

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, unbidable, 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)

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

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

## Usage Examples of "Disobedient" as an adjective

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

## Associations of "Disobedient" (30 Words)

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

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

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