

Need another word that means the same as “discourage”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “discourage” in this overview.

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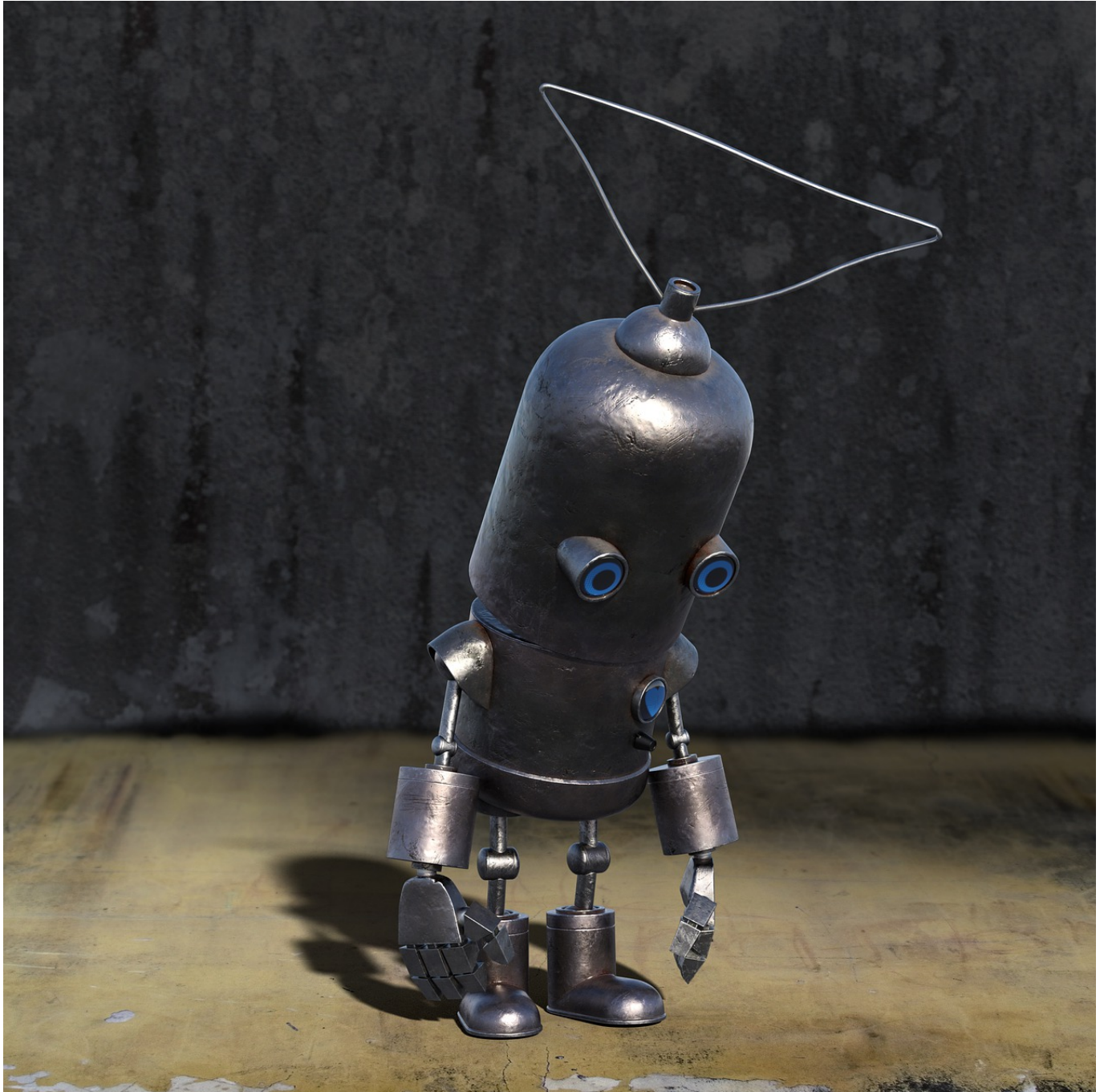
**The synonyms of “Discourage” are: deter, admonish, monish, warn, demoralized, deflated, let down, cast down, having lost heart, depressing, demoralizing, disheartening, dishearten, dispirit, demoralize, make despondent, make downhearted, depress, disappoint, dampen someone's hopes, dash someone's hopes, cause to lose heart, prevent, stop, put a stop to, avert, fend off, stave off, ward off, dissuade, disincline, turn aside**

