

Need another word that means the same as “infringe”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “infringe” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Infringe” are: conflict, contravene, run afoul, encroach, impinge, violate, transgress, break, breach, commit a breach of, disobey, defy, flout, fly in the face of, ride roughshod over, kick against, undermine, erode, diminish, weaken, impair, damage, compromise, trespass on, encroach on, impinge on, intrude on, enter, invade**

## Infringe as a Verb

### Definitions of "Infringe" as a verb

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

- *Actively break the terms of (a law, agreement, etc).*
- *Act so as to limit or undermine (something); encroach on.*
- *Advance beyond the usual limit.*
- *Go against, as of rules and laws.*

### Synonyms of "Infringe" as a verb (29 Words)

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| <b>breach</b>             | Make an opening or gap in.<br><i>We saw whales <b>breaching</b> in the distance.</i>  |
| <b>break</b>              | Become fractured break or crack on the surface only.<br><i>The company has attempted to <b>break</b> the strike using non union labour.</i> |
| <b>commit a breach of</b> | Give entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause.   |

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| <b><u>compromise</u></b>   | Make a compromise arrive at a compromise.<br><i>Yo yo dieting can <b>compromise</b> your immune system.</i>  |
| <b>conflict</b>            | Be in conflict.<br><i>The two proposals <b>conflict</b>.</i>   |
| <b>contravene</b>          | Offend against the prohibition or order of (a law, treaty, or code of conduct).<br><i>The Privy Council held that the prosecution <b>contravened</b> the rights of the individual.</i> |
| <b>damage</b>              | Suffer or be susceptible to damage.<br><i>The snow <b>damaged</b> the roof.</i>  |
| <b>defy</b>                | Challenge (someone) to fight.<br><i>His actions <b>defy</b> belief.</i>  |
| <b>diminish</b>            | Decrease in size, extent, or range.<br><i>The new law is expected to <b>diminish</b> the government's chances.</i>   |
| <b><u>disobey</u></b>      | Refuse to go along with; refuse to follow; be disobedient.<br><i>Around 1 000 soldiers had <b>disobeyed</b> orders and surrendered.</i>  |
| <b><u>encroach</u></b>     | Impinge or infringe upon.<br><i>The sea has <b>encroached</b> all round the coast.</i>   |
| <b>encroach on</b>         | Impinge or infringe upon.  |
| <b>enter</b>               | Set out on an enterprise or subject of study.<br><i><b>Enter</b> a race.</i>   |
| <b>erode</b>               | Become ground down or deteriorate.<br><i>The cliffs on this coast have been <b>eroded</b> by the sea.</i>  |
| <b>flout</b>               | Openly disregard (a rule, law, or convention).<br><i>The women pointed and <b>flouted</b> at her.</i>  |
| <b>fly in the face of</b>  | Travel in an airplane.   |
| <b><u>impair</u></b>       | Weaken or damage (something, especially a faculty or function).<br><i>A noisy job could permanently <b>impair</b> their hearing.</i>   |
| <b>impinge</b>             | Impinge or infringe upon.<br><i>The proposed fencing would <b>impinge</b> on a public bridleway.</i>   |
| <b>impinge on</b>          | Advance beyond the usual limit.  |
| <b>intrude on</b>          | Enter unlawfully on someone's property.  |
| <b><u>invade</u></b>       | Enter (a place, situation, or sphere of activity) in large numbers, especially with intrusive effect.<br><i>This new colleague <b>invades</b> my territory.</i>                        |
| <b>kick against</b>        | Strike with the foot.  |
| <b>ride roughshod over</b> | Copulate with.   |

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| <b>run afoul</b>   | Pursue for food or sport (as of wild animals).  |
| <b>transgress</b>  | Act in disregard of laws, rules, contracts, or promises.<br><i>She had <b>transgressed</b> an unwritten social law.</i>   |
| <b>trespass on</b> | Pass beyond (limits or boundaries).   |
| <b>undermine</b>   | Dig or excavate beneath (a building or fortification) so as to make it collapse.<br><i>The demolition engineers did eventually <b>undermine</b> two of the tower's six sides.</i> |
| <b>violate</b>     | Violate the sacred character of a place or language.<br><i>They denied that human rights were being <b>violated</b>.</i>  |
| <b>weaken</b>      | Reduce the level or intensity or size or scope of.<br><i>The fever <b>weakened</b> his body.</i>  |

