

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)

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



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

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

