

Need another word that means the same as “impair”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “impair” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Impair” are: deflower, mar, spoil, vitiate, damage, harm, diminish, reduce, weaken, lessen, decrease, blunt, impede, hinder, disable

Impair as a Verb

Definitions of "Impair" as a verb

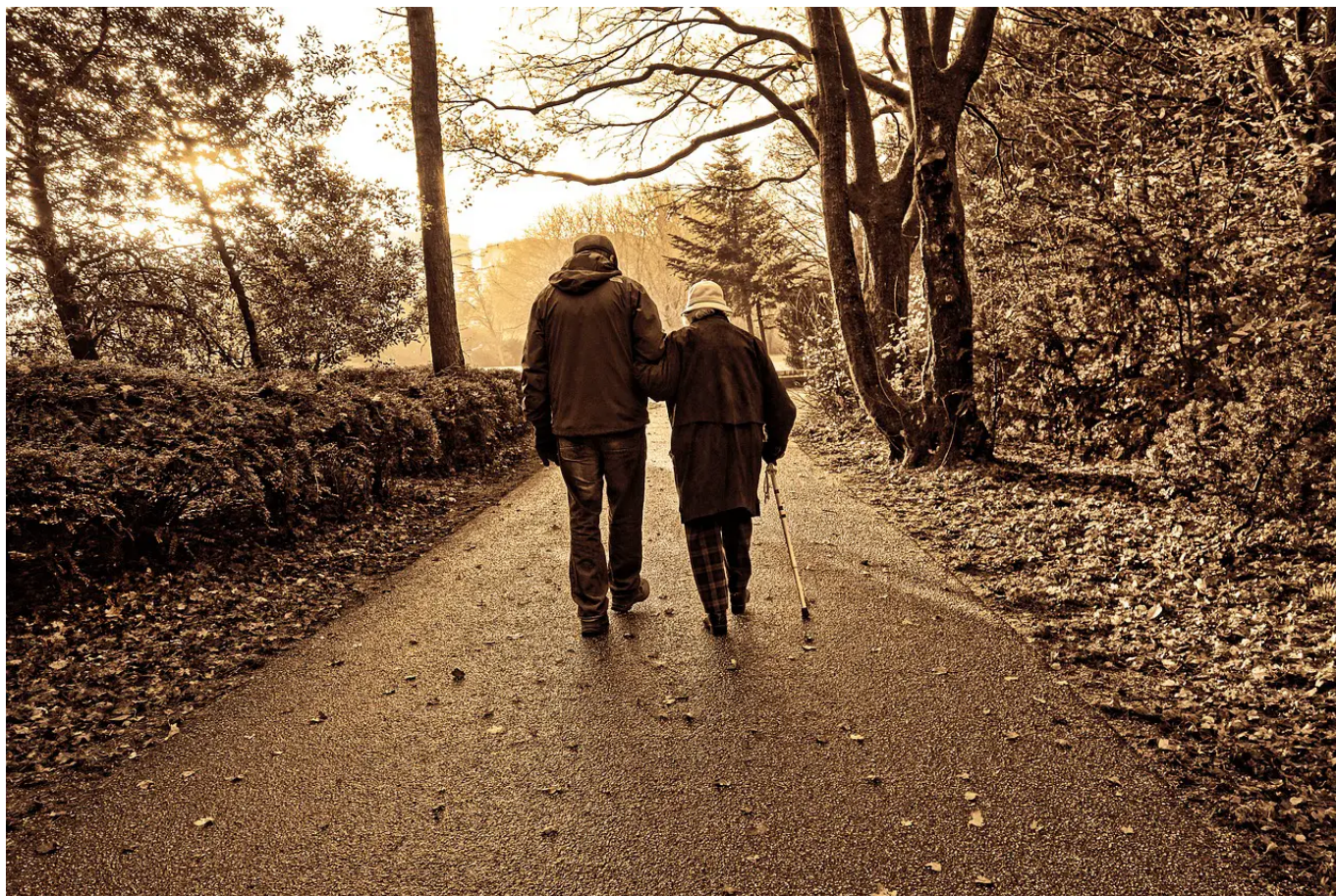
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “impair” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Make imperfect.*
- *Make worse or less effective.*
- *Weaken or damage (something, especially a faculty or function).*



