

Need another word that means the same as “discredit”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “discredit” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Discredit” are: disbelieve, disgrace, dishonour, bring into disrepute, damage someone's reputation, blacken someone's name, destroy someone's credibility, drag through the mire, drag through the mud, put in a bad light, show in a bad light, reflect badly on, compromise, give someone a bad name, bring into disfavour, disprove, prove false, prove wrong, invalidate, explode, drive a coach and horses through, give the lie to, refute, reject, deny, disrepute, ill repute, loss of reputation, loss of respect, shame, humiliation, ignominy, infamy, notoriety, source of disgrace, source of shame, reproach

Discredit as a Noun

Definitions of "Discredit" as a noun

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

- *The state of being held in low esteem.*
- *A person or thing that is a source of disgrace.*
- *Loss or lack of reputation or respect.*

Synonyms of "Discredit" as a noun (14 Words)

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| disgrace | Loss of reputation or respect as the result of a dishonourable action. <i>If he'd gone back it would have brought disgrace on the family.</i> |
| dishonour | Lacking honor or integrity. <i>They have brought dishonour upon our family.</i> |
| <u>disrepute</u> | The state of being held in low esteem by the public. <i>Because of the scandal the school has fallen into disrepute.</i> |
| <u>humiliation</u> | An instance in which you are caused to lose your prestige or self-respect. <i>He had to undergo one humiliation after another.</i> |
| ignominy | Public shame or disgrace. <i>Suffered the ignominy of being sent to prison.</i> |
| ill repute | An often persistent bodily disorder or disease; a cause for complaining. |
| infamy | A state of extreme dishonor- F.D.Roosevelt. <i>He thrived on the infamy and vilification.</i> |
| loss of reputation | Something that is lost. |
| loss of respect | Military personnel lost by death or capture. |
| <u>notoriety</u> | The state of being famous or well known for some bad quality or deed. <i>She has a certain notoriety.</i> |
| reproach | In the Roman Catholic Church a set of antiphons and responses for Good Friday representing the reproaches of Christ to his people. <i>He gave her a look of reproach.</i> |
| <u>shame</u> | A person, action, or situation that brings a loss of respect or honour. <i>It is a shame that they are not better known.</i> |
| source of disgrace | Someone who originates or causes or initiates something. |
| source of shame | A process by which energy or a substance enters a system. |

Usage Examples of "Discredit" as a noun

- *The ships were a discredit to the country.*
- *They committed crimes which brought discredit upon the administration.*
- *Your actions will bring discredit to your name.*

Discredit as a Verb

Definitions of "Discredit" as a verb

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

- *Harm the good reputation of.*
- *Cause (an idea or account) to seem false or unreliable.*
- *Reject as false; refuse to accept.*
- *Cause to be distrusted or disbelieved.*
- *Damage the reputation of.*

Synonyms of "Discredit" as a verb (25 Words)

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| blacken someone's name | Burn slightly and superficially so as to affect color. |
| bring into disfavour | Bring into a different state. |
| bring into disrepute | Bring into a different state. |
| compromise | Make a compromise arrive at a compromise. <i>In the end we compromised and deferred the issue.</i> |
| damage someone's reputation | Suffer or be susceptible to damage. |
| deny | Deny oneself something restrain especially from indulging in some pleasure. <i>Both firms deny any responsibility for the tragedy.</i> |
| destroy someone's credibility | Destroy completely; damage irreparably. |
| disbelieve | Be unable to believe. <i>He seemed to disbelieve her.</i> |
| disgrace | Cause (someone) to fall from favour or a position of power or honour. <i>John stiffened his jaw so he wouldn't disgrace himself by crying.</i> |
| dishonour | Refuse to accept. <i>She was now unworthy of his notice having been dishonoured by Casim.</i> |

disprove

drag through the mire

drag through the mud

drive a coach and horses through

explode

give someone a bad name

give the lie to

invalidate

prove false

prove wrong

put in a bad light

reflect badly on

refute

reject

show in a bad light

Prove that (something) is false.

*He has given the Department of Transport two months to **disprove** the allegation.*

Draw slowly or heavily.

Proceed for an extended period of time.

Operate or control a vehicle.

