

Need another word that means the same as “disrupt”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “disrupt” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Disrupt” are: break up, cut off, interrupt, throw into confusion, throw into disorder, throw into disarray, cause confusion in, cause turmoil in, play havoc with, derange, turn upside-down, make a mess of, distort, damage, buckle, warp

Disrupt as a Verb

Definitions of "Disrupt" as a verb

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

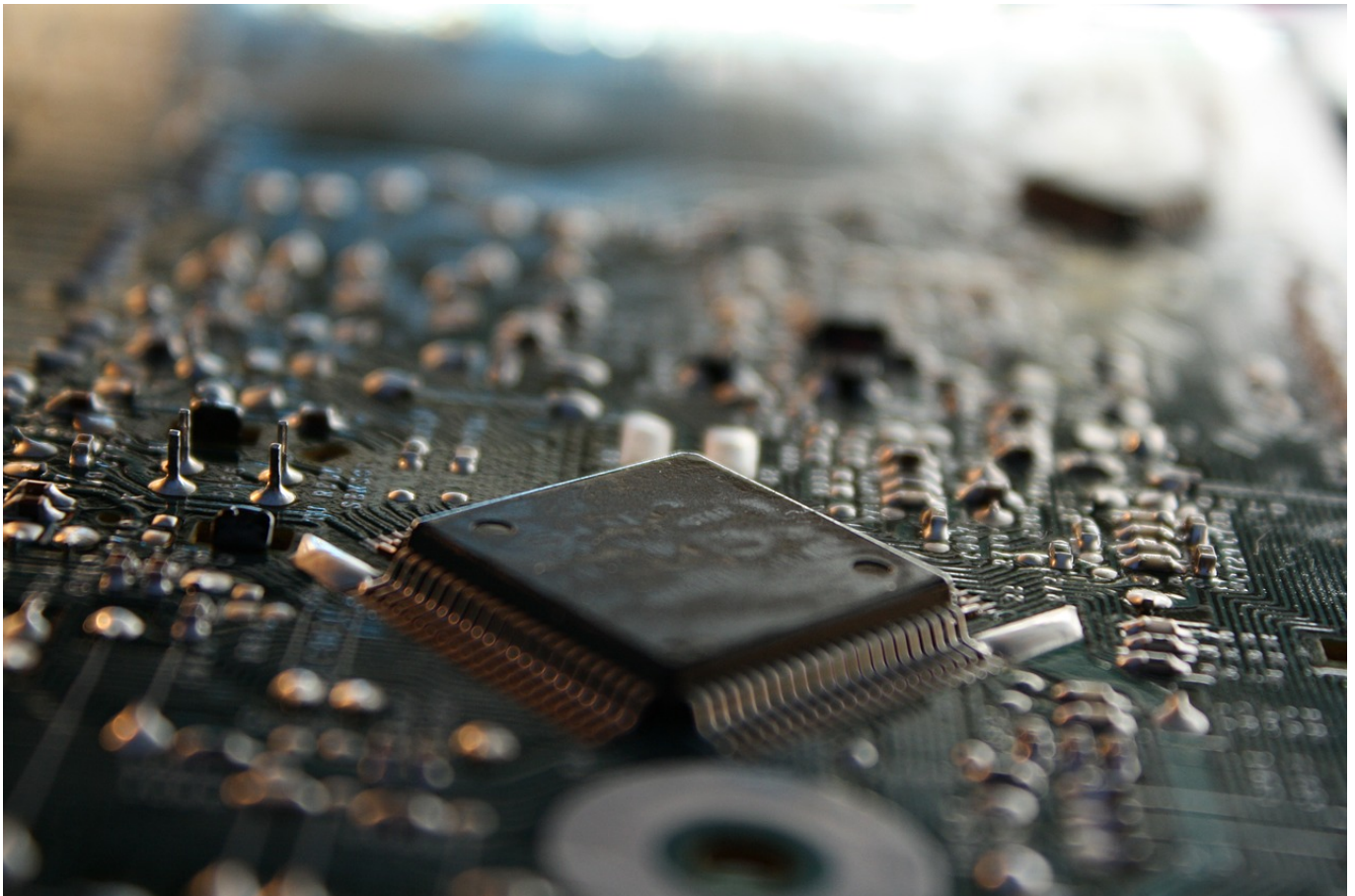
- *(of a company or form of technology) cause radical change in (an industry or market) by means of innovation.*
- *Interrupt (an event, activity, or process) by causing a disturbance or problem.*
- *Throw into disorder.*
- *Make a break in.*
- *Interfere in someone else's activity.*
- *Drastically alter or destroy the structure of.*



