

Need another word that means the same as “detest”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “detest” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Detest” are: hate, abhor, loathe, despise, abominate, execrate, regard with disgust, feel disgust for, feel repugnance towards, feel distaste for, shrink from, recoil from, shudder at, be unable to bear, be unable to abide, feel hostility to, feel aversion to, feel animosity to, find intolerable, dislike, disdain, have an aversion to

Detest as a Verb

Definitions of "Detest" as a verb

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

- *Dislike intensely.*
- *Dislike intensely; feel antipathy or aversion towards.*

Synonyms of "Detest" as a verb (22 Words)

abhor	Regard with disgust and hatred. <i>She abhors cats.</i>
abominate	Detest; loathe. <i>They abominated the very idea of monarchy.</i>
be unable to abide	Spend or use time.
be unable to bear	Have an existence, be extant.
despise	Feel contempt or a deep repugnance for. <i>He despises the people he has to work for.</i>

disdain	Look down on with disdain. <i>She remained standing pointedly disdaining his invitation to sit down.</i>
dislike	Have or feel a dislike or distaste for. <i>She disliked any kind of unnecessary rudeness.</i>
execrate	Curse; swear. <i>They were execrated as dangerous and corrupt.</i>
feel animosity to	Perceive by a physical sensation, e.g., coming from the skin or muscles.
feel aversion to	Undergo passive experience of.
feel disgust for	Be conscious of a physical, mental, or emotional state.
feel distaste for	Pass one's hands over the sexual organs of.
feel hostility to	Have a feeling or perception about oneself in reaction to someone's behavior or attitude.
feel repugnance towards	Be conscious of a physical, mental, or emotional state.
find intolerable	Receive a specified treatment (abstract).
hate	Express strong dislike for; criticize or abuse. <i>I can't hate on them for trying something new.</i>
have an aversion to	Have ownership or possession of.
loathe	Feel intense dislike or disgust for. <i>She loathed him on sight.</i>
recoil from	Draw back, as with fear or pain.
regard with disgust	Look at attentively.
shrink from	Decrease in size, range, or extent.
shudder at	Tremble convulsively, as from fear or excitement.

Usage Examples of "Detest" as a verb

- *She really did detest his mockery.*
- *She detests politicians.*

Associations of "Detest" (30 Words)

abhor	Find repugnant. <i>He abhorred sexism in every form.</i>
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abhorrence	Hate coupled with disgust. <i>The thought of marrying him filled her with abhorrence.</i>
abhorrent	Offensive to the mind. <i>An abhorrent deed.</i>
abominate	Detest; loathe. <i>They abominated the very idea of monarchy.</i>
abomination	A person who is loathsome or disgusting. <i>His treatment of the children is an abomination.</i>
acrimony	A rough and bitter manner. <i>The AGM dissolved into acrimony.</i>
animosity	A feeling of ill will arousing active hostility. <i>He no longer felt any animosity towards her.</i>
animus	(in Jungian psychology) the masculine part of a woman's personality. <i>The author's animus towards her.</i>
antipathy	A deep-seated feeling of aversion. <i>Cats were his greatest antipathy.</i>
aversion	A feeling of intense dislike. <i>My dog's pet aversion is visitors particularly males.</i>
despite	Contempt; disdain. <i>She wanted neither favor nor despite.</i>
detestation	Intense dislike. <i>He is the detestation of the neighbourhood.</i>
detested	Treated with dislike or contempt.
disfavor	The state of being out of favor. <i>He is in disfavor with the king.</i>
disgust	Cause (someone) to feel revulsion or strong disapproval. <i>Some of the audience walked out in disgust.</i>
disinclined	Unwilling; reluctant. <i>The rural community was disinclined to abandon the old ways.</i>
dislike	Have or feel a dislike or distaste for. <i>He made no secret of his dislike of the police.</i>
execrate	Curse or declare to be evil or anathema or threaten with divine punishment. <i>They were execrated as dangerous and corrupt.</i>
halfhearted	Feeling or showing little interest or enthusiasm. <i>A halfhearted effort.</i>
hate	Have a strong aversion to (something). <i>Richard's pet hate is filling in his tax returns.</i>

<u>loathe</u>	Find repugnant. <i>I loathe that man.</i>
loathing	Hate coupled with disgust. <i>The thought filled him with loathing.</i>
misanthrope	Someone who dislikes people in general. <i>Scrooge wasn't the mean spirited misanthrope most of us believe him to be.</i>
misanthropic	Believing the worst of human nature and motives; having a sneering disbelief in e.g. selflessness of others. <i>With his misanthropic outlook he was an ugly character.</i>
misanthropy	A dislike of humankind. <i>The streak of misanthropy in his nature.</i>
odious	Unequivocally detestable- Edmund Burke. <i>A pretty odious character.</i>
odium	Hate coupled with disgust. <i>He incurred widespread odium for military failures and government corruption.</i>
<u>reluctance</u>	The property of a magnetic circuit of opposing the passage of magnetic flux lines, equal to the ratio of the magnetomotive force to the magnetic flux. <i>She sensed his reluctance to continue.</i>
reluctant	Disinclined to become involved. <i>She seemed reluctant to answer.</i>
<u>unwilling</u>	Not disposed or inclined toward. <i>An unwilling smile.</i>