

Need another word that means the same as “debunk”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “debunk” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Debunk” are: **expose, explode, deflate, puncture, quash, knock the bottom out of, drive a coach and horses through, show in its true light, discredit, disprove, contradict, controvert, confute, invalidate, negate, give the lie to, prove to be false, challenge, call into question**

## Debunk as a Verb

### Definitions of "Debunk" as a verb

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

- *Expose while ridiculing; especially of pretentious or false claims and ideas.*
- *Expose the falseness or hollowness of (an idea or belief).*
- *Reduce the inflated reputation of (someone).*

### Synonyms of "Debunk" as a verb (19 Words)

<b>call into question</b>	Pay a brief visit.
<b>challenge</b>	Issue a challenge to. <i>Incumbent Democrats are being <b>challenged</b> in the 29th district.</i>
<b>confute</b>	Prove (a person or an assertion or accusation) to be wrong. <i>Restorers who sought to <b>confute</b> this view were accused of ignorance.</i>

<b><u>contradict</u></b>	Be in contradiction with. <i>The existing layout of the city <b>contradicted</b> the logic of the new centre.</i>
<b>controvert</b>	Be resistant to. <i>The views in the article have been <b>controverted</b>.</i>
<b>deflate</b>	Become deflated or flaccid as by losing air. <b>Deflate</b> a balloon.
<b><u>discredit</u></b>	Cause to be distrusted or disbelieved. <i>The paper <b>discredited</b> the politician with its nasty commentary.</i>
<b><u>disprove</u></b>	Prove that (something) is false. <i>The physicist <b>disproved</b> his colleagues theories.</i>
<b>drive a coach and horses through</b>	Push, propel, or press with force.
<b><u>explode</u></b>	Burst and release energy as through a violent chemical or physical reaction. <i>Lead ensures that petrol burns rather than <b>explodes</b>.</i>
<b><u>expose</u></b>	Expose while ridiculing especially of pretentious or false claims and ideas. <b>Expose</b> the blanket to sunshine.
<b>give the lie to</b>	Give or convey physically.
<b><u>invalidate</u></b>	Make or prove (an argument, statement, or theory) unsound or erroneous. <b>Invalidate</b> a contract.
<b>knock the bottom out of</b>	Find fault with; express criticism of; point out real or perceived flaws.
<b>negate</b>	Make ineffective by counterbalancing the effect of. <i>This action will <b>negate</b> the effect of my efforts.</i>
<b>prove to be false</b>	Put to the test, as for its quality, or give experimental use to.
<b>puncture</b>	Sustain a puncture. <i>One of the knife blows had <b>punctured</b> a lung.</i>
<b>quash</b>	Put down by force or intimidation. <i>His conviction was <b>quashed</b> on appeal.</i>
<b>show in its true light</b>	Give an exhibition of to an interested audience.

## Usage Examples of "Debunk" as a verb

- *Comedy takes delight in debunking heroes.*
- *She debunks all the usual rubbish about acting.*

- *The physicist debunked the psychic's claims.*

## Associations of "Debunk" (30 Words)

<b><u>affirm</u></b>	To declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true. <i>There are five common ways parents fail to <b>affirm</b> their children.</i>
<b>announce</b>	Make known make an announcement. <i>The President s office <b>announced</b> that the siege would be lifted.</i>
<b><u>assert</u></b>	Assert to be true. <i>He <b>asserted</b> his innocence.</i>
<b><u>aver</u></b>	Report or maintain. <i>He <b>averred</b> that he was innocent of the allegations.</i>
<b>confirm</b>	Administer the religious rite of confirmation to. <i>The Senate <b>confirmed</b> the President s candidate for Secretary of Defense.</i>
<b><u>corroborate</u></b>	Support with evidence or authority or make more certain or confirm. <i>The witness had <b>corroborated</b> the boy s account of the attack.</i>
<b><u>declare</u></b>	Declare to be. <i>I was under too much pressure he <b>declared</b>.</i>
<b>denudation</b>	The removal of covering.
<b>disclose</b>	Disclose to view as by removing a cover. <i>They <b>disclosed</b> her name to the press.</i>
<b>disclosed</b>	Made known (especially something secret or concealed). <i>The <b>disclosed</b> purpose of their wicked plan.</i>
<b><u>disclosure</u></b>	The speech act of making something evident. <i>A judge ordered the <b>disclosure</b> of the government documents.</i>
<b>display</b>	Attract attention by displaying some body part or posing of animals. <i>National leaders will have to <b>display</b> the highest skills of statesmanship.</i>
<b>exhibit</b>	Give an exhibition of to an interested audience. <i>The Metropolitan Museum is <b>exhibiting</b> Goya s works this month.</i>
<b>expatiate</b>	Speak or write in detail about. <i>She <b>expatiated</b> on working class novelists.</i>
<b><u>expose</u></b>	Expose or make accessible to some action or influence. <i>The situation <b>exposed</b> a conflict within the government.</i>
<b>express</b>	Serve as a means for expressing something. <i>An <b>express</b> train.</i>

<b>expressionism</b>	An art movement early in the 20th century; the artist's subjective expression of inner experiences was emphasized; an inner feeling was expressed through a distorted rendition of reality.
<b>fallacy</b>	A mistaken belief, especially one based on unsound arguments. <i>The notion that the camera never lies is a <b>fallacy</b>.</i>
<b>indicate</b>	Indicate a place direction person or thing either spatially or figuratively. <i>An external tube is used to <b>indicate</b> fluid level.</i>
<b>invalidate</b>	Make invalid for use. <i><b>Invalidate</b> a contract.</i>
<b>justify</b>	Show to be right by providing justification or proof. <i><b>Justify</b> the margins.</i>
<b>publicly</b>	By the public or the people generally. <i>Some weep <b>publicly</b>.</i>
<b>reveal</b>	Make (something) known to humans by divine or supernatural means. <i>The big <b>reveal</b> at the end of the movie answers all questions.</i>
<b>shallowness</b>	The quality of lacking physical depth. <i>The <b>shallowness</b> of the characters left the movie flat.</i>
<b>substantiate</b>	Provide evidence to support or prove the truth of. <i>The painting <b>substantiates</b> the feelings of the artist.</i>
<b>theodicy</b>	The vindication of divine providence in view of the existence of evil. <i>The question of <b>theodicy</b>.</i>
<b>uncover</b>	Discover (something) previously secret or unknown. <i>He stopped short reverentially <b>uncovered</b> and stood bare headed till the line of mourners had passed.</i>
<b>unveil</b>	Remove the cover from. <i>The Home Secretary has <b>unveiled</b> plans to crack down on crime.</i>
<b>verify</b>	Make sure or demonstrate that (something) is true, accurate, or justified. <i>Can you <b>verify</b> that the guns are licensed.</i>
<b>vindicate</b>	Show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified. <i>More sober views were <b>vindicated</b> by events.</i>