

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

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**The synonyms of “Delinquent” are: derelict, neglectful, remiss, overdue, lawless, criminal, offending, negligent, careless of one's duty, irresponsible, lax, slack, unsettled, outstanding, unresolved, unattended to, due, owing, receivable, payable, undischarged, in arrears, in the red, juvenile delinquent, offender, wrongdoer, malefactor, lawbreaker, culprit**

## Delinquent as a Noun

### Definitions of "Delinquent" as a noun

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

- *A young offender.*
- *A delinquent person.*



## Synonyms of "Delinquent" as a noun (7 Words)

<b>criminal</b>	A person who has committed a crime. <i>These men are dangerous <b>criminals</b>.</i>
<b>culprit</b>	The cause of a problem or defect. <i>The car's front nearside door had been smashed in but the <b>culprits</b> had fled.</i>
<b>juvenile delinquent</b>	A young person, not fully developed.
<b>lawbreaker</b>	Someone who violates the law.
<b>malefactor</b>	A person who commits a crime or some other wrong.
<b>offender</b>	A person who transgresses moral or civil law. <i>You can't get away from sex these days and the TV is the worst <b>offender</b>.</i>
<b>wrongdoer</b>	A person who transgresses moral or civil law. <i>They need to punish <b>wrongdoers</b>.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Delinquent" as a noun

- *Juvenile delinquents.*

# Delinquent as an Adjective

## Definitions of "Delinquent" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "delinquent" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Past due; not paid at the scheduled time.*
- *Failing in what duty requires.*
- *(typically of a young person) tending to commit crime, particularly minor crime.*
- *In arrears.*
- *Failing in one's duty.*
- *Guilty of a misdeed.*

## Synonyms of "Delinquent" as an adjective (23 Words)

<b>careless of one's duty</b>	Marked by lack of attention or consideration or forethought or thoroughness; not careful.
<b>criminal</b>	Relating to crime as opposed to civil matters. <b><i>Criminal</i></b> in the sight of God and man.
<b><a href="#">derelict</a></b>	In deplorable condition. <i>The barge lay <b>derelict</b> for years.</i>
<b>due</b>	Owed and payable immediately or on demand. <i>He was only taking back what was <b>due</b> to him.</i>
<b>in arrears</b>	Holding office.
<b>in the red</b>	Holding office.
<b><a href="#">irresponsible</a></b>	(of a person, attitude, or action) not showing a proper sense of responsibility. <i>Behaved like an <b>irresponsible</b> idiot.</i>
<b>lawless</b>	Not governed by or obedient to laws; characterized by a lack of civic order. <b><i>Lawless</i></b> bands roaming the plains.
<b><a href="#">lax</a></b>	Pronounced with muscles of the tongue and jaw relatively relaxed e g the vowel sound in bet. <i>A <b>lax</b> rope.</i>
<b>neglectful</b>	Not giving proper care or attention to someone or something. <i>You are being <b>neglectful</b> of our guests.</i>

<b>negligent</b>	Characterized by neglect and undue lack of concern. <i><b>Negligent</b> in his correspondence.</i>
<b>offending</b>	Offending against or breaking a law or rule. <i>She eliminated the <b>offending</b> foods from her diet.</i>
<b>outstanding</b>	Having a quality that thrusts itself into attention. <i>The team s <b>outstanding</b> performance.</i>
<b>overdue</b>	(of a woman) not having had a menstrual period at the expected time. <i><b>Overdue</b> bills.</i>
<b>owing</b>	(of money) yet to be paid. <i>No rent was <b>owing</b>.</i>
<b>payable</b>	Able to be paid. <i>It costs just 195 <b>payable</b> in five monthly instalments.</i>
<b>receivable</b>	Awaiting payment. <i>Accounts <b>receivable</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>remiss</u></a>	Failing in what duty requires. <i>It would be very <b>remiss</b> of me not to pass on that information.</i>
<b>slack</b>	Having many sexual encounters or relationships (typically used of a woman). <i>They were working at a <b>slack</b> pace.</i>
<b>unattended to</b>	Not watched.
<b>undischarged</b>	Owed as a debt. <i>An <b>undischarged</b> bankrupt.</i>
<b>unresolved</b>	Characterized by musical dissonance harmonically unresolved. <i>A number of issues remain <b>unresolved</b>.</i>
<b>unsettled</b>	Not yet resolved. <i><b>Unsettled</b> weather with rain and hail and sunshine coming one right after the other.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Delinquent" as an adjective

