

Need another word that means the same as “defender”? Find 28 synonyms and 30 related words for “defender” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Defender” are: withstander, guardian, protector, shielder, guard, preserver, bodyguard, supporter, upholder, backer, champion, advocate, endorser, sustainer, bolsterer, apologist, proponent, exponent, promoter, apostle, standard-bearer, torchbearer, flagbearer, adherent, believer, full back, back, sweeper

Defender as a Noun

Definitions of "Defender" as a noun

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

- *A person who cares for persons or property.*
- *(in sport) a player whose task it is to protect their own side's goal.*
- *A person who defends someone or something.*
- *A fighter who holds out against attack.*
- *Either member of the partnership that did not win the auction.*



Synonyms of "Defender" as a noun (28 Words)

adherent	Someone who believes and helps to spread the doctrine of another. <i>He was a strong adherent of monetarism.</i>
advocate	A person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea. <i>Solicitors may act as advocates in Crown Courts.</i>
<u>apologist</u>	A person who argues to defend or justify some policy or institution. <i>An apologist for capital punishment.</i>
apostle	Each of the twelve chief disciples of Jesus Christ. <i>A man once known as the apostle of free market economics.</i>
<u>back</u>	The upper surface of an animal's body that corresponds to a person's back. <i>The fall broke his back.</i>
backer	A person, institution, or country that supports someone or something, especially financially. <i>He was the principal backer of the company.</i>

believer	An adherent of a particular religion; someone with religious faith. <i>A firm believer that party politics has no place in local government.</i>
bodyguard	A group of men who escort and protect some important person.
bolsterer	A pillow that is often put across a bed underneath the regular pillows.
champion	A person who backs a politician or a team etc. <i>A champion hurdler.</i>
endorser	Someone who expresses strong approval.
exponent	A mathematical notation indicating the number of times a quantity is multiplied by itself. <i>An early exponent of the teachings of Thomas Aquinas.</i>
flagbearer	A person who is responsible for carrying the flag of their country at a ceremony, particularly at the opening or closing of an international sports contest. <i>She has become a flagbearer for abuse victims.</i>
full back	The time when the Moon is fully illuminated.
guard	The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team. <i>There s bends all the way from Portlaoise to Carlow The responsibility for speeding traffic rests with the guards.</i>
guardian	A person who cares for persons or property. <i>I am acting as guardian of my late brother s family.</i>
preserver	A substance used to preserve food, wood, or other materials against damage or decay. <i>The Benedictines have been best known as educators and as preservers of antique texts.</i>
promoter	A supporter of a cause or aim. <i>A boxing promoter.</i>
proponent	A person who advocates a theory, proposal, or course of action. <i>A strong proponent of the free market and liberal trade policies.</i>
protector	The title of the head of state in England during the later period of the Commonwealth between 1653 and 1659, first Oliver Cromwell (1653-8), then his son Richard (1658-9). <i>A man who became her protector adviser and friend.</i>
shielder	A person who cares for persons or property.
standard-bearer	An outstanding leader of a political movement.
supporter	A person who is actively interested in and wishes success for a particular sports team. <i>An Oxford United supporter.</i>

sustainer	Someone who upholds or maintains. <i>They are sustainers of the idea of democracy.</i>
sweeper	A cleaning implement with revolving brushes that pick up dirt as the implement is pushed over a carpet. <i>A street sweeper.</i>
torchbearer	A leader in a campaign or movement. <i>Some of the original feminist torchbearers.</i>
upholder	Someone who upholds or maintains. <i>Firm upholders of tradition.</i>
withstander	An opponent who resists with force or resolution. <i>Obstinate withstanders of innovation.</i>



Usage Examples of "Defender" as a noun

- *A determined defender of British interests.*
- *Owen surged between two defenders, then drove the ball out of the reach of the goalkeeper.*



Associations of "Defender" (30 Words)

amateur	Someone who pursues a study or sport as a pastime. <i>An amateur photographer.</i>
angel	In traditional Christian angelology a being of the lowest order of the ninefold celestial hierarchy. <i>I miss you too angel.</i>
badminton	A game with rackets in which a shuttlecock is hit back and forth across a net.
baseball	The hard ball used in baseball. <i>There was a baseball game on every empty lot.</i>
basketball	The inflated ball used in basketball.
bastion	A natural rock formation resembling a man made bastion. <i>A bastion against corruption.</i>
bowler	A cricketer who delivers the ball to the batsman in cricket.
conservancy	The conservation of wildlife and the environment. <i>From the point of view of nature conservancy I d rather see it left unspoilt.</i>
defence	A means of protecting something from attack. <i>She came to the defence of the eccentric professor.</i>
defend	Be the defense counsel for someone in a trial. <i>He is a lawyer who specializes in defending political prisoners.</i>
fighting	The act of fighting any contest or struggle. <i>Review the fighting forces.</i>
fixture	A regular patron. <i>A bum who is a Central Park fixture.</i>
football	Any of various forms of team game involving kicking and in some cases also handling a ball in particular in the UK soccer or in the US American football. <i>Wherever the president travels a military aide stays close with the football.</i>
guard	The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team. <i>An insurance policy is a good safeguard.</i>
guardian	A person who cares for persons or property. <i>I am acting as guardian of my late brother s family.</i>
heaven	The sky, especially perceived as a vault in which the sun, moon, stars, and planets are situated. <i>The everlasting happiness with God that we call heaven.</i>
heroine	The main good female character in a work of fiction. <i>Jane Austen s heroines.</i>

parent	Be or act as a parent to a child. <i>Stems will root down creating a new crown near the parent.</i>
player	A person or body that is involved and influential in an area or activity. <i>A guitar player.</i>
preclusive	Preventing something from happening; restrictive. <i>No preclusive action was taken.</i>
preserver	Rescue equipment consisting of a buoyant belt or jacket to keep a person from drowning. <i>The Benedictines have been best known as educators and as preservers of antique texts.</i>
protecting	Shielding (or designed to shield) against harm or discomfort. <i>The protecting blanket of snow.</i>
protector	The title of the head of state in England during the later period of the Commonwealth between 1653 and 1659, first Oliver Cromwell (1653-8), then his son Richard (1658-9). <i>A man who became her protector adviser and friend.</i>
rugby	A team game played with an oval ball that may be kicked, carried, and passed from hand to hand. Points are scored by grounding the ball behind the opponents' goal line (thereby scoring a try) or by kicking it between the two posts and over the crossbar of the opponents' goal.
soccer	A football game in which two teams of 11 players try to kick or head a ball into the opponents' goal.
tackle	(American football) grasping an opposing player with the intention of stopping by throwing to the ground. <i>He tackled well and covered expertly.</i>
tutelar	Providing protective supervision; watching over or safeguarding. <i>Tutelary gods.</i>
tutelary	Relating to protection or a guardian. <i>The tutelary spirits of these regions.</i>
varsity	A British abbreviation of 'university'; usually refers to Oxford University or Cambridge University. <i>Miller promoted him to the varsity for his sophomore season.</i>
volleyball	The inflated ball used in volleyball.

