

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



## 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.  
*A dark **contusion** on his cheek was beginning to swell.*
- damage** Suffer or be susceptible to damage.  
*She **damaged** the car when she hit the tree.*
- deface** Mar or spoil the appearance of.  
*Scars **defaced** her cheeks.*

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

<b><u>mischief</u></b>	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 <b>mischief</b>.</i>
<b>mutilate</b>	Destroy or injure severely. <i>The fine carved screen was <b>mutilated</b> in the 18th century.</i>
<b>ruin</b>	Fall into ruin. <i>You have brought <b>ruin</b> on this entire family.</i>
<b><u>scarred</u></b>	Blemished by injury or rough wear. <i>The fire left her arm badly <b>scarred</b>.</i>
<b>spoil</b>	The act of spoiling something by causing damage to it. <i>To the victor belong the <b>spoils</b> of the enemy.</i>
<b><u>throes</u></b>	Intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death, or great change. <i>He convulsed in his death <b>throes</b>.</i>
<b><u>trauma</u></b>	Any physical damage to the body caused by violence or accident or fracture etc. <i>Rupture of the diaphragm caused by blunt <b>trauma</b>.</i>
<b>twinge</b>	A sharp stab of pain. <i><b>Twinges</b> of conscience.</i>
<b>vitiate</b>	Destroy or impair the legal validity of. <i>The insurance is <b>vitiated</b> because of foolish acts on the part of the tenant.</i>
<b><u>wound</u></b>	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 <b>wound</b> that he will never get over it.</i>