Synonyms of "Disrupt" as a verb (16 Words)

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| break up | Happen or take place. |
| buckle | Fasten with a buckle or buckles. <i>The bridge started shaking and then it began to buckle.</i> |
| cause confusion in | Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner. |
| cause turmoil in | Give rise to; cause to happen or occur, not always intentionally. |
| cut off | Cut off the testicles of male animals such as horses. |
| damage | Inflict damage upon. <i>The snow damaged the roof.</i> |
| derange | Derange mentally throw out of mental balance make insane. <i>I am sorry to have deranged you for so small a matter.</i> |
| <u>distort</u> | Affect as in thought or feeling. <i>Many factors can distort the results.</i> |

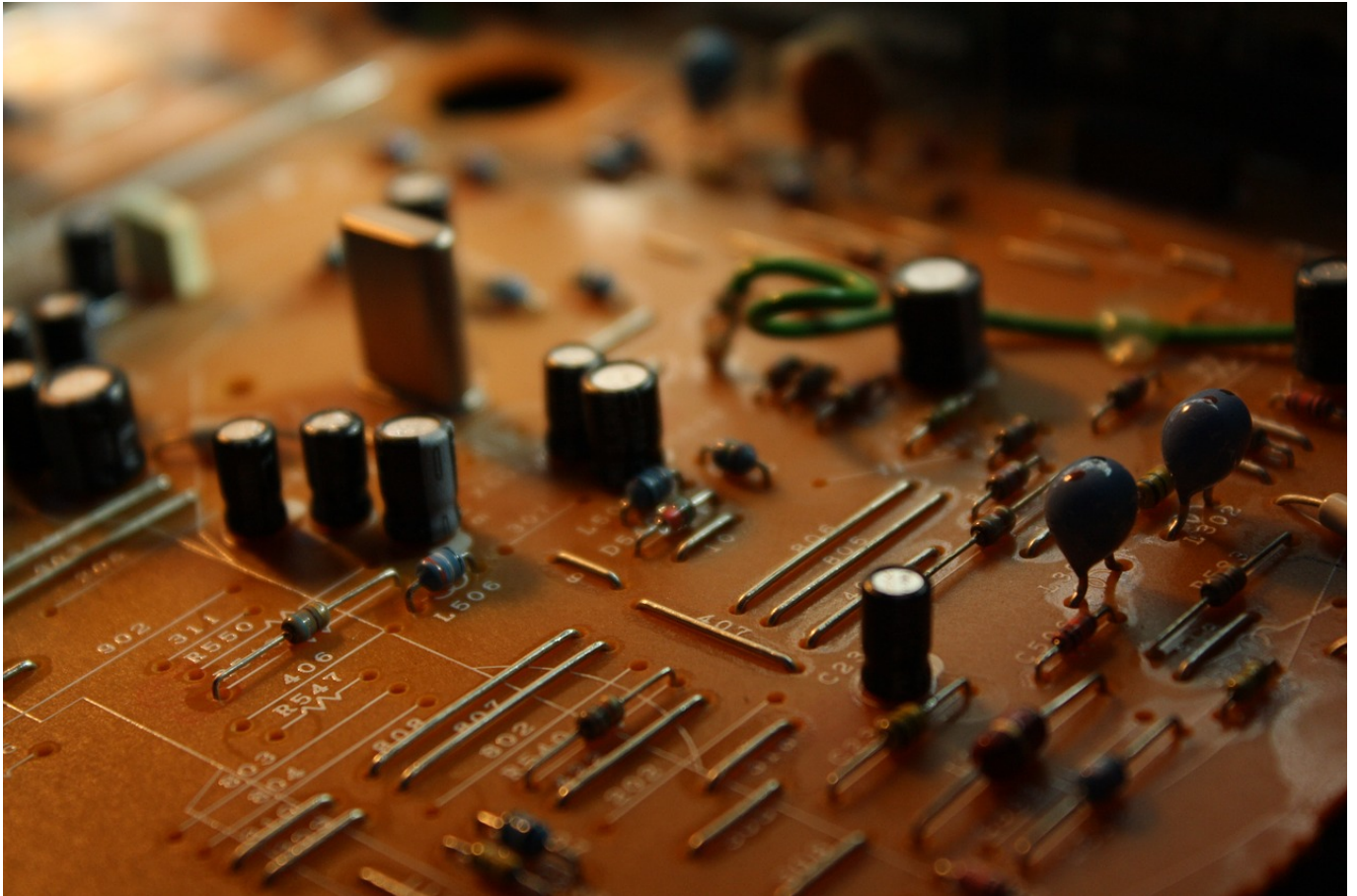
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| interrupt | Terminate. <i>Don't interrupt me when I'm reading.</i> |
| make a mess of | Amount to. |
| play havoc with | Perform on a certain location. |
| throw into confusion | Throw (a die) out onto a flat surface. |
| throw into disarray | Convey or communicate; of a smile, a look, a physical gesture. |
| throw into disorder | Be confusing or perplexing to; cause to be unable to think clearly. |
| turn upside-down | Undergo a change or development. |
| warp | In weaving arrange yarn so as to form the warp of a piece of cloth. <i>Crew and passengers helped warp the vessels through the shallow section.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Disrupt" as a verb

