

Need another word that means the same as “disturb”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “disturb” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Disturb” are: agitate, commove, raise up, shake up, stir up, vex, touch, trouble, upset, interrupt, disarrange, muddle, rearrange, disorganize, disorder, mix up, interfere with, intrude on, butt in on, barge in on, perturbing, troubling, concerning, perturb, concern, worry

Disturb as a Verb

Definitions of "Disturb" as a verb

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

- *Interfere with the normal arrangement or functioning of.*
- *Destroy the peace or tranquility of.*
- *Move deeply.*
- *Damage as if by shaking or jarring.*
- *Make (someone) anxious.*
- *Change the arrangement or position of.*
- *Tamper with.*
- *Interrupt the sleep, relaxation, or privacy of.*



Synonyms of "Disturb" as a verb (26 Words)

agitate	Cause to be agitated excited or roused. <i>Agitate the water to disperse the oil.</i>
barge in on	Push one's way.
butt in on	Place end to end without overlapping.
commove	Cause to be agitated, excited, or roused.
concern	Be relevant to. <i>I was mainly concerned with making something that children could enjoy.</i>
<u>concerning</u>	Be on the mind of.
disarrange	Destroy the arrangement or order of. <i>My son disarranged the papers on my desk.</i>
disorder	Bring disorder to. <i>She disordered the house to suggest that the killer had been a burglar.</i>
disorganize	Remove the organization from. <i>Attacks on leading government figures might disorganize the regime.</i>
interfere with	Get involved, so as to alter or hinder an action, or through force or threat of force.

interrupt	Break the continuity of (a line or surface. <i>The buzzer interrupted his thoughts.</i>
intrude on	Search or inquire in a meddlesome way.
mix up	Open (a place) to members of all races and ethnic groups.
muddle	Mix up or confuse. <i>Paul was hopelessly muddled by the rates of exchange.</i>
perturb	Disturb or interfere with the usual path of an electron or atom. <i>She was rather perturbed by the news that her father was seriously ill.</i>
perturbing	Throw into great confusion or disorder.
raise up	Put forward for consideration or discussion.
rearrange	Change (the position, time, or order of something. <i>He had rearranged his schedule.</i>
shake up	Get rid of.
stir up	Affect emotionally.
touch	Have an effect upon. <i>He could not touch the meaning of the poem.</i>
trouble	Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>Sorry to trouble you.</i>
<u>troubling</u>	Move deeply.
upset	Disturb the digestion of (a person's stomach. <i>The dam will upset the ecological balance.</i>
vex	Change the arrangement or position of. <i>Vex the subject of the death penalty.</i>
<u>worry</u>	Lacerate by biting. <i>I found my dog contentedly worrying a bone.</i>



Usage Examples of "Disturb" as a verb

- *I am disturbed by the document I have just read.*
- *Don't disturb the patient's wounds by moving him too rapidly!*
- *Take the rollers out carefully so as not to disturb the curls too much.*
- *I'll see my patient now and we are not to be disturbed.*



Associations of "Disturb" (30 Words)

<u>afflict</u>	(of a problem or illness) cause pain or trouble to; affect adversely. <i>His younger child was afflicted with a skin disease.</i>
<u>annoy</u>	Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations. <i>A gallant Saxon who annoyed this Coast.</i>
bother	Something or someone that causes trouble; a source of unhappiness. <i>The driver didn't bother to ask why.</i>
bothersome	Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>Aircraft noise is particularly bothersome near the airport.</i>
disquiet	Disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed. <i>Public disquiet about animal testing.</i>

<u>disrupt</u>	Make a break in. <i>If an explosion of volcanic steam had formed the crater the blast from below would have disrupted the underlying rock.</i>
disruptive	Causing or tending to cause disruption. <i>Breaking a disruptive technology into the market is never easy.</i>
distract	Divert one's attention from something unpleasant by doing something different or more pleasurable. <i>Horror and doubt distract His troubled thoughts.</i>
distracted	Unable to concentrate because one is preoccupied by something worrying or unpleasant. <i>Charlotte seemed too distracted to give him much attention.</i>
distress	Bring into difficulties or distress especially financial hardship. <i>The patient appeared to be in distress.</i>
<u>harass</u>	Subject to aggressive pressure or intimidation. <i>This man harasses his female co workers.</i>
harry	Make a pillaging or destructive raid on (a place), as in wartimes. <i>He is known to harry his staff when he is overworked.</i>
heckle	Comb with a heckle. <i>Heckle hemp or flax.</i>
inconvenience	To cause inconvenience or discomfort to. <i>The inconvenience of having to change trains.</i>
incubus	A male demon believed to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women. <i>Debt is a big incubus in developing countries.</i>
interrupt	Obstruct (something, especially a view). <i>The coastal plain is interrupted by chains of large lagoons.</i>
irk	Irritate; annoy. <i>It irks her to think of the runaround she received.</i>
<u>irritation</u>	The stimulation of an organism, cell, or organ to produce an active response. <i>The minor irritations of life.</i>
nuisance	An act which is harmful or offensive to the public or a member of it and for which there is a legal remedy. <i>I hope you're not going to make a nuisance of yourself.</i>
offend	Break a commonly accepted rule or principle. <i>17 per cent of viewers said they had been offended by bad language.</i>
perturb	Disturb or interfere with the usual path of an electron or atom. <i>Nuclear weapons could be used to perturb the orbit of an asteroid.</i>

polemical	Of or involving strongly critical or disputatious writing or speech. <i>A polemical essay.</i>
ravage	Cause severe and extensive damage to. <i>His face had withstood the ravages of time.</i>
rile	Make (someone) annoyed or irritated. <i>He has been riled by suggestions that his Arsenal future is in doubt.</i>
stonewall	An act of delaying or obstructing a person, request, or process. <i>When she doesn't like to face a problem she simply stonewalls.</i>
trouble	Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>He was not troubled by doubts.</i>
<u>turbulent</u>	(of air or water) moving unsteadily or violently. <i>The turbulent sea.</i>
vex	Change the arrangement or position of. <i>I ain't vex with you.</i>
<u>vexation</u>	Anger produced by some annoying irritation. <i>Jenna bit her lip in vexation.</i>
<u>worry</u>	Touch or rub constantly. <i>I began to worry whether I had done the right thing.</i>

