

Need another word that means the same as “insubordination”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “insubordination” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Insubordination” are: rebelliousness, disobedience, unruliness, indiscipline, bad behaviour, misbehaviour, misconduct, delinquency**

## Insubordination as a Noun

### Definitions of "Insubordination" as a noun

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

- *Defiance of authority; refusal to obey orders.*
- *Defiance of authority.*
- *An insubordinate act.*

### Synonyms of "Insubordination" as a noun (8 Words)

**bad behaviour** That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.

**delinquency** Nonpayment of a debt when due.  
*Social causes of crime and **delinquency**.*

**disobedience** Failure or refusal to obey rules or someone in authority.  
***Disobedience** to law is sometimes justified.*

**indiscipline** Lack of discipline.  
*Public concern about **indiscipline** in schools.*

**misbehaviour** The action of misbehaving; bad behaviour.  
*He had denied all sexual **misbehaviour**.*

- misconduct** Unacceptable or improper behaviour, especially by an employee or professional person.  
*Smith got a game **misconduct** for spearing Nick Kypreos.*
- rebelliousness** An insubordinate act.
- unruliness** The trait of being prone to disobedience and lack of discipline.

## Usage Examples of "Insubordination" as a noun

- *He was dismissed for insubordination.*

## Associations of "Insubordination" (30 Words)

- ascent** A movement upward.  
*The **ascent** grew steeper.*
- betrayal** An act of deliberate betrayal.  
*These developments represented a **betrayal** of democracy.*
- betrayor** A person who says one thing and does another.
- complain** Express complaints discontent displeasure or unhappiness.  
*Local authorities **complained** that they lacked sufficient resources.*
- defector** A person who abandons their duty (as on a military post).  
*Staff interviewed escapees and **defectors** to the West.*
- demonstration** A show of military force or preparedness.  
*The lecturer shot off a pistol as a **demonstration** of the startle response.*
- disloyal** (of a remark or thought) demonstrating a lack of loyalty.  
*She was accused of being **disloyal** to the government.*
- disloyalty** The quality of being disloyal.  
*An accusation of **disloyalty** and betrayal.*
- disobedience** Failure or refusal to obey rules or someone in authority.  
***Disobedience** to law is sometimes justified.*
- firebrand** A piece of wood that has been burned or is burning.  
*A political **firebrand**.*
- ingratitude** A discreditable lack of gratitude.  
*He returned his daughter's care with **ingratitude** and unkindness.*
- instigator** Someone who deliberately foment trouble.  
*He was not the **instigator** of the incident.*

<b>insurgent</b>	A person who takes part in an armed rebellion against the constituted authority (especially in the hope of improving conditions. <i>Alleged links with <b>insurgent</b> groups.</i>
<b>insurrection</b>	A violent uprising against an authority or government. <i>Opposition to the new regime led to armed <b>insurrection</b>.</i>
<u><b>mutiny</b></u>	Engage in a mutiny against an authority. <i>A <b>mutiny</b> by those manning the weapons could trigger a global war.</i>
<u><b>overthrow</b></u>	A score made because the ball has been overthrown. <i>He grips the ball too tight and <b>overthrows</b> it.</i>
<b>perfidy</b>	An act of deliberate betrayal. <i>It was an example of his <b>perfidy</b>.</i>
<u><b>protest</b></u>	Utter words of protest. <i>Two senior scientists resigned in <b>protest</b>.</i>
<b>quisling</b>	Someone who collaborates with an enemy occupying force. <i>He had the <b>Quisling</b> owner of the factory arrested.</i>
<u><b>rebel</b></u>	Take part in a rebellion renounce a former allegiance. <i>The Earl of Pembroke subsequently <b>rebelled</b> against Henry III.</i>
<u><b>rebellion</b></u>	Organized opposition to authority; a conflict in which one faction tries to wrest control from another. <i>The Bretons rose in <b>rebellion</b> against the King.</i>
<u><b>revolt</b></u>	Take violent action against an established government or ruler; rebel. <i>He was <b>revolted</b> by the stench that greeted him.</i>
<u><b>riot</b></u>	Take part in a riot disturb the public peace by engaging in a riot. <i>He was convicted on charges of <b>riot</b> and assault.</i>
<b>rising</b>	An armed protest against authority; a revolt. <i>A <b>rising</b> market.</i>
<u><b>traitor</b></u>	A person who says one thing and does another. <i>He was a <b>traitor</b> to his own class.</i>
<u><b>treachery</b></u>	An act of deliberate betrayal. <i>Many died because of his <b>treachery</b>.</i>
<u><b>treason</b></u>	The crime of betraying one's country, especially by attempting to kill or overthrow the sovereign or government. <i>Doubt is the ultimate <b>treason</b> against faith.</i>
<u><b>turncoat</b></u>	A person who deserts one party or cause in order to join an opposing one. <i>They denounced him as a <b>turncoat</b>.</i>
<b>uphill</b>	Against difficulties. <i>He gave mountain biking clinics on handling steep <b>uphills</b>.</i>

**uprising**

An act of resistance or rebellion; a revolt.  
*An armed **uprising**.*