

Need another word that means the same as “demote”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “demote” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Demote” are: **break, bump, kick downstairs, relegate, downgrade, declass, move down, lower in rank, reduce in rank, strip of rank, reduce to the ranks**

Demote as a Verb

Definitions of "Demote" as a verb

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

- *Assign to a lower position; reduce in rank.*
- *Move (someone) to a lower position or rank, usually as a punishment.*

Synonyms of "Demote" as a verb (11 Words)

break	Become fractured break or crack on the surface only. <i>This play will either make or break the playwright.</i>
bump	In a race gain a bump against. <i>She bumped her head on the sink.</i>
declass	Remove (someone) from their original social class. <i>Declassed millworkers.</i>
downgrade	Reduce to a lower grade, rank, or level of importance. <i>Some jobs had gradually been downgraded from skilled to semi skilled.</i>
kick downstairs	Make a goal.

lower in rank	Set lower.
move down	Have a turn; make one's move in a game.
reduce in rank	Be the essential element.
reduce to the ranks	Be cooked until very little liquid is left.
<u>relegate</u>	Assign an inferior rank or position to. <i>United were relegated to division two.</i>
strip of rank	Remove the surface from.

Usage Examples of "Demote" as a verb

- *The head of the army was demoted to deputy defence secretary.*
- *She was demoted because she always speaks up.*

Associations of "Demote" (30 Words)

abase	Behave in a way that belittles or degrades (someone). <i>I watched my colleagues abasing themselves before the board of trustees.</i>
adulterate	Mixed with impurities. <i>Adulterate remedies.</i>
<u>belittle</u>	Dismiss (someone or something) as unimportant. <i>Don't belittle your colleagues.</i>
<u>bump</u>	In a race gain a bump against. <i>The children were given the bumps.</i>
<u>cabinet</u>	A small private room. <i>A cocktail cabinet.</i>
<u>classify</u>	Assign to a class or kind. <i>How would you classify these pottery shards are they prehistoric.</i>
debase	Corrupt debase or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>The King was forced to debase the coinage.</i>
decrease	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>There was a decrease in his temperature as the fever subsided.</i>
<u>defame</u>	Damage the good reputation of (someone); slander or libel. <i>The journalists have defamed me.</i>
degrade	Break down or deteriorate chemically. <i>She thought that many supposedly erotic pictures degraded women.</i>

detract	Take away (a specified amount) from the worth or value of a quality or achievement. <i>It is detracting nothing from his ability to say that he owed the championship to a superior car.</i>
disparage	Regard or represent as being of little worth. <i>She disparaged her student s efforts.</i>
downgrade	A downward gradient on a railway or road. <i>Downgrades by debt rating agencies outnumber upgrades by five to one.</i>
<u>downplay</u>	Make (something) appear less important than it really is. <i>This report downplays the seriousness of global warming.</i>
edict	A legally binding command or decision entered on the court record (as if issued by a court or judge). <i>Clovis issued an edict protecting Church property.</i>
exile	A person who is expelled from home or country by authority. <i>A corrupt dictator who had been exiled from his country.</i>
<u>lower</u>	Set lower. <i>Land of a lower quality.</i>
<u>minimize</u>	Cause to seem less serious; play down. <i>They may minimize or even overlook the importance of such beliefs.</i>
mortify	Undergo necrosis. <i>Mortify the flesh.</i>
<u>rebuild</u>	An instance of rebuilding. <i>After the earthquake people set about rebuilding their homes.</i>
<u>reconstruct</u>	Build again. <i>Later emperors reconstructed the army.</i>
reduce	Reduce in size reduce physically. <i>Reduce a problem to a single question.</i>
reduction	The act of reducing complexity. <i>We must see if the fracture requires reduction.</i>
<u>relegate</u>	Assign to a class or kind. <i>United were relegated to division two.</i>
reorganization	The imposition of a new organization; organizing differently (often involving extensive and drastic changes). <i>After the takeover there was a thorough reorganization.</i>
reshuffle	Put in a new order; rearrange. <i>He was brought into the government in the last reshuffle.</i>

shakeup	The imposition of a new organization; organizing differently (often involving extensive and drastic changes. <i>Top officials were forced out in the cabinet shakeup.</i>
<u>under</u>	Under water. <i>Weaving the body through the crossbars over and under over and under.</i>
understate	Represent as less significant or important. <i>The press have understated the extent of the problem.</i>
undervalue	Rate (something) insufficiently highly; fail to appreciate. <i>Through overfamiliarity it is easy to undervalue this concerto.</i>