

Need another word that means the same as “defendant”? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for “defendant” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Defendant” are: suspect, accused, prisoner at the bar

Defendant as a Noun

Definitions of "Defendant" as a noun

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

- *An individual, company, or institution sued or accused in a court of law.*
- *A person or institution against whom an action is brought in a court of law; the person being sued or accused.*



Synonyms of "Defendant" as a noun (3 Words)

accused A person or group of people who are charged with or on trial for a crime.

The accused was ordered to stand trial on a number of charges.

prisoner at the bar A person who is confined; especially a prisoner of war.

suspect Someone who is under suspicion.

The police have arrested a suspect.



Usage Examples of "Defendant" as a noun

- *The defendant tried to claim that it was self-defence.*



Associations of "Defendant" (30 Words)

Someone who imputes guilt or blame.

accuser *I dislike any law that puts the burden of proof on the accused rather than the **accuser**.*

Giving sufficient reason to take legal action.

actionable *Insightful and **actionable** information on the effect advertising is having on your brand.*

Advance evidence for.

*A number of factors are **adduced** to explain the situation.*

Report or maintain.

*He **alleged** that he had been assaulted.*

appellant

The party who appeals a decision of a lower court.

claimant

A person making a claim, especially in a lawsuit or for a state benefit.
***Claimants** of unemployment compensation.*

court

A room in which a lawcourt sits.

*A **court** case.*

demand	The act of demanding. <i>The demand exceeded the supply.</i>
docket	Place on the docket for legal action. <i>The case may be docketed for the fall term.</i>
infraction	A crime less serious than a felony.
infringement	The action of limiting or undermining something. <i>This bill is an infringement of our civil liberties.</i>
jurisdiction	(law) the right and power to interpret and apply the law. <i>In some jurisdictions there is a mandatory death sentence for murder.</i>
law	Statute law and the common law. <i>Civilization presupposes respect for the law.</i>
lawful	Of a child born within a lawful marriage. <i>It is an offence to carry a weapon in public without lawful authority.</i>
lawsuit	A comprehensive term for any proceeding in a court of law whereby an individual seeks a legal remedy. <i>His lawyer filed a lawsuit against Los Angeles city.</i>
legal	Having legal efficacy or force. <i>He claimed that it had all been legal.</i>
legitimate	Make an illegitimate child legitimate declare the legitimacy of someone. <i>A legitimate government.</i>
legitimize	Make legitimate. <i>Voters legitimize the government through the election of public officials.</i>
liable	Held legally responsible. <i>Non resident trustees are liable to the basic rate of tax.</i>
litigant	A party to a lawsuit; someone involved in litigation. <i>Plaintiffs and defendants are both litigants.</i>
litigate	Take (a claim or a dispute) to a law court. <i>Even a claim which is litigated and defended successfully involves high legal costs.</i>
misdemeanor	A crime less serious than a felony.
plaintiff	A person who brings a case against another in a court of law. <i>The plaintiff commenced an action for damages.</i>
prosecution	The continuance of something begun with a view to its completion. <i>The organizers are facing prosecution for noise nuisance.</i>
respondent	The codefendant especially in a divorce proceeding who is accused of adultery with the respondent. <i>The respondent firms in the survey.</i>

rightful	Having a legally established claim. <i>A rightful inheritance.</i>
sue	Institute legal proceedings against (a person or institution), typically for redress. <i>She is to sue the baby's father.</i>
suspect	Imagine to be the case or true or probable. <i>The US suspected Bin Laden as the mastermind behind the terrorist attacks.</i>
tribunal	A court of justice. <i>An international war crimes tribunal.</i>
wanted	Desired or wished for or sought. <i>A wanted criminal.</i>

