

Need another word that means the same as “deter”? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for “deter” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Deter” are: discourage, dissuade, put off, scare off, prevent, stop, put a stop to, avert, nip in the bud, fend off, turn aside, stave off, ward off, head off, shut out, block, intercept, halt, arrest, check, stay, keep, hinder, impede, hamper, obstruct, balk, foil, thwart, obviate, frustrate, forestall, counteract, inhibit, hold back, curb, restrain, preclude, save, help

Deter as a Verb

Definitions of "Deter" as a verb

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

- *Discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.*
- *Turn away from by persuasion.*
- *Try to prevent; show opposition to.*
- *Prevent the occurrence of.*



Synonyms of "Deter" as a verb (40 Words)

arrest	Attract and fix. <i>They got arrested during a police raid.</i>
avert	Turn away (one's eyes or thoughts). <i>Avert a strike.</i>
balk	Miss or refuse (a chance or invitation). <i>He raised every objection he could to balk this plan.</i>
block	Shape into a block or blocks. <i>Block the wheels of a car.</i>
check	Write out a check on a bank account. <i>Check into the rumor.</i>
counteract	Oppose or check by a counteraction. <i>This will counteract the foolish actions of my colleagues.</i>
curb	Keep to the curb. <i>Curb your dogs.</i>

<u>discourage</u>	Deprive of courage or hope take away hope from cause to feel discouraged. <i>We should discourage this practice among our youth.</i>
<u>dissuade</u>	Turn away from by persuasion. <i>Negative campaigning will only dissuade people.</i>
fend off	Try to manage without help.
<u>foil</u>	Cover or back with foil. <i>A brave policewoman foiled the armed robbery.</i>
forestall	Keep from happening or arising; make impossible. <i>He would have spoken but David forestalled him.</i>
<u>frustrate</u>	Prevent (a plan or attempted action) from progressing, succeeding, or being fulfilled. <i>It frustrated me that more couldn't be done for her.</i>
<u>halt</u>	Come to a halt stop moving. <i>She halted in mid sentence.</i>
hamper	Put at a disadvantage. <i>He was hampered in his efforts by the bad weather.</i>
head off	Form a head or come or grow to a head.
help	Give help or assistance be of service. <i>She helped herself to a biscuit.</i>
hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>The brace I have to wear is hindering my movements.</i>
hold back	To close within bounds limit or hold back from movement.
impede	Block passage through. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>
inhibit	Make (someone) self-conscious and as a result unable to act naturally. <i>They felt inhibited by the presence of healthcare professionals.</i>
<u>intercept</u>	Cut off or deflect (light or other electromagnetic radiation). <i>I intercepted Edward on his way to work.</i>
<u>keep</u>	Store or keep customarily. <i>There's little to earn and many to keep.</i>
nip in the bud	Squeeze tightly between the fingers.
obstruct	Commit the offence of intentionally hindering (a police officer). <i>They had to alter the course of the stream and obstruct the natural flow of the water.</i>
obviate	Remove (a need or difficulty). <i>A parachute can be used to obviate disaster.</i>

preclude	Keep from happening or arising; make impossible. <i>His difficulties preclude him from leading a normal life.</i>
prevent	Stop (someone) from doing something. <i>We must prevent the cancer from spreading.</i>
put a stop to	Formulate in a particular style or language.
put off	Make an investment.
restrain	Prevent the action or expression of. <i>He had to be restrained from walking out.</i>
save	Save from sins. <i>He saves half his salary.</i>
scare off	Cause to lose courage.
shut out	Prevent from entering shut out.
stave off	Kill intentionally and with premeditation.
stay	Stay the same remain in a certain state. <i>Jenny decided to stay at home with their young child.</i>
stop	Come to a halt stop moving. <i>Stop the project.</i>
thwart	Oppose (a plan, attempt, or ambition) successfully. <i>He never did anything to thwart his father.</i>
turn aside	Shape by rotating on a lathe or cutting device or a wheel.
ward off	Watch over or shield from danger or harm; protect.

Usage Examples of "Deter" as a verb

- *Strategists think not only about how to deter war, but about how war might occur.*
- *Only a health problem would deter him from seeking re-election.*

Associations of "Deter" (30 Words)

abolitionism	The doctrine that calls for the abolition of slavery.
airsickness	Motion sickness experienced while traveling by air (especially during turbulence).
avert	Prevent or ward off (an undesirable occurrence). <i>Avert a strike.</i>
avoid	Prevent from happening. <i>Boys queued up to take Gloria out but avoided Deirdre.</i>

blockade	Impose a blockade on. <i>The authorities blockaded roads in and out of the capital.</i>
circumvention	The action of overcoming a problem or difficulty, typically in a clever and surreptitious way. <i>Circumvention of the rules undermines any fairness.</i>
daunt	Cause to lose courage. <i>Some people are daunted by technology.</i>
demoralize	Cause (someone) to lose confidence or hope. <i>The General Strike had demoralized the trade unions.</i>
depress	Cause to drop or sink. <i>That first day at school depressed me.</i>
discourage	Deprive of courage or hope take away hope from cause to feel discouraged. <i>We want to discourage children from smoking.</i>
dishearten	Cause (someone) to lose determination or confidence. <i>The farmer was disheartened by the damage to his crops.</i>
dislodgement	Forced removal from a position of advantage.
dissuade	Persuade (someone) not to take a particular course of action. <i>His friends tried to dissuade him from flying.</i>
embarrass	Cause to be embarrassed cause to feel self conscious. <i>He would be embarrassed by estate duty.</i>
firewall	Protect a network or system from unauthorized access with a firewall. <i>He moved the throttle to the firewall.</i>
forbid	Order (someone) not to do something. <i>I was forbidden from seeing him again.</i>
foreclose	Take possession of a mortgaged property when the mortgagor fails to keep up their mortgage payments. <i>The decision effectively foreclosed any possibility of his early rehabilitation.</i>
forestall	Prevent or obstruct (an anticipated event or action) by taking advance action. <i>They will present their resignations to forestall a vote of no confidence.</i>
forfend	Avert or prevent (something evil or unpleasant). <i>The fiend forfend said the grim Earl.</i>
hamper	A basket with a carrying handle and a hinged lid, used for food, cutlery, and plates on a picnic. <i>A laundry hamper.</i>

hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>Language barriers hindered communication between scientists.</i>
illegalize	Declare illegal; outlaw.
impede	Block passage through. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>
inhibit	Make (someone) self-conscious and as a result unable to act naturally. <i>The earnings rule inhibited some retired people from working.</i>
insulate	Prevent the passage of electricity to or from (something) by covering it in non-conducting material. <i>The village was insulated by every flood of the river.</i>
lightproof	Not penetrable by light. <i>Lightproof containers.</i>
obstruct	Block passage through. <i>An indirect free kick is awarded for intentionally obstructing an opponent.</i>
<u>preclude</u>	(of a situation or condition) prevent someone from doing something. <i>His difficulties preclude him from leading a normal life.</i>
prevent	Stop (someone) from doing something. <i>Action must be taken to prevent further accidents.</i>
<u>thwart</u>	From one side to another side of an area. <i>He was thwarted in his desire to punish Uncle Fred.</i>