

Need another word that means the same as “disable”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “disable” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Disable” are: disenable, incapacitate, handicap, invalid, impair, damage, put out of action, make powerless, render powerless, weaken, enfeeble, debilitate, indispose, make unfit, deactivate, defuse, disarm, render inoperative, make ineffective, make harmless, disqualify, prevent, invalidate, declare incapable, rule out, preclude, debar, prohibit, disentitle**

## Disable as a Verb

### Definitions of "Disable" as a verb

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

- *Injure permanently.*
- *Make unable to perform a certain action.*
- *Put out of action.*
- *(of a disease, injury, or accident) limit (someone) in their movements, senses, or activities.*
- *(of an action or circumstance) prevent or discourage (someone) from doing something.*



## Synonyms of "Disable" as a verb (29 Words)

<b>damage</b>	Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>The snow <b>damaged</b> the roof.</i>
<b>deactivate</b>	Make inactive. <i>The men were <b>deactivated</b> after five years of service.</i>
<b>debar</b>	Exclude or prohibit (someone) officially from doing something. <i>They were <b>debarred</b> entry to the port.</i>
<b>debilitate</b>	Hinder, delay, or weaken. <i>Hard drugs destroy families and <b>debilitate</b> communities.</i>
<b>declare incapable</b>	State firmly.
<b>defuse</b>	Remove the fuse from (an explosive device) in order to prevent it from exploding. <i>Explosives specialists tried to <b>defuse</b> the grenade.</i>
<b><u>disarm</u></b>	Deprive of the power to hurt. <i>Police yesterday <b>disarmed</b> a parcel bomb.</i>

<b>disenable</b>	Deprive of the ability or capacity to do something. <i>If we can get the communication system we can possibly <b>disenable</b> their whole force.</i>
<b>disentitle</b>	Deprive (someone) of a right. <i>She was <b>disentitled</b> to a redundancy payment.</i>
<b>disqualify</b>	Declare (someone) ineligible for an office, activity, or competition because of an offence or infringement. <i>She was disqualified after failing a drugs test.</i>
<b>enfeeble</b>	Make weak or feeble. <i>The breakdown in law and order <b>enfeebled</b> the government's authority.</i>
<b>handicap</b>	Attempt to forecast the winner (especially in a horse race) and assign odds for or against a contestant. <i>Lack of funding has <b>handicapped</b> the development of research.</i>
<b><u>impair</u></b>	Make imperfect. <i>A noisy job could permanently <b>impair</b> their hearing.</i>
<b>incapacitate</b>	Prevent from functioning in a normal way. <i>He was <b>incapacitated</b> by a heart attack.</i>
<b>indispose</b>	Make unfit or unsuitable. <i>She was <b>indisposed</b>.</i>
<b><u>invalid</u></b>	Injure permanently. <i>He was badly wounded and <b>invalided</b> out of the infantry.</i>
<b><u>invalidate</u></b>	Make invalid for use. <i>A technical flaw in her papers <b>invalidated</b> her nomination.</i>
<b>make harmless</b>	Give certain properties to something.
<b>make ineffective</b>	Be or be capable of being changed or made into.
<b>make powerless</b>	Behave in a certain way.
<b>make unfit</b>	Carry out or commit.
<b><u>preclude</u></b>	(of a situation or condition) prevent someone from doing something. <i>His difficulties <b>preclude</b> him from leading a normal life.</i>
<b>prevent</b>	Keep from happening or arising; make impossible. <i>We must <b>prevent</b> the cancer from spreading.</i>
<b><u>prohibit</u></b>	Formally forbid (something) by law, rule, or other authority. <i>He is <b>prohibited</b> from becoming a director.</i>
<b>put out of action</b>	Formulate in a particular style or language.
<b>render inoperative</b>	Give an interpretation or rendition of.
<b>render powerless</b>	Make over as a return.

**rule out**

Decide with authority.

**weaken**

Lessen in force or effect.

*Fault lines had **weakened** and shattered the rocks.*



## Usage Examples of "Disable" as a verb

- *He was disabled in a car accident.*
- *Disable this command on your computer.*
- *Their choice disables them from pursuing certain avenues.*
- *It's an injury that could disable somebody for life.*
- *The raiders tried to disable the alarm system.*



## Associations of "Disable" (30 Words)

- blemish** Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective.  
*A facial **blemish**.*
- blindly** Without preparation or reflection; without a rational basis.  
*Don't **blindly** accept dogma as justification.*
- blindness** The state or condition of being unable to see because of injury, disease, or a congenital condition.  
*The field of vision gradually narrows and **blindness** can result.*
- deface** Mar or spoil the appearance of.  
*He **defaced** library books.*
- deform** Become distorted or misshapen undergo deformation.  
*The heat **deformed** the plastic sculpture.*
- difficulty** A thing that is hard to accomplish, deal with, or understand.  
*Had **difficulty** walking.*

<b><u>disability</u></b>	A physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities. <i>Reading <b>disability</b>.</i>
<b>disfigure</b>	Mar or spoil the appearance of. <i>Litter <b>disfigures</b> the countryside.</i>
<b>dismember</b>	Partition or divide up (a territory or organization). <i>The tiger <b>dismembered</b> the tourist.</i>
<b>dyslexia</b>	Impaired ability to learn to read.
<b>hamstring</b>	Cripple by cutting the hamstring. <i>He pulled a <b>hamstring</b>.</i>
<b>handicap</b>	A race or contest in which a handicap is imposed. <i>He was born with a significant visual <b>handicap</b>.</i>
<b>hurt</b>	Hurt the feelings of. <i>Her eyes reflected her unhappiness and <b>hurt</b>.</i>
<b><u>impairment</u></b>	Damage that results in a reduction of strength or quality. <i>Hearing <b>impairment</b>.</i>
<b>incapacitate</b>	Injure permanently. <i>He was <b>incapacitated</b> by a heart attack.</i>
<b>injury</b>	The fact of being injured; harm or damage. <i>Compensation for <b>injury</b> to feelings.</i>
<b>interrupt</b>	Break the continuity of (a line or surface). <i>The buzzer <b>interrupted</b> his thoughts.</i>
<b><u>lame</u></b>	Make a person or animal lame. <i>A <b>lame</b> argument.</i>
<b><u>lethal</u></b>	Very harmful or destructive. <i><b>Lethal</b> weapon.</i>
<b>maim</b>	Wound or injure (a person or animal) so that part of the body is permanently damaged. <i>100 000 soldiers were killed or <b>maimed</b>.</i>
<b>mangle</b>	Press with a mangle. <i><b>Mangle</b> the sheets.</i>
<b>mar</b>	A mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something especially on a person's body. <i>Nothing <b>marred</b> her beauty.</i>
<b>maul</b>	Take part in a maul. <i>A man was <b>mauled</b> by a lion at London Zoo.</i>

- mutilate** Inflict serious damage on.  
*Most of the prisoners had been **mutilated**.*
- obstacle** A thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress.  
*Lack of imagination is an **obstacle** to one's advancement.*
- ruin** Fall into ruin.  
*You have **ruined** my car by pouring sugar in the tank.*
- spoil** The act of spoiling something by causing damage to it.  
*To the victor belong the **spoils** of the enemy.*
- vitiate** Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.  
*The insurance is **vitiated** because of foolish acts on the part of the tenant.*
- wound** Inflict a wound on.  
*Chest **wounds**.*

