

Need another word that means the same as “frustrate”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “frustrate” in this overview.

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Frustrate as a Verb

Definitions of "Frustrate" as a verb

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

- *Prevent (a plan or attempted action) from progressing, succeeding, or being fulfilled.*
- *Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of.*
- *Prevent (someone) from doing or achieving something.*
- *Treat cruelly.*
- *Cause (someone) to feel upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something.*



Synonyms of "Frustrate" as a verb (43 Words)

anger

Fill someone with anger provoke anger in.
*I was **angered** to receive a further letter from them.*

annoy

Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations.
*The decision really **annoyed** him.*

baffle

Totally bewilder or perplex.
*To **baffle** the noise further I pad the gunwales.*

balk

Miss or refuse (a chance or invitation).
*He **balked** at such a drastic solution.*

bar

Secure with or as if with bars.
*She bolted and **barred** the door.*

bedevil

Treat cruelly.
*He **bedevilled** them with petty practical jokes.*

bilk

Evade; elude.
*Some businesses **bilk** thousands of dollars from unsuspecting elderly consumers.*

block	Run on a block system. <i>Block an attack.</i>
check	Put a check mark on or near or next to. <i>The dog checked.</i>
circumvent	Overcome (a problem or difficulty), typically in a clever and surreptitious way. <i>If you come to an obstruction in a road you can seek to circumvent it.</i>
counter	Act in advance of; deal with ahead of time. <i>He countered with some very persuasive arguments.</i>
cross	Travel across or pass over. <i>A shadow of apprehension crossed her face.</i>
crucify	Treat cruelly. <i>Our fans would crucify us if we lost.</i>
crush	Crush or bruise. <i>He crushed the paper in his hands.</i>
dash	Cause to lose courage. <i>Blue paint dashed with white.</i>
defeat	Win a victory over. <i>Don't cheat by allowing your body to droop this defeats the object of the exercise.</i>
derail	Cause to run off the tracks. <i>The train derailed because a cow was standing on the tracks.</i>
disappoint	Fail to meet the hopes or expectations of. <i>The governing coalition had bitterly disappointed the hopes of its voters.</i>
dun	Make a dun color. <i>The grocer dunned his customers every day by telephone.</i>
embitter	Cause to be bitter or resentful. <i>He didn't let illness and divorce embitter him.</i>
exasperate	Exasperate or irritate. <i>This futile process exasperates prison officers.</i>
foil	Cover or back with foil. <i>Their rivals were foiled by the weather.</i>
forestall	Act in advance of (someone) in order to prevent them from doing something. <i>They will present their resignations to forestall a vote of no confidence.</i>

get someone's back up	Be a mystery or bewildering to.
infuriate	Make (someone) extremely angry and impatient. <i>I was infuriated by your article.</i>
irk	Irritate; annoy. <i>It irks her to think of the runaround she received.</i>
irritate	Cause inflammation or other discomfort in (a part of the body). <i>His tone irritated her.</i>
madden	Cause to go crazy; cause to lose one's mind. <i>This is ridiculous she told him maddened by his reaction.</i>
nip in the bud	Give a small sharp bite to.
nullify	Make ineffective by counterbalancing the effect of. <i>Insulin can block the release of the hormone and thereby nullify the effects of training.</i>
put a stop to	Arrange thoughts, ideas, temporal events.
quash	Put down by force or intimidation. <i>A hospital executive quashed rumours that nursing staff will lose jobs.</i>
rag	Apply paint to a surface with a rag. <i>Rag ore.</i>
scotch	Make a small cut or score into. <i>He soon scotched himself against a wall.</i>
snooker	Subject oneself or one's opponent to a snooker. <i>Hendry led but then snookered himself.</i>
sour	Make sour or more sour. <i>Water soured with tamarind.</i>
spoil	Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of. <i>The enemy entered into Hereford spoiled and fired the city and razed the walls to the ground.</i>
stop	Stop and wait as if awaiting further instructions or developments. <i>He stopped his car by the house.</i>
thwart	Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of. <i>The government had been able to thwart all attempts by opposition leaders to form new parties.</i>
torment	Torment emotionally or mentally. <i>He was tormented by jealousy.</i>

**try someone's
patience**

Put on a garment in order to see whether it fits and looks nice.

vex

Change the arrangement or position of.