Synonyms of "Impair" as a verb (15 Words)

blunt	Make dull or blunt. <i>Wood can blunt your axe.</i>
damage	Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>The snow damaged the roof.</i>
decrease	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>The amount of homework decreased towards the end of the semester.</i>
deflower	Make imperfect. <i>This dirty old man deflowered several young girls in the village.</i>
diminish	Make or become less. <i>The pain will gradually diminish.</i>
<u>disable</u>	Make unable to perform a certain action. <i>He was disabled in a car accident.</i>
<u>harm</u>	Cause or do harm to. <i>These pills won't harm your system.</i>
hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>The brace I have to wear is hindering my movements.</i>
impede	Be a hindrance or obstacle to. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>
lessen	Make or become less; diminish. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i>
mar	Destroy or injure severely. <i>Violence marred a number of New Year celebrations.</i>
reduce	Reduce in size reduce physically. <i>He reduced the population to slavery.</i>
spoil	Make imperfect. <i>She was afraid of spoiling Christmas for the rest of the family.</i>
vitiate	Make imperfect. <i>Development programmes have been vitiated by the rise in population.</i>
<u>weaken</u>	Reduce the level or intensity or size or scope of. <i>Fault lines had weakened and shattered the rocks.</i>



Usage Examples of "Impair" as a verb

- *A noisy job could permanently impair their hearing.*
- *His vision was impaired.*



Associations of "Impair" (30 Words)

contusion	A region of injured tissue or skin in which blood capillaries have been ruptured; a bruise. <i>A dark contusion on his cheek was beginning to swell.</i>
damage	Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>She damaged the car when she hit the tree.</i>
<u>deface</u>	Mar or spoil the appearance of. <i>Scars defaced her cheeks.</i>

<u>deformed</u>	(of a person or part of the body) not having the normal or natural shape or form; misshapen. <i>His deformed hands.</i>
<u>detriment</u>	A cause of harm or damage. <i>Such tests are a detriment to good education.</i>
<u>disable</u>	(of a disease, injury, or accident) limit (someone) in their movements, senses, or activities. <i>The raiders tried to disable the alarm system.</i>
disfigure	Spoil the appearance of. <i>The vandals disfigured the statue.</i>
excoriate	Tear or wear off the skin or make sore by abrading. <i>The discharge is acrid and excoriates the skin of the nose.</i>
fatality	A death resulting from an accident or a disaster. <i>A sense of fatality gripped her.</i>
hamstring	Cripple by cutting the hamstring. <i>He pulled a hamstring.</i>
hurt	Hurt the feelings of. <i>Our business was hurt by the new competition.</i>
injure	Cause injuries or bodily harm to. <i>He injured his back helping the girl.</i>
injury	An instance of being injured. <i>An ankle injury.</i>
irremediable	Impossible to remedy or correct or redress. <i>Irremediable marital breakdowns.</i>
lacerate	Cut or tear irregularly. <i>Her true venom seems reserved for the media itself as she lacerates our obsession with celebrity.</i>
maim	Wound or injure (a person or animal) so that part of the body is permanently damaged. <i>100 000 soldiers were killed or maimed.</i>
mangle	Press with a mangle. <i>The car was mangled almost beyond recognition.</i>
mar	A mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something especially on a person's body. <i>Violence marred a number of New Year celebrations.</i>
maul	Take part in a maul. <i>A man was mauled by a lion at London Zoo.</i>

<u>mischief</u>	A wrong or hardship that a statute is designed to remove or for which the common law affords a remedy. <i>Her eyes twinkled with irrepressible mischief.</i>
mutilate	Destroy or injure severely. <i>The fine carved screen was mutilated in the 18th century.</i>
ruin	Fall into ruin. <i>You have brought ruin on this entire family.</i>
<u>scarred</u>	Blemished by injury or rough wear. <i>The fire left her arm badly scarred.</i>
spoil	The act of spoiling something by causing damage to it. <i>To the victor belong the spoils of the enemy.</i>
<u>throes</u>	Intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death, or great change. <i>He convulsed in his death throes.</i>
<u>trauma</u>	Any physical damage to the body caused by violence or accident or fracture etc. <i>Rupture of the diaphragm caused by blunt trauma.</i>
twinge	A sharp stab of pain. <i>Twinges of conscience.</i>
vitiate	Destroy or impair the legal validity of. <i>The insurance is vitiated because of foolish acts on the part of the tenant.</i>
<u>wound</u>	The act of inflicting a wound. <i>The right reader of a good poem can tell the moment it strikes him that he has taken an immortal wound that he will never get over it.</i>

