

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

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The synonyms of “Disobedient” are: unruly, insubordinate, wayward, errant, disorderly, delinquent, disruptive, troublesome, rebellious, defiant, mutinous, recalcitrant, refractory, uncooperative, wilful, unbiddable, intractable, obstreperous, awkward, difficult, perverse, contrary

Disobedient as an Adjective

Definitions of "Disobedient" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “disobedient” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Unwilling to submit to authority.*
- *Not obeying or complying with commands of those in authority.*
- *Refusing to obey rules or someone in authority.*



Synonyms of "Disobedient" as an adjective (22 Words)

awkward	Causing difficulty; hard to do or deal with. <i>Some awkward questions.</i>
<u>contrary</u>	Resistant to guidance or discipline. <i>Mary Mary quite contrary.</i>
defiant	Showing defiance. <i>A defiant gesture.</i>
<u>delinquent</u>	(typically of a young person) tending to commit crime, particularly minor crime. <i>A delinquent account.</i>
difficult	Characterized by or causing hardships or problems. <i>Difficult times.</i>
disorderly	Involving or contributing to a breakdown of peaceful and law-abiding behaviour. <i>A disorderly pile of books.</i>
disruptive	(of a company or form of technology) causing radical change in an existing industry or market through being innovative. <i>The hours of work are disruptive to home life.</i>
<u>errant</u>	Travelling in search of adventure. <i>An errant strand of hair.</i>
insubordinate	Not submissive to authority. <i>Insubordinate boys.</i>
intractable	Not tractable; difficult to manage or mold. <i>Intractable economic problems.</i>
mutinous	Disposed to or in a state of mutiny. <i>Mutinous thoughts.</i>
obstreperous	Noisily and stubbornly defiant. <i>The boy is cocky and obstreperous.</i>
perverse	Showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable. <i>Kate s perverse decision not to cooperate held good.</i>
<u>rebellious</u>	Showing a desire to resist authority, control, or convention. <i>He smoothed back a rebellious lock of hair.</i>
recalcitrant	Stubbornly resistant to authority or control. <i>The University suspended the most recalcitrant demonstrators.</i>
refractory	Not responding to treatment. <i>Turkeys can be infected when young but are refractory as adults.</i>

<u>troublesome</u>	Difficult to deal with. <i>Schools are removing troublesome pupils.</i>
unbiddable	Not strong enough to justify a bid. <i>He recalled the days when a handful of unbiddable backbenchers could hold the government to ransom.</i>
uncooperative	Unwilling to cooperate. <i>An uncooperative witness.</i>
unruly	Unwilling to submit to authority. <i>Unruly teenagers.</i>
wayward	Difficult to control or predict because of wilful or perverse behaviour. <i>Wayward behavior.</i>
wilful	Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition. <i>A spoiled wilful child.</i>

Usage Examples of "Disobedient" as an adjective

- *Disobedient children.*
- *Larry was stern with disobedient employees.*

Associations of "Disobedient" (30 Words)

brash	Offensively bold. <i>The cafe was a brash new building.</i>
<u>contrary</u>	A contrary proposition. <i>Mary Mary quite contrary.</i>
contumacious	(especially of a defendant's behaviour) stubbornly or wilfully disobedient to authority. <i>His refusal to make child support payments was contumacious.</i>
contumacy	Obstinate rebelliousness and insubordination; resistance to authority.
defiant	Boldly resisting authority or an opposing force. <i>Brought up to be aggressive and defiant.</i>
dissenter	A member of a non-established Church; a Nonconformist.
dissentient	Refusing to attend services of the Church of England. <i>Dissentient voices were castigated as hopeless bureaucrats.</i>
<u>dissident</u>	Disagreeing, especially with a majority. <i>A dissident who had been jailed by a military regime.</i>
froward	Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition.

headstrong	Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition. <i>The headstrong impulsiveness of youth.</i>
ingratitude	A discreditable lack of gratitude. <i>He returned his daughter's care with ingratitude and unkindness.</i>
insubordinate	Disposed to or engaged in defiance of established authority. <i>Insubordinate boys.</i>
maverick	Someone who exhibits great independence in thought and action. <i>Maverick politicians.</i>
mutinous	Wilful or disobedient. <i>Antoinette looked mutinous but she obeyed.</i>
nonconformist	Characterized by behaviour or views that do not conform to prevailing ideas or practices. <i>She was a nonconformist an individualist.</i>
nonconformity	A lack of orthodoxy in thoughts or beliefs. <i>Language difficulty will be seen in terms of nonconformity to standard ways.</i>
objection	The speech act of objecting. <i>They have raised no objections to the latest plans.</i>
obstinate	Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so. <i>An obstinate child with a violent temper.</i>
rebellious	Discontented as toward authority. <i>He smoothed back a rebellious lock of hair.</i>
recalcitrance	The trait of being unmanageable.
recalcitrant	Stubbornly resistant to authority or control. <i>A class of recalcitrant fifteen year olds.</i>
recusant	Of or denoting a recusant. <i>Support for the exiled King was greatest among Catholic recusants.</i>
refractory	Lining consisting of material with a high melting point; used to line the inside walls of a furnace. <i>It will treat ores considered refractory to normal flotation methods.</i>
resist	A resistant substance applied as a coating to protect a surface during a process for example to prevent dye or glaze adhering. <i>We will continue to resist changes to the treaty.</i>
resistance	The degree to which a substance or device opposes the passage of an electric current causing energy dissipation By Ohm's law resistance measured in ohms is equal to the voltage divided by the current. <i>He encountered a general feeling of resistance from many citizens.</i>

resistive	Of or concerning electrical resistance.
restive	(of a person) unable to remain still, silent, or submissive, especially because of boredom or dissatisfaction. <i>He reiterated his determination to hold the restive republics together.</i>
stubborn	Not responding to treatment. <i>Stubborn rust stains.</i>
unruly	Incapable of being controlled. <i>A group of unruly children.</i>
wayward	Difficult to control or predict because of wilful or perverse behaviour. <i>A wayward adolescent.</i>