*I wouldn't **vex** it will be just great if whoever borrow the pump just bring it back.*



Usage Examples of "Frustrate" as a verb

- *It frustrated me that more couldn't be done for her.*
- *What ultimately frustrated every challenger was Ruth's amazing September surge.*
- *In numerous policy areas, central government has been frustrated by local authorities.*
- *The rescue attempt was frustrated by bad weather.*



Associations of "Frustrate" (30 Words)

- acerbity** A sharp sour taste.
*Exuberance sharpened by blunt wit and **acerbity**.*
- alarming** Worrying or disturbing.
*Our countryside is disappearing at an **alarming** rate.*
- angst** A feeling of persistent worry about something trivial.
*Rock and pop have a tradition of celebrating adolescent **angst**.*
- consternation** A feeling of anxiety or dismay, typically at something unexpected.
*To her **consternation** her car wouldn't start.*
- defeat** An instance of defeating or being defeated.
*She was **defeated** by the last steep hill.*
- defeated** People who are defeated.
*The Romans had no pity for the **defeated**.*

<u>dejection</u>	A sad and depressed state; low spirits. <i>He was slumped in deep dejection.</i>
despair	The feeling that everything is wrong and nothing will turn out well. <i>One harsh word would send her into the depths of despair.</i>
<u>desperately</u>	Used to emphasize the extreme degree of something. <i>He looked around desperately.</i>
<u>desperation</u>	Desperate recklessness. <i>Courage born of desperation.</i>
despond	Become dejected and lose confidence. <i>The supporters of the Presidential candidate desponded when they learned the early results of the election.</i>
despondency	Feeling downcast and disheartened and hopeless. <i>An air of despondency.</i>
disappoint	Fail to meet the hopes or expectations of. <i>I have no wish to disappoint everyone by postponing the visit.</i>
<u>disappointment</u>	A person or thing that causes disappointment. <i>His hopes were so high he was doomed to disappointment.</i>
<u>discouragement</u>	An attempt to prevent something by showing disapproval or creating difficulties; deterrent. <i>The discouragement of crime.</i>
dismay	The feeling of despair in the face of obstacles. <i>They were dismayed by the U turn in policy.</i>
failure	An act that fails. <i>He resented my failure to return his call.</i>
<u>frustrated</u>	Feeling or expressing distress and annoyance resulting from an inability to change or achieve something. <i>Many frustrated poets end as pipe smoking teachers.</i>
gloom	Partial or total darkness. <i>Gloom pervaded the office.</i>
<u>grief</u>	Something that causes great unhappiness. <i>Time heals griefs and quarrels.</i>
heartache	Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death). <i>A good friend understands your heartaches as well as your joys.</i>
heaviness	The quality of being oppressive or overpowering to the senses. <i>A few cartoon gags were introduced into the film to lighten its heaviness.</i>

<u>horrifying</u>	Provoking horror. <i>A horrifying incident.</i>
<u>melancholy</u>	A humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and melancholy. <i>A dark melancholy young man with deep set eyes.</i>
<u>miserable</u>	(of a person) habitually morose. <i>His miserable treatment of his family.</i>
mourning	The expression of sorrow for someone's death. <i>She s still in mourning after the death of her husband.</i>
sad	Of things that make you feel sad Christina Rossetti. <i>He told her the sad story of his life.</i>
sadness	Emotions experienced when not in a state of well-being. <i>It is one of life s sadnesses.</i>
slough	A situation characterized by lack of progress or activity. <i>The economic slough of the interwar years.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>A bereaved person needs time to work through their sorrow.</i>