- *Flooding disrupted rail services.*
- *Our 3D printing technology is disrupting the traditional manufacturing industry.*

- *If an explosion of volcanic steam had formed the crater, the blast from below would have disrupted the underlying rock.*



Associations of "Disrupt" (30 Words)

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| barrier | Any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective. <i>Intolerance is a barrier to understanding.</i> |
| <u>begrudge</u> | Wish ill or allow unwillingly. <i>She begrudged Martin his affluence.</i> |
| <u>busybody</u> | A person who meddles in the affairs of others. <i>Others considered him an interfering busybody.</i> |
| <u>cease</u> | Cease is a noun only in the phrase without cease end. <i>The hostilities ceased and normal life was resumed.</i> |
| deterrent | Tending to deter. <i>Britain s nuclear deterrent.</i> |

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| difficulty | An effort that is inconvenient. <i>There is a practical difficulty.</i> |
| disruptive | (of a company or form of technology) causing radical change in an existing industry or market through being innovative. <i>Effects of the struggle will be violent and disruptive.</i> |
| <u>disturb</u> | Change the arrangement or position of. <i>Don t disturb the patient s wounds by moving him too rapidly.</i> |
| <u>disturbance</u> | Electrical or acoustic activity that can disturb communication. <i>There was a disturbance of neural function.</i> |
| heckle | Comb with a heckle. <i>Hemp was heckled and spun into rope yarn.</i> |
| hinderance | Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress. |
| <u>hindrance</u> | The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding. <i>The visitor can wander around without hindrance.</i> |
| <u>impediment</u> | Any structure that makes progress difficult. <i>A serious impediment to scientific progress.</i> |
| inconvenience | To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>Noise and fumes from traffic would inconvenience residents.</i> |
| incubus | A situation resembling a terrifying dream. <i>Debt is a big incubus in developing countries.</i> |
| insuperable | Incapable of being surmounted or excelled. <i>Insuperable heroes.</i> |
| interfere | Of light or other electromagnetic waveforms interact to produce interference. <i>The rotors are widely separated and do not interfere with one another.</i> |
| interference | Electrical or acoustic activity that can disturb communication. <i>An unwarranted interference with personal liberty.</i> |
| interposition | The act or fact of interposing one thing between or among others. <i>The interposition of members between tiers of management.</i> |
| interrupt | Make a break in. <i>She interrupted her pregnancy.</i> |
| <u>intervene</u> | Be placed or located between other things or extend between spaces and events. <i>The war intervened between the birth of her two children.</i> |
| <u>intervention</u> | The act or fact of interposing one thing between or among others. <i>The purpose of intervention is to prevent unnecessary duplication of lawsuits.</i> |

- meddlesome** Fond of meddling; interfering.
*Heaven rid him of **meddlesome** politicians.*
- militate** (of a fact or circumstance) be a powerful or conclusive factor in preventing.
*These fundamental differences will **militate** against the two communities coming together.*
- nuisance** An act which is harmful or offensive to the public or a member of it and for which there is a legal remedy.
*It s a **nuisance** having all those people clomping through the house.*
- obstacle** Something immaterial that stands in the way and must be circumvented or surmounted.
*Lack of imagination is an **obstacle** to one s advancement.*
- obstruction** The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction.
*The filibuster was a major **obstruction** to the success of their plan.*
- obstructionist** Someone who systematically obstructs some action that others want to take.
- obtrude** Become noticeable in an unwelcome or intrusive way.
*I felt unable to **obtrude** my private sorrow upon anyone.*
- trouble** Take the trouble to do something concern oneself.
*My legs started to **trouble** me.*

