

Need another word that means the same as “fault”? Find 44 synonyms and 30 related words for “fault” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Fault” are: error, mistake, defect, flaw, demerit, break, faulting, fracture, geological fault, shift, failing, deficiency, weakness, shortcoming, fallibility, frailty, infirmity, foible, inadequacy, limitation, flaws, faults, faultiness, irregularity, abnormality, distortion, deformity, malformation, misshapeness, imperfection, snag, blemish, vice, lack, achilles heel, chink in one's armour, responsibility, liability, culpability, blameworthiness, guilt, blame, find fault with, find lacking**

## Fault as a Noun

### Definitions of "Fault" as a noun

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

- *An unattractive or unsatisfactory feature, especially in a piece of work or in a person's character.*
- *Responsibility for an accident or misfortune.*
- *(in showjumping) a penalty point imposed for an error.*
- *(in tennis and similar games) a service of the ball not in accordance with the rules.*
- *A break or other defect in an electric circuit or piece of machinery.*
- *An extended break in a rock formation, marked by the relative displacement and*

*discontinuity of strata on either side of a particular plane.*

- *A wrong action attributable to bad judgment or ignorance or inattention.*
- *The quality of being inadequate or falling short of perfection.*
- *A crack in the earth's crust resulting from the displacement of one side with respect to the other.*
- *Equipment failure attributable to some defect in a circuit (loose connection or insulation failure or short circuit etc.*
- *An imperfection in an object or machine.*
- *A serve that is illegal (e.g., that lands outside the prescribed area.*
- *(geology) a crack in the earth's crust resulting from the displacement of one side with respect to the other.*
- *Responsibility for a bad situation or event.*
- *(electronics) equipment failure attributable to some defect in a circuit (loose connection or insulation failure or short circuit etc.*
- *A misguided action or habit.*
- *(sports) a serve that is illegal (e.g., that lands outside the prescribed area.*



## Synonyms of "Fault" as a noun (41 Words)

<b>abnormality</b>	Behavior that breaches the rule or etiquette or custom or morality. <i>Miscarriage can be caused by fetal <b>abnormality</b>.</i>
<b>achilles heel</b>	The back part of the human foot.
<b>blameworthiness</b>	A state of guilt.
<b><u>blemish</u></b>	A mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something (especially on a person's body). <i>Local government is not without <b>blemish</b>.</i>
<b>break</b>	Dance music featuring breakbeats. <i>Those returning to work after a career <b>break</b>.</i>
<b>chink in one's armour</b>	Offensive term for a person of Chinese descent.
<b><u>culpability</u></b>	A state of guilt. <i>A level of moral <b>culpability</b>.</i>
<b>defect</b>	A failing or deficiency. <i>This device permits detection of <b>defects</b> in the lungs.</i>
<b>deficiency</b>	Lack of an adequate quantity or number. <i>A budget <b>deficiency</b> of 96 billion.</i>
<b>deformity</b>	An affliction in which some part of the body is misshapen or malformed. <i>Respiratory problems caused by spinal <b>deformity</b>.</i>
<b>demerit</b>	A fault or disadvantage. <i>They discussed the merits and <b>demerits</b> of her novel.</i>
<b>distortion</b>	A shape resulting from distortion. <i>Heavy metal guitar players use vacuum tube amplifiers to produce extreme <b>distortion</b>.</i>
<b><u>error</u></b>	(computer science) the occurrence of an incorrect result produced by a computer. <i>Goods dispatched to your branch in <b>error</b>.</i>
<b>failing</b>	A flaw or weak point. <i>His <b>failing</b> the course led to his disqualification.</i>
<b>fallibility</b>	The tendency to make mistakes or be wrong. <i>Technology is not a cure for human <b>fallibility</b>.</i>
<b>faultiness</b>	The state of being defective.