Burst outward, usually with noise.

*His anger **exploded**.*

Move in order to make room for someone for something.

Manifest or show.

Show to be invalid.

*A technical flaw in her papers **invalidated** her nomination.*

Provide evidence for.

Cause to puff up with a leaven.

Formulate in a particular style or language.

To throw or bend back (from a surface).

Overthrow by argument, evidence, or proof.

*A spokesman totally **refuted** the allegation of bias.*

Reject with contempt.

*Union negotiators **rejected** a 15 per cent pay award.*

Give evidence of, as of records.

Usage Examples of "Discredit" as a verb

- *This newspaper story discredits the politicians.*
- *His explanation for the phenomenon was soon discredited.*
- *His remarks were taken out of context in an effort to discredit him.*
- *The paper discredited the politician with its nasty commentary.*

Associations of "Discredit" (30 Words)

barrack Lodge in barracks.
*The granary in which the platoons were **barracked**.*

boo Say boo to show disapproval of a speaker or performer.
*They **booed** and hissed when he stepped on stage.*

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| contemn | Treat or regard with contempt. <i>It lay in Deronda's nature usually to contemn the feeble.</i> |
| contempt | A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous. <i>He was held in contempt.</i> |
| deride | Treat or speak of with contempt. <i>The decision was derided by environmentalists.</i> |
| derision | Contemptuous laughter. <i>My stories were greeted with derision and disbelief.</i> |
| despise | Feel contempt or a deep repugnance for. <i>He despised himself for being selfish.</i> |
| despite | Contemptuous treatment or behaviour; outrage. <i>The theatre only earns my despite.</i> |
| discourtesy | An impolite act or remark. <i>He was able to discourage visitors without obvious discourtesy.</i> |
| disdain | Look down on with disdain. <i>Her upper lip curled in disdain.</i> |
| disgrace | Damage the reputation of. <i>You have disgraced the family name.</i> |
| disprove | Prove that (something) is false. <i>He has given the Department of Transport two months to disprove the allegation.</i> |
| disrepute | The state of being held in low esteem. <i>One of the top clubs in the country is bringing the game into disrepute.</i> |
| disrespect | A disrespectful mental attitude. <i>Growing disrespect for the rule of law.</i> |
| flout | Treat with contemptuous disregard. <i>Flout the rules.</i> |
| gibe | Be compatible, similar or consistent; coincide in their characteristics. <i>She proved impervious to his sarcastic gibes.</i> |
| hoot | Of an owl utter a hoot. <i>A car horn hooted frightening her.</i> |
| humiliation | State of disgrace or loss of self-respect. <i>They suffered the humiliation of losing in the opening round.</i> |
| indignity | Treatment or circumstances that cause one to feel shame or to lose one's dignity. <i>The indignity of needing financial help.</i> |

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| <u>insult</u> | An event which causes damage to a tissue or organ. <i>The movement of the bone causes a severe tissue insult.</i> |
| <u>jeer</u> | Laugh at with contempt and derision. <i>Some of the younger men jeered at him.</i> |
| <u>jibe</u> | Be compatible, similar or consistent; coincide in their characteristics. <i>Some cynics in the media might jibe.</i> |
| <u>mock</u> | Mock examinations. <i>The new constitution mocks all democratic principles.</i> |
| <u>mockery</u> | Teasing and contemptuous language or behaviour directed at a particular person or thing. <i>In her bitterness she felt that all rejoicing was mockery.</i> |
| <u>ridicule</u> | Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>His theory was ridiculed and dismissed.</i> |
| <u>rudeness</u> | A wild or unrefined state. <i>Alice becomes disgusted by the rudeness of her three companions.</i> |
| <u>sarcasm</u> | The use of irony to mock or convey contempt. <i>She didn't like the note of sarcasm in his voice.</i> |
| <u>scoff</u> | Laugh at with contempt and derision. <i>His army was the scoff of all Europe.</i> |
| <u>scorn</u> | Look down on with disdain. <i>I do not wish to become the object of scorn.</i> |
| <u>sneer</u> | A contemptuous or mocking smile, remark, or tone. <i>She sneered at her little sister's efforts to play the song on the piano.</i> |