

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)

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

<b>believer</b>	An adherent of a particular religion; someone with religious faith. <i>A firm <b>believer</b> that party politics has no place in local government.</i>
<b>bodyguard</b>	A group of men who escort and protect some important person.
<b>bolsterer</b>	A pillow that is often put across a bed underneath the regular pillows.
<b>champion</b>	A person who backs a politician or a team etc. <i>A <b>champion</b> hurdler.</i>
<b>endorser</b>	Someone who expresses strong approval.
<b>exponent</b>	A mathematical notation indicating the number of times a quantity is multiplied by itself. <i>An early <b>exponent</b> of the teachings of Thomas Aquinas.</i>
<b>flagbearer</b>	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 <b>flagbearer</b> for abuse victims.</i>
<b>full back</b>	The time when the Moon is fully illuminated.
<b>guard</b>	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 <b>guards</b>.</i>
<b>guardian</b>	A person who cares for persons or property. <i>I am acting as <b>guardian</b> of my late brother s family.</i>
<b>preserver</b>	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 <b>preservers</b> of antique texts.</i>
<b>promoter</b>	A supporter of a cause or aim. <i>A boxing <b>promoter</b>.</i>
<b>proponent</b>	A person who advocates a theory, proposal, or course of action. <i>A strong <b>proponent</b> of the free market and liberal trade policies.</i>
<b>protector</b>	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 <b>protector</b> adviser and friend.</i>
<b>shielder</b>	A person who cares for persons or property.
<b>standard-bearer</b>	An outstanding leader of a political movement.
<b>supporter</b>	A person who is actively interested in and wishes success for a particular sports team. <i>An Oxford United <b>supporter</b>.</i>

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

<b>amateur</b>	Someone who pursues a study or sport as a pastime. <i>An <b>amateur</b> photographer.</i>
<b>angel</b>	In traditional Christian angelology a being of the lowest order of the ninefold celestial hierarchy. <i>I miss you too <b>angel</b>.</i>
<b>badminton</b>	A game with rackets in which a shuttlecock is hit back and forth across a net.
<b>baseball</b>	The hard ball used in baseball. <i>There was a <b>baseball</b> game on every empty lot.</i>
<b>basketball</b>	The inflated ball used in basketball.
<b>bastion</b>	A natural rock formation resembling a man made bastion. <i>A <b>bastion</b> against corruption.</i>
<b>bowler</b>	A cricketer who delivers the ball to the batsman in cricket.
<b>conservancy</b>	The conservation of wildlife and the environment. <i>From the point of view of nature <b>conservancy</b> I d rather see it left unspoilt.</i>
<b>defence</b>	A means of protecting something from attack. <i>She came to the <b>defence</b> of the eccentric professor.</i>
<b>defend</b>	Be the defense counsel for someone in a trial. <i>He is a lawyer who specializes in <b>defending</b> political prisoners.</i>
<b>fighting</b>	The act of fighting any contest or struggle. <i>Review the <b>fighting</b> forces.</i>
<b>fixture</b>	A regular patron. <i>A bum who is a Central Park <b>fixture</b>.</i>
<b>football</b>	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 <b>football</b>.</i>
<b>guard</b>	The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team. <i>An insurance policy is a good safe<b>guard</b>.</i>
<b>guardian</b>	A person who cares for persons or property. <i>I am acting as <b>guardian</b> of my late brother s family.</i>
<b>heaven</b>	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 <b>heaven</b>.</i>
<b>heroine</b>	The main good female character in a work of fiction. <i>Jane Austen s <b>heroines</b>.</i>

<b>parent</b>	Be or act as a parent to a child. <i>Stems will root down creating a new crown near the <b>parent</b>.</i>
<b>player</b>	A person or body that is involved and influential in an area or activity. <i>A guitar <b>player</b>.</i>
<b>preclusive</b>	Preventing something from happening; restrictive. <i>No <b>preclusive</b> action was taken.</i>
<b>preserver</b>	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 <b>preservers</b> of antique texts.</i>
<b>protecting</b>	Shielding (or designed to shield) against harm or discomfort. <i>The <b>protecting</b> blanket of snow.</i>
<b>protector</b>	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 <b>protector</b> adviser and friend.</i>
<b>rugby</b>	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.
<b>soccer</b>	A football game in which two teams of 11 players try to kick or head a ball into the opponents' goal.
<b>tackle</b>	(American football) grasping an opposing player with the intention of stopping by throwing to the ground. <i>He <b>tackled</b> well and covered expertly.</i>
<b>tutelar</b>	Providing protective supervision; watching over or safeguarding. <i><b>Tutelary</b> gods.</i>
<b>tutelary</b>	Relating to protection or a guardian. <i>The <b>tutelary</b> spirits of these regions.</i>
<b>varsity</b>	A British abbreviation of 'university'; usually refers to Oxford University or Cambridge University. <i>Miller promoted him to the <b>varsity</b> for his sophomore season.</i>
<b>volleyball</b>	The inflated ball used in volleyball.

