counts of conspiracy to <b>evade</b> taxes.</i>
<b>evasion</b>	The act of physically escaping from something (an opponent or a pursuer or an unpleasant situation) by some adroit maneuver. <i>His <b>evasion</b> of his clear duty was reprehensible.</i>
<b>firewall</b>	Protect a network or system from unauthorized access with a firewall. <i>He moved the throttle to the <b>firewall</b>.</i>
<b>foreclose</b>	Take possession of a mortgaged property when the mortgagor fails to keep up their mortgage payments. <i>The decision effectively <b>foreclosed</b> any possibility of his early rehabilitation.</i>

<b>forestall</b>	Prevent or obstruct (an anticipated event or action) by taking advance action. <i>He would have spoken but David <b>forestalled</b> him.</i>
<b>forfend</b>	Protect (something) by precautionary measures. <i>The fiend <b>forfend</b> said the grim Earl.</i>
<b>hinder</b>	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>The <b>hinder</b> part of a carcass.</i>
<b>illegalize</b>	Declare illegal; outlaw.
<b>obviate</b>	Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening. <i>The presence of roller blinds <b>obviated</b> the need for curtains.</i>
<b><u>ostracize</u></b>	(in ancient Greece) banish (an unpopular or overly powerful citizen) from a city for five or ten years by popular vote. <i>She was declared a witch and <b>ostracized</b> by the villagers.</i>
<b>parry</b>	An act of parrying something. <i>Her question met with a polite <b>parry</b>.</i>
<b><u>preclude</u></b>	Keep from happening or arising; make impossible. <i>The secret nature of his work <b>precluded</b> official recognition.</i>
<b><u>shun</u></b>	Persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution. <i>He <b>shunned</b> fashionable society.</i>
<b>sidestep</b>	Avoid (someone or something) by stepping sideways. <i>He neatly <b>sidestepped</b> the questions about riots.</i>
<b><u>thwart</u></b>	A structural crosspiece forming a seat for a rower in a boat. <i>He was <b>thwarted</b> in his desire to punish Uncle Fred.</i>
<b>undiagnosed</b>	Not diagnosed or having been subject to diagnosis. <i><b>Undiagnosed</b> disease.</i>

