

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, calumniation, 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)

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

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

## Usage Examples of "Defamation" as a noun

- *She sued him for defamation.*

## Associations of "Defamation" (30 Words)

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

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