

Need another word that means the same as “disobey”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “disobey” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Disobey” are: defy, go against, flout, contravene, infringe, overstep, transgress, violate, fail to comply with, resist, oppose, rebel against, fly in the face of**

## Disobey as a Verb

### Definitions of "Disobey" as a verb

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

- *Refuse to go along with; refuse to follow; be disobedient.*
- *Fail to obey (rules, a command, or someone in authority).*

### Synonyms of "Disobey" as a verb (13 Words)

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| <b>contravene</b>          | Offend against the prohibition or order of (a law, treaty, or code of conduct.<br><i>The Privy Council held that the prosecution <b>contravened</b> the rights of the individual.</i> |
| <b>defy</b>                | Elude, especially in a baffling way.<br><i>His actions <b>defy</b> belief.</i>  |
| <b>fail to comply with</b> | Disappoint, prove undependable to; abandon, forsake.  |
| <b>flout</b>               | Treat with contemptuous disregard.<br><i>The advertising code is being <b>flouted</b>.</i>  |
| <b>fly in the face of</b>  | Be dispersed or disseminated.   |

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| <b>go against</b>        | Stretch out over a distance, space, time, or scope; run or extend between two points or beyond a certain point.                        |
| <b><u>infringe</u></b>   | Go against, as of rules and laws.<br><i>Such widespread surveillance could <b>infringe</b> personal liberties.</i>                     |
| <b>oppose</b>            | Disagree with and attempt to prevent, especially by argument.<br><i>The board <b>opposed</b> his motion.</i>                           |
| <b>overstep</b>          | Be superior or better than some standard.<br><i>You must not <b>overstep</b> your borrowing limit.</i>                                 |
| <b>rebel against</b>     | Take part in a rebellion; renounce a former allegiance.  |
| <b><u>resist</u></b>     | Resist immunologically the introduction of some foreign tissue or organ.<br><i>He didn't <b>resist</b> despite the weapons he had.</i> |
| <b><u>transgress</u></b> | (of the sea) spread over (an area of land).<br><i>The sea <b>transgresses</b> along the West coast of the island.</i>                  |
| <b>violate</b>           | Violate the sacred character of a place or language.<br><i>This sentence <b>violates</b> the rules of syntax.</i>                      |

## Usage Examples of "Disobey" as a verb

- *Around 1,000 soldiers had disobeyed orders and surrendered.*
- *He disobeyed his supervisor and was fired.*

## Associations of "Disobey" (30 Words)

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| <b>brash</b>           | Having an ostentatious or tasteless appearance.<br><i>He was <b>brash</b> cocky and arrogant.</i>                                  |
| <b><u>contrary</u></b> | A contrary proposition.<br><i>Public opinion to the <b>contrary</b> he is not guilty.</i>  |
| <b>contumacious</b>    | Wilfully obstinate; stubbornly disobedient.<br><i>His refusal to make child support payments was <b>contumacious</b>.</i>          |
| <b>contumacy</b>       | Stubborn refusal to obey or comply with authority, especially disobedience to a court order or summons.                            |
| <b>defiant</b>         | Showing defiance.<br><i>Brought up to be aggressive and <b>defiant</b>.</i>  |
| <b>dissenter</b>       | A person who dissents.   |
| <b>dissentient</b>     | Refusing to attend services of the Church of England.<br><i><b>Dissentient</b> voices were castigated as hopeless bureaucrats.</i> |

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| <b>dissident</b>     | In opposition to official policy.<br><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>    | Energetically wilful and determined.<br><i>The <b>headstrong</b> impulsiveness of youth.</i>  |
| <b>ingratitude</b>   | A discreditable lack of gratitude.<br><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.<br><i><b>Insubordinate</b> boys.</i>   |
| <b>maverick</b>      | Unorthodox.<br><i>He s the <b>maverick</b> of the senate.</i>   |
| <b>mutinous</b>      | Consisting of or characterized by or inciting to mutiny.<br><i><b>Mutinous</b> acts.</i>  |
| <b>nonconformist</b> | A member of a Protestant Church which dissents from the established Church of England.<br><i>Jenkins was a <b>nonconformist</b> who disdained the rugby union coaching certificate.</i> |
| <b>nonconformity</b> | Lack of harmony or correspondence.<br><i>Youngsters are rejecting rebellion and <b>nonconformity</b> in favour of becoming model citizens.</i>  |
| <b>objection</b>     | The speech act of objecting.<br><i>His view is open to <b>objection</b>.</i>  |
| <b>obstinate</b>     | (of an unwelcome situation) very difficult to change or overcome.<br><i>An <b>obstinate</b> child with a violent temper.</i>  |
| <b>rebellious</b>    | Discontented as toward authority.<br><i>Temperamentally <b>rebellious</b>.</i>  |
| <b>recalcitrance</b> | The trait of being unmanageable.  |
| <b>recalcitrant</b>  | Marked by stubborn resistance to authority.<br><i>The University suspended the most <b>recalcitrant</b> demonstrators.</i>  |
| <b>recusant</b>      | Of or denoting a recusant.<br><i>Support for the exiled King was greatest among Catholic <b>recusants</b>.</i>  |
| <b>refractory</b>    | (of a person, illness, or diseased tissue) not yielding to treatment.<br><i>It will treat ores considered <b>refractory</b> to normal flotation methods.</i>                            |
| <b>resist</b>        | Resist immunologically the introduction of some foreign tissue or organ.<br><i>He didn t <b>resist</b> despite the weapons he had.</i>  |

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| <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.<br><i>He encountered a general feeling of <b>resistance</b> from many citizens.</i> |
| <b>resistive</b>  | Able to withstand the action or effect of something.   |
| <b>restive</b>    | (of a person) unable to remain still, silent, or submissive, especially because of boredom or dissatisfaction.<br><i>Both their horses became <b>restive</b> at once.</i>  |
| <b>stubborn</b>   | Not responding to treatment.<br><i>A <b>stubborn</b> refusal to learn from experience.</i>   |
| <b>unruly</b>     | Disorderly and disruptive and not amenable to discipline or control.<br><i>Kate tried to control her <b>unruly</b> emotions.</i>   |
| <b>wayward</b>    | Difficult to control or predict because of wilful or perverse behaviour.<br><i>A <b>wayward</b> adolescent.</i>  |