

Need another word that means the same as “defamation”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “defamation” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Defamation” are: aspersion, calumny, denigration, slander, calumny, hatchet job, obloquy, traducement, libel, character assassination, defamation of character, vilification, scandal, scandalmongering, tittle-tattle, backbiting, aspersions, muckraking, abuse, malediction

Defamation as a Noun

Definitions of "Defamation" as a noun

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

- *An abusive attack on a person's character or good name.*
- *A false accusation of an offense or a malicious misrepresentation of someone's words or actions.*
- *The action of damaging the good reputation of someone; slander or libel.*

Synonyms of "Defamation" as a noun (20 Words)

abuse	Cruel and violent treatment of a person or animal. <i>When a student made a stupid mistake he spared them no abuse.</i>
aspersion	An attack on the reputation or integrity of someone or something. <i>I don't think anyone is casting aspersions on you.</i>

aspersions	A disparaging remark. <i>In the 19th century any reference to female sexuality was considered a vile aspersion.</i>
backbiting	Malicious talk about someone who is not present. <i>Members have grown tired of the backbiting in the group.</i>
calumniation	A false accusation of an offense or a malicious misrepresentation of someone's words or actions.
calumny	A false and slanderous statement. <i>A bitter struggle marked by calumny and litigation.</i>
character assassination	An actor's portrayal of someone in a play.
defamation of character	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name.
denigration	A belittling comment. <i>I witnessed the denigration of anyone who failed to toe the line.</i>
hatchet job	A small ax with a short handle used with one hand (usually to chop wood).
libel	The action or crime of publishing a libel. <i>A libel action.</i>
malediction	The act of calling down a curse that invokes evil (and usually serves as an insult). <i>He muttered maledictions to himself as he trod the stone passages.</i>
muckraking	The action of searching out and publicizing scandal about famous people. <i>A muckraking journalist.</i>
obloquy	State of disgrace resulting from public abuse. <i>He endured years of contempt and obloquy.</i>
scandal	The outrage or anger caused by a scandalous action or event. <i>Divorce was cause for scandal in the island.</i>
scandalmongering	Spreading malicious gossip.
slander	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name. <i>I ve had just about all I can stomach of your slanders.</i>
tittle-tattle	Light informal conversation for social occasions.
traducement	A false accusation of an offense or a malicious misrepresentation of someone's words or actions.
vilification	Slanderous defamation. <i>The widespread vilification of politicians.</i>

Usage Examples of "Defamation" as a noun

- *She sued him for defamation.*

Associations of "Defamation" (30 Words)

abet	Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing. <i>We are aiding and abetting this illegal traffic.</i>
aspersion	An attack on the reputation or integrity of someone or something. <i>In the 19th century any reference to female sexuality was considered a vile aspersion.</i>
calumniate	Charge falsely or with malicious intent; attack the good name and reputation of someone. <i>He has been calumniating the Crown and all the conservative decencies.</i>
calumny	The making of false and defamatory statements about someone in order to damage their reputation; slander. <i>A bitter struggle marked by calumny and litigation.</i>
contumely	A rude expression intended to offend or hurt. <i>The Church should not be exposed to gossip and contumely.</i>
curse	Invoke or use a curse against. <i>I curse myself for my carelessness.</i>
decry	Publicly denounce. <i>They decry human rights abuses.</i>
defame	Damage the good reputation of (someone); slander or libel. <i>The journalists have defamed me.</i>
denigrate	Cause to seem less serious; play down. <i>Doom and gloom merchants who denigrate their own country.</i>
denigration	The act of expressing disapproval (especially of yourself). <i>Their constant denigration by a hostile media.</i>
deprecation	The act of expressing disapproval (especially of yourself).
derogate	Disparage (someone or something). <i>It is typical of him to derogate the powers of reason.</i>
derogatory	Expressive of low opinion. <i>She tells me I m fat and is always making derogatory remarks.</i>
detraction	The act of discrediting or detracting from someone's reputation (especially by slander). <i>Let it be no detraction from his merits to say he is plainspoken.</i>

detractor	A person who disparages someone or something. <i>The island say its detractors has been devoured by development.</i>
disparagement	The act of speaking contemptuously of.
disparaging	Expressive of low opinion. <i>Disparaging remarks about the new house.</i>
<u>humiliation</u>	The action of humiliating someone or the state of being humiliated. <i>The conference decision was a humiliation for the union s executive.</i>
infamy	Evil fame or public reputation. <i>A date which will live in infamy.</i>
<u>insult</u>	Treat, mention, or speak to rudely. <i>He insulted her with his rude remarks.</i>
libel	The action or crime of publishing a libel. <i>She sued two newspapers for libel.</i>
obloquy	State of disgrace resulting from public abuse. <i>He endured years of contempt and obloquy.</i>
opprobrium	A state of extreme dishonor. <i>The critical opprobrium generated by his films.</i>
reproach	In the Roman Catholic Church a set of antiphons and responses for Good Friday representing the reproaches of Christ to his people. <i>Words of reproach.</i>
<u>slander</u>	The action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation. <i>They were accused of slandering the head of state.</i>
smirch	Discredit (a person or their reputation); taint. <i>I am not accustomed to having my honour smirched.</i>
sully	Make dirty. <i>Sully someone s reputation.</i>
traduce	Speak badly of or tell lies about (someone) so as to damage their reputation. <i>It was regarded as respectable political tactics to traduce him.</i>
vilification	A rude expression intended to offend or hurt. <i>The widespread vilification of politicians.</i>
vilify	Spread negative information about. <i>He has been vilified in the press.</i>