- *Delinquent teenagers.*
- *Delinquent accounts.*
- *A delinquent account.*
- *Derelict (or delinquent) in his duty.*
- *Delinquent minors.*

## Associations of "Delinquent" (30 Words)

<b>accused</b>	A person or group of people who are charged with or on trial for a crime. <i>Two of the <b>accused</b> were sentenced to thirteen years in prison.</i>
<b>apprehend</b>	Get the meaning of something. <i>A warrant was issued but he has not been <b>apprehended</b>.</i>
<b><u>ashamed</u></b>	Feeling shame or guilt or embarrassment or remorse. <i>You should be <b>ashamed</b> of yourself.</i>
<b>capture</b>	A person or thing that has been captured. <i><b>Capture</b> the essence of Spring.</i>
<b><u>confession</u></b>	The religious body or Church sharing a confession of faith. <i>A Protestant <b>confession</b> of faith.</i>
<b><u>convict</u></b>	A person who has been convicted of a criminal offense. <i>Twelve people were <b>convicted</b> for their part in an attempted coup.</i>
<b><u>conviction</u></b>	A firmly held belief or opinion. <i>His <b>conviction</b> that the death was no accident was stronger.</i>
<b>criminal</b>	Relating to crime. <i>They are charged with conspiracy to commit <b>criminal</b> damage.</i>
<b><u>culpability</u></b>	Responsibility for a fault or wrong; blame. <i>A level of moral <b>culpability</b>.</i>
<b>culpable</b>	Deserving blame or censure as being wrong or evil or injurious. <i>Mercy killings are less <b>culpable</b> than ordinary murders.</i>
<b><u>culprit</u></b>	A person who is responsible for a crime or other misdeed. <i>Low level ozone pollution is the real <b>culprit</b>.</i>
<b>deviation</b>	The deflection of a ship's compass needle caused by iron in the ship. <i>Sexual <b>deviation</b>.</i>
<b>felon</b>	A person who has committed a felony. <i>The <b>felon</b> undermining hand of dark corruption.</i>
<b>guilty</b>	Causing a feeling of guilt. <i>Secret <b>guilty</b> deeds.</i>
<b>homicide</b>	The killing of a human being by another human being. <i>Knives account for a third of all <b>homicides</b>.</i>
<b>indictment</b>	The action of indicting or being indicted. <i>An <b>indictment</b> for conspiracy.</i>
<b>inmate</b>	One of several occupants of a house. <i><b>Inmates</b> of the Louisiana State Penitentiary.</i>



<b><u>juvenile</u></b>	An actor playing a juvenile role. <b>Juvenile</b> crime.
<b><u>murderer</u></b>	A person who commits murder. Convicted <b>murderers</b> .
<b>penance</b>	Impose a penance on. The Bishop <b>penanced</b> him severely for his conduct.
<b>penitential</b>	Showing or constituting penance. Wrote a <b>penitential</b> letter apologizing for her hasty words.
<b>penitentiary</b>	(in the Roman Catholic Church) a priest appointed to administer penance. <b>Penitentiary</b> institutions.
<b><u>perpetrator</u></b>	A person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act. The <b>perpetrators</b> of this horrific crime must be brought to justice.
<b><u>prison</u></b>	A prisonlike situation a place of seeming confinement. The young man was <b>prisoned</b> behind the doors.
<b><u>prisoner</u></b>	A person who is confined especially a prisoner of war. 200 rebels were taken <b>prisoner</b> .
<b>reformatory</b>	Tending to reform. <b>Reformatory</b> punishment.
<b>rehabilitation</b>	The action of restoring something that has been damaged to its former condition. She underwent <b>rehabilitation</b> and was walking within three weeks.
<b>shoplift</b>	Steal in a store. He was spotted <b>shoplifting</b> at the supermarket near his home.
<b><u>sinner</u></b>	A person who sins (without repenting). God forgives repentant <b>sinner</b> s.
<b>youth</b>	Early maturity; the state of being young or immature or inexperienced. <b>Youth</b> culture.