

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)

criminal

A person who has committed a crime.
*These men are dangerous **criminals**.*

culprit

The cause of a problem or defect.
*The car's front nearside door had been smashed in but the **culprits** had fled.*

juvenile delinquent A young person, not fully developed.

lawbreaker

Someone who violates the law.

malefactor

A person who commits a crime or some other wrong.

offender

A person who transgresses moral or civil law.
*You can't get away from sex these days and the TV is the worst **offender**.*

wrongdoer

A person who transgresses moral or civil law.
*They need to punish **wrongdoers**.*

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)

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

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

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

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