

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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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)

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

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

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

