

Need another word that means the same as “blackmail”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “blackmail” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Blackmail” are: extortion, exaction, intimidation, extraction, blackjack, pressure, extort money from, threaten, hold to ransom, milk, bleed, coerce, pressurize, bring pressure to bear on, bulldoze, force, railroad

Blackmail as a Noun

Definitions of "Blackmail" as a noun

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

- *Money demanded by a person or group engaged in blackmail.*
- *Extortion of money by threats to divulge discrediting information.*
- *The action, treated as a criminal offence, of demanding payment or another benefit from someone in return for not revealing compromising or damaging information about them.*
- *The use of threats or the manipulation of someone's feelings to force them to do something.*



Synonyms of "Blackmail" as a noun (4 Words)

exaction	A sum of money exacted from someone. <i>Exaction of various dues and fees.</i>
<u>extortion</u>	An exorbitant charge. <i>He used bribery and extortion to build himself a huge art stuffed mansion.</i>
<u>extraction</u>	Properties attributable to your ancestry. <i>Mineral extraction.</i>
intimidation	The feeling of discouragement in the face of someone's superior fame or wealth or status etc. <i>The intimidation of witnesses and jurors.</i>

Usage Examples of "Blackmail" as a noun

- *Some people use emotional blackmail.*
- *'If you don't talk to her, I'll move out.' 'That's blackmail and you know it.'*

- *They were acquitted of charges of blackmail.*
- *She recounted the blackmail threats.*
- *We do not pay blackmail.*

Blackmail as a Verb

Definitions of "Blackmail" as a verb

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

- *Force (someone) to do something by using threats or manipulating their feelings.*
- *Obtain through threats.*
- *Demand money or another benefit from (someone) in return for not revealing compromising or damaging information about them.*
- *Exert pressure on someone through threats.*

Synonyms of "Blackmail" as a verb (13 Words)

blackjack	Exert pressure on someone through threats.
bleed	Allow (fluid or gas) to escape from a closed system through a valve. Bleed the radiators.
bring pressure to bear on	Advance or set forth in court.
bulldoze	Clear ground or destroy buildings trees etc with a bulldozer. <i>She believes that to build status you need to bulldoze everyone else.</i>
<u>coerce</u>	Persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats. <i>Their confessions were allegedly coerced by torture.</i>
extort money from	Get or cause to become in a difficult or laborious manner.
force	Force into or from an action or state either physically or metaphorically. <i>She forced her diet fads on him.</i>
hold to ransom	Declare to be.
milk	Draw milk from a cow or other animal either by hand or mechanically. <i>The breed does seem to milk better in harder conditions.</i>

pressure	Exert pressure on someone through threats. <i>She pressured her son to accept a job offer from the bank.</i>
pressurize	Maintain a tolerable atmospheric pressure in (an aircraft cabin) at a high altitude. <i>Pressurize a space suit.</i>
railroad	Supply with railroad lines. <i>Railroad the West.</i>
threaten	(of something undesirable) seem likely to occur. <i>He threatened me when I tried to call the police.</i>

Usage Examples of "Blackmail" as a verb

- *He had blackmailed her into sailing with him.*
- *They use this fact to blackmail him, trying to force him to vote for their candidate.*

Associations of "Blackmail" (30 Words)

abduction	The action of forcibly taking someone away against their will. <i>They organized the abduction of Mr Cordes on his way to the airport.</i>
bamboozle	Cheat or fool. <i>He bamboozled his professors into thinking that he knew the subject well.</i>
coercion	Using force to cause something to occur. <i>Our problem cannot be solved by any form of coercion but only by agreement.</i>
<u>compulsion</u>	The action or state of forcing or being forced to do something; constraint. <i>He felt a compulsion to babble on about what had happened.</i>
<u>compulsory</u>	Required by law or a rule; obligatory. <i>Compulsory military service.</i>
confinement	Concluding state of pregnancy; from the onset of contractions to the birth of a child. <i>He was held in confinement.</i>
cozen	Cheat or trick. <i>He cozened the money out of the old man.</i>
<u>deceit</u>	The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth. <i>A web of deceit.</i>
dishearten	Cause (someone) to lose determination or confidence. <i>The farmer was disheartened by the damage to his crops.</i>

<u>duress</u>	Forcible restraint or imprisonment. <i>Confessions extracted under duress.</i>
extort	Obtain through intimidation. <i>He attempted to extort money from the company.</i>
<u>extortion</u>	The practice of obtaining something, especially money, through force or threats. <i>He used bribery and extortion to build himself a huge art stuffed mansion.</i>
force	Do forcibly exert force. <i>The plane might have been forced down by fighters.</i>
forcible	Impelled by physical force especially against resistance. <i>Forcible entry.</i>
fraud	A person or thing intended to deceive others, typically by unjustifiably claiming or being credited with accomplishments or qualities. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and frauds.</i>
<u>hoax</u>	Subject to a playful hoax or joke. <i>The evidence had been planted as part of an elaborate hoax.</i>
humbug	Act like a fraud. <i>Poor Dave is easily humbugged.</i>
imposture	An instance of pretending to be someone else in order to deceive others. <i>In a day and a night of violence and imposture William Bentley also succeeds in capturing a smuggler.</i>
intimidation	The feeling of being intimidated; being made to feel afraid or timid. <i>The intimidation of witnesses and jurors.</i>
motivator	A person who promotes interest in or enthusiasm for something. <i>Fear is a powerful motivator.</i>
mountebank	A flamboyant deceiver; one who attracts customers with tricks or jokes.
phony	A person who professes beliefs and opinions that he or she does not hold in order to conceal his or her real feelings or motives.
quackery	Medical practice and advice based on observation and experience in ignorance of scientific findings. <i>A website dedicated to exposing medical quackery.</i>
ransom	Hold a captive and demand a ransom for their release. <i>The kidnappers demanded a ransom.</i>
robbery	Larceny by threat of violence. <i>An armed robbery.</i>
scam	A dishonest scheme; a fraud. <i>An insurance scam.</i>

thievery	The act of taking something from someone unlawfully. <i>Petty thievery.</i>
threaten	To be a menacing indication of something. <i>A broken finger threatened his career.</i>
<u>trickery</u>	Verbal misrepresentation intended to take advantage of you in some way. <i>The dealer resorted to trickery.</i>
usury	The action or practice of lending money at unreasonably high rates of interest. <i>The medieval prohibition on usury.</i>