

Need another word that means the same as “contempt”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “contempt” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Contempt” are: disrespect, scorn, despite, disdain, deprecation, disparagement, denigration, opprobrium, odium, obloquy, disregard, slighting, neglect

Contempt as a Noun

Definitions of "Contempt" as a noun

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

- *A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous.*
- *Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike.*
- *Open disrespect for a person or thing.*
- *The feeling that a person or a thing is worthless or beneath consideration.*
- *The offence of being disobedient to or disrespectful of a court of law and its officers.*
- *A willful disobedience to or disrespect for the authority of a court or legislative body.*
- *Disregard for something that should be considered.*



Synonyms of "Contempt" as a noun (13 Words)

- denigration** A belittling comment.
*I witnessed the **denigration** of anyone who failed to toe the line.*
- deprecation** A prayer to avert or remove some evil or disaster.
- despite** Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike.
*The **despite** in which outsiders were held is legendary.*
- disdain** The feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect.
*Her upper lip curled in **disdain**.*
- disparagement** The act of speaking contemptuously of.
- disregard** Willful lack of care and attention.
*Blatant **disregard** for the law.*
- disrespect** A disrespectful mental attitude.
*Growing **disrespect** for the rule of law.*

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| neglect | The trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern. <i>He was reported for neglect of duty.</i> |
| obloquy | State of disgrace resulting from public abuse. <i>He endured years of contempt and obloquy.</i> |
| odium | General or widespread hatred or disgust incurred by someone as a result of their actions. <i>He incurred widespread odium for military failures and government corruption.</i> |
| opprobrium | An occasion or cause of reproach or disgrace. <i>The critical opprobrium generated by his films.</i> |
| scorn | A feeling and expression of contempt or disdain for someone or something. <i>A scandal and a scorn to all who look on thee.</i> |
| slighting | A deliberate discourteous act (usually as an expression of anger or disapproval). |



Usage Examples of "Contempt" as a noun

- *He was held in contempt.*
- *Pam stared at the girl with total contempt.*

- *It is no wonder journalists are held in such contempt.*
- *When he was found to have lied to the House this was a contempt.*
- *This action displays an arrogant contempt for the wishes of the majority.*



Associations of "Contempt" (30 Words)

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| barrack | Lodge in barracks. <i>The granary in which the platoons were barracked.</i> |
| contemn | Look down on with disdain. <i>It lay in Deronda's nature usually to contemn the feeble.</i> |
| despise | Look down on with disdain. <i>He despised himself for being selfish.</i> |
| despite | Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike. <i>She wanted neither favor nor despite.</i> |
| disaffection | A state or feeling of being dissatisfied, especially with people in authority or a system of control. <i>The widespread disaffection of the troops.</i> |
| discourtesy | A manner that is rude and insulting. <i>The fact that MPs were not kept informed was an extraordinary discourtesy.</i> |
| discredit | Damage the reputation of. <i>The paper discredited the politician with its nasty commentary.</i> |
| disdain | Look down on with disdain. <i>He disdained to discuss the matter further.</i> |
| disgust | Cause (someone) to feel revulsion or strong disapproval. <i>They were disgusted by the violence.</i> |
| disrepute | The state of being held in low esteem. <i>Because of the scandal the school has fallen into disrepute.</i> |
| disrespect | A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous. <i>A young brave who disrespects his elders.</i> |
| flout | Laugh at with contempt and derision. <i>The women pointed and flouted at her.</i> |
| gibe | Laugh at with contempt and derision. <i>She proved impervious to his sarcastic gibes.</i> |
| hatred | Intense dislike; hate. <i>Racial hatred.</i> |
| hostility | Hostile behaviour; unfriendliness or opposition. <i>He could not conceal his hostility.</i> |
| indignity | An affront to one's dignity or self-esteem. <i>The indignity of needing financial help.</i> |
| insult | Treat, mention, or speak to rudely. <i>Turning his back on me was a deliberate insult.</i> |

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| jeer | Laugh at with contempt and derision. <i>Some of the younger men jeered at him.</i> |
| jibe | Shift from one side of the ship to the other. <i>A jibe at his old rivals.</i> |
| nauseate | Upset and make nauseated. <i>They were nauseated by the jingoism.</i> |
| repugnance | The relation between propositions that cannot both be true at the same time. <i>Our repugnance at the bleeding carcasses.</i> |
| repulsion | The act of repulsing or repelling an attack; a successful defensive stand. <i>Bond lengths are increased due to increasing repulsion between the atoms.</i> |
| revulsion | A sense of disgust and loathing. <i>News of the attack will be met with sorrow and revulsion.</i> |
| ridicule | Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>He is held up as an object of ridicule.</i> |
| rudeness | Lack of manners; discourteousness. <i>What I will not tolerate is rudeness.</i> |
| scoff | Laugh at with contempt and derision. <i>Patrick professed to scoff at soppy love scenes in films.</i> |
| scorn | Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike. <i>The professor scorns the students who don't catch on immediately.</i> |
| sicken | Make sick or ill. <i>She was sickened by the bomb attack.</i> |
| sneering | Contemptuous or mocking. <i>It will take a concerted effort from many to lay off the sneering and try understanding.</i> |
| snide | An unpleasant or underhand person. <i>Snide remarks about my mother.</i> |

