

Need another word that means the same as “defiance”? Find 4 synonyms and 30 related words for “defiance” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Defiance” are: rebelliousness, resistance, opposition, confrontation

Defiance as a Noun

Definitions of "Defiance" as a noun

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

- *Open resistance; bold disobedience.*
- *A defiant act.*
- *Intentionally contemptuous behavior or attitude.*
- *A hostile challenge.*



Synonyms of "Defiance" as a noun (4 Words)

- confrontation** Discord resulting from a clash of ideas or opinions.
*The race promised a classic **confrontation** between the two top runners in the world.*
- opposition** The major political party opposed to the party in office and prepared to replace it if elected.
*The **opposition** between practical and poetic language.*
- rebelliousness** An insubordinate act.
- resistance** The degree to which a substance or device opposes the passage of an electric current causing energy dissipation By Ohm s law resistance measured in ohms is equal to the voltage divided by the current.
*He encountered a general feeling of **resistance** from many citizens.*



Usage Examples of "Defiance" as a noun

- *The demonstration was held in defiance of official warnings.*
- *An act of defiance.*



Associations of "Defiance" (30 Words)

antipathy	The object of a feeling of intense aversion; something to be avoided. <i>His fundamental antipathy to capitalism.</i>
avert	Turn away or aside. <i>They averted their eyes when the King entered.</i>
censure	Harsh criticism or disapproval. <i>Two MPs were singled out for censure.</i>
condemning	Containing or imposing condemnation or censure.
contemn	Treat or regard with contempt. <i>It lay in Deronda's nature usually to contemn the feeble.</i>
contempt	A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous. <i>He was held in contempt.</i>
despise	Feel contempt or a deep repugnance for. <i>He despises the people he has to work for.</i>

despite	Contemptuous treatment or behaviour; outrage. <i>She wanted neither favor nor despite.</i>
discouraged	Having lost confidence or enthusiasm; disheartened. <i>Felt discouraged by the magnitude of the problem.</i>
disgust	A feeling of revulsion or strong disapproval aroused by something unpleasant or offensive. <i>The sight filled her with disgust.</i>
dislike	Have or feel a dislike or distaste for. <i>I know all his likes and dislikes.</i>
hate	An intensely disliked person or thing. <i>A hate campaign.</i>
hatred	The emotion of intense dislike; a feeling of dislike so strong that it demands action. <i>His murderous hatred of his brother.</i>
hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>The hinder part of a carcass.</i>
impermissible	Not permitted or allowed. <i>Their refusal to discuss the issue is impermissible.</i>
loath	Unwillingness to do something contrary to your custom. <i>Loath to admit a mistake.</i>
negatively	In a negative way, especially by expressing denial, disagreement, or refusal. <i>Negatively charged ions.</i>
pessimistic	Tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen. <i>He was pessimistic about the prospects.</i>
prohibition	The prevention by law of the manufacture and sale of alcohol, especially in the US between 1920 and 1933. <i>They were restrained by a prohibition in their charter.</i>
proscribe	Forbid, especially by law. <i>Strikes remained proscribed in the armed forces.</i>
proscription	The action of forbidding something; banning. <i>The proscription of the party after the 1715 Rebellion.</i>
reluctant	Not eager. <i>Reluctant to help.</i>
resistant	Able to tolerate environmental conditions or physiological stress. <i>Some of the old Churches are resistant to change.</i>

revulsion	Intense aversion. <i>News of the attack will be met with sorrow and revulsion.</i>
scorn	Reject with contempt. <i>At her lowest ebb she would have scorned to stoop to such tactics.</i>
stubborn	Difficult to move, remove, or cure. <i>A stubborn infection.</i>
<u>taboo</u>	Place under a taboo. <i>Many taboos have developed around physical exposure.</i>
<u>tacit</u>	Implied by or inferred from actions or statements. <i>Your silence may be taken to mean tacit agreement.</i>
<u>unwilling</u>	In spite of contrary volition. <i>An unwilling assistant.</i>
unwillingness	The quality or state of being unwilling to do something; reluctance. <i>His unwillingness to cooperate vetoed every proposal I made.</i>