## Discourage as a Verb

### Definitions of "Discourage" as a verb

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

- *Persuade (someone) against an action.*
- *Advise or counsel in terms of someone's behavior.*
- *Cause (someone) to lose confidence or enthusiasm.*
- *Try to prevent; show opposition to.*
- *Admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior.*
- *Deprive of courage or hope; take away hope from; cause to feel discouraged.*
- *Prevent or try to prevent (something) by showing disapproval or creating difficulties.*



## Synonyms of "Discourage" as a verb (32 Words)

### [admonish](#)

Admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior.

She **admonished** him to drink no more than one glass of wine.

<a href="#"><u>avert</u></a>	Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening. <i><b>Avert</b> a strike.</i>
<b>cast down</b>	Throw forcefully.
<b>cause to lose heart</b>	Give rise to; cause to happen or occur, not always intentionally.
<b>dampen someone's hopes</b>	Lessen in force or effect.
<b>dash someone's hopes</b>	Hurl or thrust violently.
<b>deflated</b>	Become deflated or flaccid as by losing air.
<b>demoralize</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>The boss's behavior <b>demoralized</b> everyone in the office.</i>
<b>demoralized</b>	Lower someone's spirits; make downhearted.
<b>demoralizing</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.
<a href="#"><u>depress</u></a>	Lower someone's spirits; make downhearted. <i>Fear of inflation in America <b>depressed</b> bond markets.</i>
<b>depressing</b>	Lower someone's spirits; make downhearted.
<a href="#"><u>deter</u></a>	Try to prevent; show opposition to. <i>Strategists think not only about how to <b>deter</b> war but about how war might occur.</i>
<b>disappoint</b>	Fail to meet the hopes or expectations of. <i>The governing coalition had bitterly <b>disappointed</b> the hopes of its voters.</i>
<b>dishearten</b>	Take away the enthusiasm of. <i>The farmer was <b>disheartened</b> by the damage to his crops.</i>
<a href="#"><u>disheartening</u></a>	Take away the enthusiasm of.
<b>disincline</b>	Make unwilling.
<b>dispirit</b>	Cause (someone) to lose enthusiasm or hope. <i>The army was <b>dispirited</b> by the uncomfortable winter conditions.</i>
<a href="#"><u>dissuade</u></a>	Persuade (someone) not to take a particular course of action. <i>Negative campaigning will only <b>dissuade</b> people.</i>
<b>fend off</b>	Try to manage without help.
<b>having lost heart</b>	Undergo.
<b>let down</b>	Actively cause something to happen.
<b>make despondent</b>	Engage in.
<b>make downhearted</b>	Be or be capable of being changed or made into.
<b>monish</b>	To admonish to give counsel warning or criticism.



**prevent**

Stop (someone or something) from doing something or being in a certain state.

*Locks won't **prevent** a determined burglar from getting in.*

**put a stop to**  
**stave off**

Formulate in a particular style or language.

Kill intentionally and with premeditation.

**stop**

Cause to stop.

*He **stopped** to look at the view.*

**turn aside**

To break and turn over earth especially with a plow.

**ward off**

Watch over or shield from danger or harm; protect.

**warn**

Ask to go away.