## Usage Examples of "Infringe" as a verb

- *Making an unauthorized copy would infringe copyright.*
- *Such widespread surveillance could infringe personal liberties.*
- *I wouldn't infringe on his privacy.*

## Associations of "Infringe" (30 Words)

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| <b>actionable</b>    | Affording grounds for legal action.<br><i>Insightful and <b>actionable</b> information on the effect advertising is having on your brand.</i>                           |
| <b>breach</b>        | An opening (especially a gap in a dike or fortification).<br><i>A widening <b>breach</b> between government and Church.</i>   |
| <b>contravene</b>    | Offend against the prohibition or order of (a law, treaty, or code of conduct).<br><i>He <b>contravened</b> the Official Secrets Act.</i>                               |
| <b>contravention</b> | An action which offends against a law, treaty, or other ruling.<br><i>There were repeated raids by one side upon the other in <b>contravention</b> of treaty terms.</i> |
| <b>encroach</b>      | Impinge or infringe upon.<br><i>The sea has <b>encroached</b> all round the coast.</i>  |
| <b>encroachment</b>  | Any entry into an area not previously occupied.<br><i>Minor <b>encroachments</b> on our individual liberties.</i>   |
| <b>impinge</b>       | Impinge or infringe upon.<br><i>This <b>impinges</b> on my rights as an individual.</i>   |

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| <b>incursion</b>     | The act of entering some territory or domain (often in large numbers).<br><i>The <b>incursion</b> of television into the American living room.</i>  |
| <b>infraction</b>    | A violation or infringement of a law or agreement.  |
| <b>infringement</b>  | The action of breaking the terms of a law, agreement, etc.; violation.<br><i>The <b>infringement</b> of the right to privacy.</i>   |
| <b>interloper</b>    | Someone who intrudes on the privacy or property of another without permission.<br><i>Japanese consumers have in the past been unreceptive to foreign <b>interlopers</b> in the cell phone market.</i> |
| <b>intruder</b>      | A person who intrudes, especially into a building with criminal intent.<br><i>The <b>intruder</b> had pulled out drawers and dumped their contents on the floor.</i>                                  |
| <b>intrusion</b>     | The action of intruding.<br><i>Unacceptable <b>intrusions</b> of privacy.</i>   |
| <b>invasion</b>      | (pathology) the spread of pathogenic microorganisms or malignant cells to new sites in the body.<br><i>Napoleon's disastrous <b>invasion</b> of Russia in 1812.</i>                                   |
| <b>litigate</b>      | Engage in legal proceedings.<br><i>Even a claim which is <b>litigated</b> and defended successfully involves high legal costs.</i>  |
| <b>misdemeanor</b>   | A crime less serious than a felony.   |
| <b>offence</b>       | An act punishable by law; usually considered an evil act.<br><i>The new <b>offence</b> of obtaining property by deception.</i>  |
| <b>oppressor</b>     | A person or group that oppresses people.<br><i>They overthrew their colonial <b>oppressors</b>.</i>   |
| <b>piracy</b>        | A practice similar to piracy but in other contexts especially hijacking.<br><i>Software <b>piracy</b>.</i>  |
| <b>plaintiff</b>     | A person who brings a case against another in a court of law.<br><i>The <b>plaintiff</b> commenced an action for damages.</i>   |
| <b>ravish</b>        | Seize and carry off (someone) by force.<br><i><b>Ravished</b> by a sunny afternoon she had agreed without even thinking.</i>  |
| <b>tortious</b>      | Constituting a tort; wrongful.<br><i>This does not make the act <b>tortious</b>.</i>  |
| <b>transgress</b>    | Pass beyond (limits or boundaries).<br><i>Each continent has been <b>transgressed</b> by continental seas.</i>  |
| <b>transgression</b> | The act of transgressing; the violation of a law or a duty or moral principle.<br><i>Her <b>transgression</b> of genteel etiquette.</i>   |

**trespass**

Break the law.  
*A mass **trespass** on the moor.*

**usurpation**

Wrongfully seizing and holding (an office or powers) by force (especially the seizure of a throne or supreme authority).  
*A succession of generals who ruled by **usurpation**.*

**violate**

Violate the sacred character of a place or language.  
*They **violated** the terms of a ceasefire.*

**violation**

Entry to another's property without right or permission.  
*He claimed a **violation** of his rights under the Fifth Amendment.*

**violator**

Someone who violates the law.  
*A major crackdown on **violators** of immigration regulations.*