

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)

accuser	Someone who imputes guilt or blame. <i>I dislike any law that puts the burden of proof on the accused rather than the accuser.</i>
actionable	Giving sufficient reason to take legal action. <i>Insightful and actionable information on the effect advertising is having on your brand.</i>
adduce	Advance evidence for. <i>A number of factors are adduced to explain the situation.</i>
allege	Report or maintain. <i>He alleged that he had been assaulted.</i>
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. <i>Claimants of unemployment compensation.</i>
court	A room in which a lawcourt sits. <i>A court case.</i>

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>
<u>infraction</u>	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>
<u>law</u>	Statute law and the common law. <i>Civilization presupposes respect for the law.</i>
<u>lawful</u>	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>
<u>liable</u>	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 corespondent. <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>
<u>suspect</u>	Imagine to be the case or true or probable. <i>The U S 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>