*His father had **warned** him of what might happen.*



## Usage Examples of "Discourage" as a verb

- *We want to discourage children from smoking.*
- *The plan is designed to discourage the use of private cars.*
- *We should discourage this practice among our youth.*
- *Tedious regulations could discourage investors.*



## Associations of "Discourage" (30 Words)

<b>browbeat</b>	Be bossy towards. <i>A witness is being <b>browbeaten</b> under cross examination.</i>
<b>daunt</b>	Make (someone) feel intimidated or apprehensive. <i>Some people are <b>daunted</b> by technology.</i>
<b>demoralize</b>	Corrupt the morals of (someone). <i>The boss's behavior <b>demoralized</b> everyone in the office.</i>
<b>deprave</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>This book would <b>deprave</b> and corrupt young children.</i>
<u><b>depress</b></u>	Cause to drop or sink. <i>The rising inflation <b>depressed</b> the economy.</i>
<u><b>deter</b></u>	Prevent the occurrence of. <i>Strategists think not only about how to <b>deter</b> war but about how war might occur.</i>

<b>dishearten</b>	Take away the enthusiasm of. <i>The farmer was <b>disheartened</b> by the damage to his crops.</i>
<b>dismay</b>	Fill with apprehension or alarm; cause to be unpleasantly surprised. <i>They were <b>dismayed</b> by the U turn in policy.</i>
<b><u>dissuade</u></b>	Turn away from by persuasion. <i>His friends tried to <b>dissuade</b> him from flying.</i>
<b>faze</b>	Disturb or disconcert (someone). <i>She was not <b>fazed</b> by his show of anger.</i>
<b>fright</b>	Frighten. <i>I jumped up in <b>fright</b>.</i>
<b>frighten</b>	Drive out by frightening. <i>The government denies legal responsibility presumably to <b>frighten</b> off other claimants.</i>
<b><u>frown</u></b>	Disapprove of. <i>A <b>frown</b> of disapproval.</i>
<b><u>gaze</u></b>	Look at with fixed eyes. <i>He turned following her <b>gaze</b>.</i>
<b>glower</b>	Look angry or sullen, wrinkle one's forehead, as if to signal disapproval. <i>She <b>glowered</b> at him suspiciously.</i>
<b>hector</b>	Talk to (someone) in a bullying way. <i>She doesn't <b>hector</b> us about giving up things.</i>
<b><u>horror</u></b>	Something that inspires horror something horrible. <i>To her <b>horror</b> she found that a thief had stolen the machine.</i>
<b>intimidate</b>	To compel or deter by or as if by threats. <i>The forts are designed to <b>intimidate</b> the nationalist population.</i>
<b>intimidation</b>	The feeling of discouragement in the face of someone's superior fame or wealth or status etc. <i>The <b>intimidation</b> of witnesses and jurors.</i>
<b><u>lower</u></b>	Make lower or quieter. <i><b>Lower</b> costs will encourage people to buy.</i>
<b><u>menace</u></b>	A person or thing that is likely to cause harm; a threat or danger. <i>A demand of money with <b>menaces</b>.</i>
<b><u>miserable</u></b>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>His <b>miserable</b> treatment of his family.</i>
<b><u>panic</u></b>	Cause sudden fear in or fill with sudden panic. <i>A workload of constant <b>panics</b> and rush jobs.</i>



<b>petrify</b>	Make rigid and set into a conventional pattern. <i>Slogans <b>petrify</b> our thinking.</i>
<b>scare</b>	Become scared. <i>I was <b>scared</b> stiff.</i>
<b>scowl</b>	An angry or bad-tempered expression. <i>She <b>scowled</b> at him defiantly.</i>
<b>shrug</b>	An act or instance of shrugging one's shoulders. <i>Jimmy looked enquiringly at Pete who <b>shrugged</b> his shoulders.</i>
<b>terrify</b>	Fill with terror; frighten greatly. <i>He is terrified of spiders.</i>
<b>terror</b>	Terrorism. <i>She had a <b>terror</b> of darkness.</i>
<b>unnerve</b>	Make (someone) lose courage or confidence. <i>The journey over the bridge had <b>unnerved</b> me.</i>