<b>faulting</b>	Equipment failure attributable to some defect in a circuit (loose connection or insulation failure or short circuit etc. <i>He studied the <b>faulting</b> of the earth's crust.</i>
<b>faults</b>	A serve that is illegal (e.g., that lands outside the prescribed area. <i>He served too many double <b>faults</b>.</i>
<b>flaw</b>	A fault or weakness in a person's character. <i>He had his <b>flaws</b> but he was still a great teacher.</i>
<b>flaws</b>	An imperfection in an object or machine. <i>He had his <b>flaws</b> but he was great nonetheless.</i>
<b>foible</b>	A behavioral attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual. <i>They have to tolerate each other's little <b>foibles</b>.</i>
<b>fracture</b>	A diphthong substituted by fracture. <i>Obsidian shows a conchoidal <b>fracture</b>.</i>
<b>frailty</b>	Weakness in character or morals. <i>The increasing <b>frailty</b> of old age.</i>
<b>geological fault</b>	Equipment failure attributable to some defect in a circuit (loose connection or insulation failure or short circuit etc.
<b>guilt</b>	The fact of having committed a specified or implied offence or crime. <i>He remembered with sudden <b>guilt</b> the letter from his mother that he had not yet read.</i>
<b>imperfection</b>	A fault, blemish, or undesirable feature. <i>He accepted me without question in all my <b>imperfection</b>.</i>
<b>inadequacy</b>	A lack of competence. <i>Her feelings of personal <b>inadequacy</b>.</i>
<b>infirmity</b>	The state of being weak in health or body (especially from old age). <i>Old age and <b>infirmity</b> come to men and women alike.</i>
<b>irregularity</b>	Irregular and infrequent or difficult evacuation of the bowels; can be a symptom of intestinal obstruction or diverticulitis. <i>The <b>irregularity</b> of his breathing.</i>
<b>lack</b>	The state of being without or not having enough of something. <i>There is a <b>lack</b> of parking space in the town.</i>
<b>liability</b>	The quality of being something that holds you back. <i>She said the party had become a <b>liability</b> to green politics.</i>
<b>limitation</b>	The quality of being limited or restricted. <i>She knew her <b>limitations</b> better than she knew her worth.</i>

<b>malformation</b>	An affliction in which some part of the body is misshapen or malformed. <i><b>Malformation</b> of one or both ears.</i>
<b>misshapeness</b>	An affliction in which some part of the body is misshapen or malformed.
<b>mistake</b>	An act or judgement that is misguided or wrong. <i>Make no <b>mistake</b> about his intentions.</i>
<b>responsibility</b>	A form of trustworthiness; the trait of being answerable to someone for something or being responsible for one's conduct. <i>We expect individuals to take on more <b>responsibility</b>.</i>
<u><b>shift</b></u>	The group of people who work during a particular shift. <i>A <b>shift</b> in public opinion.</i>
<u><b>shortcoming</b></u>	A fault or failure to meet a certain standard, typically in a person's character, a plan, or a system. <i>He is so forthright about his <b>shortcomings</b> it s hard to chastise him.</i>
<b>snag</b>	A rent or tear in fabric caused by a snag. <i>Keep an emery board handy in case of nail <b>snags</b>.</i>
<b>vice</b>	A bad or neurotic habit of stabled horses, typically arising as a result of boredom. <i><b>Vice</b> offends the moral standards of the community.</i>
<u><b>weakness</b></u>	The state or condition of being weak. <i>He has a <b>weakness</b> for chocolate.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Fault" as a noun

- *He knew his own faults much better than she did.*
- *I could understand his English in spite of his grammatical faults.*
- *A landscape broken by numerous faults.*
- *The fault of the keen therapist is to start to intervene during the assessment phase.*
- *A fire caused by an electrical fault.*
- *My worst fault is impatience.*
- *It was his fault she had died.*
- *The fault plane dips northwards.*
- *He served too many double faults.*
- *If books were not selling, it wasn't the fault of the publishers.*
- *It was John's fault.*
- *He studied the faulting of the earth's crust.*
- *They built it right over a geological fault.*
- *It took much longer to find the fault than to fix it.*



## Fault as a Verb

### Definitions of "Fault" as a verb

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

- *Criticize for inadequacy or mistakes.*
- *Put or pin the blame on.*
- *(of a rock formation) be broken by a fault or faults.*
- *Do wrong.*



### Synonyms of "Fault" as a verb (3 Words)

- blame** Put or pin the blame on.  
*They **blame** youth crime on unemployment.*
- find fault with** Come upon after searching; find the location of something that was missed or lost.
- find lacking** Come upon, as if by accident; meet with.



## Usage Examples of "Fault" as a verb

- *The people of Caesarea faulted greatly when they called King Herod a god.*
- *The continental crust has been thinned and faulted as a result of geological processes.*
- *Her superiors could not fault her dedication to the job.*
- *You cannot fault him for the professionalism of his approach.*



## Associations of "Fault" (30 Words)

### **blemish**

Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective.

*Thousands of Web pages are **blemished** with embarrassing typos.*

### **carelessness**

The quality of not being careful or taking pains.

*Most road accidents are caused by **carelessness** on the part of motorists.*

### **defect**

A shortcoming, imperfection, or lack.

*Genetic **defects**.*

### **deficiency**

The amount by which something, especially revenue, falls short; a deficit.

*Water is the critical **deficiency** in desert regions.*

<b>demerit</b>	A fault or disadvantage. <i>They discussed the merits and <b>demerits</b> of her novel.</i>
<b>disadvantage</b>	Put at a disadvantage hinder harm. <i>The pension scheme tends to <b>disadvantage</b> women.</i>
<b><u>drawback</u></b>	An amount of excise or import duty remitted on goods exported. <i>The main <b>drawback</b> of fitting catalytic converters is the cost.</i>
<b><u>error</u></b>	A failure of a defensive player to make an out when normal play would have sufficed. <i>Spelling <b>errors</b>.</i>
<b>failing</b>	Below acceptable in performance. <i>Pride is a terrible <b>failing</b>.</i>
<b>fallible</b>	Likely to fail or make errors. <i>I m only a <b>fallible</b> human.</i>
<b>flaw</b>	Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective. <i>There were fundamental <b>flaws</b> in the case for reforming local government.</i>
<b><u>flawed</u></b>	Having a blemish or flaw. <i>A <b>flawed</b> hero.</i>
<b>gaffe</b>	A socially awkward or tactless act. <i>His comments are a major diplomatic <b>gaffe</b>.</i>
<b><u>harm</u></b>	Cause or do harm to. <i>Smoking when pregnant can <b>harm</b> your baby.</i>
<b><u>inadequacy</u></b>	The state or quality of being inadequate; lack of the quantity or quality required. <i>Her feelings of personal <b>inadequacy</b>.</i>
<b>ineptitude</b>	Having no qualities that would render it valuable or useful. <i>The officials displayed remarkable <b>ineptitude</b>.</i>
<b>lapse</b>	Pass gradually into (an inferior state or condition). <i>A <b>lapse</b> of three weeks between letters.</i>
<b>misapprehend</b>	Fail to understand (a person or their words) correctly; misinterpret. <i>They seemed not to mind that their more profound utterances were <b>misapprehended</b> as self help maxims.</i>
<b>misapprehension</b>	A mistaken belief about or interpretation of something. <i>People tried to exchange the vouchers under the <b>misapprehension</b> that they were book tokens.</i>
<b>misconceive</b>	Judge or plan badly, typically on the basis of faulty understanding. <i>Criticism of the trade surplus in Washington is <b>misconceived</b>.</i>

<b>misconstrue</b>	Interpret (a person's words or actions) wrongly. <i>She <b>misconstrued</b> my remarks.</i>
<b>mistake</b>	To make a mistake or be incorrect. <i>She made the <b>mistake</b> of thinking they were important.</i>
<b>misunderstand</b>	Interpret in the wrong way. <i>Don't <b>misunderstand</b> me I'm not implying she should be working.</i>
<b><u>misunderstanding</u></b>	Putting the wrong interpretation on. <i>A <b>misunderstanding</b> of the government's plans.</i>
<b><u>misunderstood</u></b>	Incorrectly interpreted or understood. <i>He is one of football's most <b>misunderstood</b> men.</i>
<b><u>negligence</u></b>	Failure to take proper care over something. <i>His injury was due to the <b>negligence</b> of his employers.</i>
<b>nitpick</b>	Be overly critical; criticize minor details. <i>The state is <b>nitpicking</b> about minor administrative matters.</i>
<b><u>shortcoming</u></b>	A fault or failure to meet a certain standard, typically in a person's character, a plan, or a system. <i>He is so forthright about his <b>shortcomings</b> it's hard to chastise him.</i>
<b>unforced</b>	Not produced by effort; natural. <i>An <b>unforced</b> cheerfulness.</i>
<b>wrong</b>	Treat unjustly do wrong to. <i>Based on the <b>wrong</b> assumptions.</i>

