

Need another word that means the same as “insult”? Find 44 synonyms and 30 related words for “insult” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Insult” are: affront, diss, offend, cause offence to, give offence to, abuse, be rude to, call someone names, slight, disparage, discredit, libel, slander, malign, defame, denigrate, cast aspersions on, impugn, slur, revile, calumniate, mortifying, belittling, depreciating, contumely, revilement, vilification, jibe, snub, barb, injury, defamation, disparagement, depreciation, humiliation, indignity, insolence, rudeness

Insult as a Noun

Definitions of "Insult" as a noun

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

- *A deliberately offensive act or something producing the effect of deliberate disrespect.*
- *A thing so worthless or contemptible as to be offensive.*
- *An event which causes damage to a tissue or organ.*
- *A rude expression intended to offend or hurt.*
- *A disrespectful or scornfully abusive remark or act.*



Synonyms of "Insult" as a noun (20 Words)

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| abuse | The improper use of something. <i>An abuse of public funds.</i> |
| affront | An action or remark that causes outrage or offence. <i>He took his son's desertion as a personal affront.</i> |
| barb | The pointed part of barbed wire. <i>His barb hurt more than she cared to admit.</i> |
| contumely | Insolent or insulting language or treatment. <i>The Church should not be exposed to gossip and contumely.</i> |
| <u>defamation</u> | A false accusation of an offense or a malicious misrepresentation of someone's words or actions. <i>She sued him for defamation.</i> |
| depreciation | A decrease in price or value. <i>A currency depreciation.</i> |
| disparagement | The act of speaking contemptuously of. |

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| <u>humiliation</u> | Strong feelings of embarrassment. <i>He had to undergo one humiliation after another.</i> |
| indignity | An affront to one's dignity or self-esteem. <i>The indignity of needing financial help.</i> |
| injury | Damage to a person's feelings. <i>She suffered an injury to her back.</i> |
| insolence | An offensive disrespectful impudent act. <i>She was sacked for insolence.</i> |
| jibe | An aggressive remark directed at a person like a missile and intended to have a telling effect. <i>A jibe at his old rivals.</i> |
| libel | The action or crime of publishing a libel. <i>A libel action.</i> |
| revilement | A rude expression intended to offend or hurt. |
| <u>rudeness</u> | A wild or unrefined state. <i>What I will not tolerate is rudeness.</i> |
| <u>slander</u> | The action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation. <i>He is suing the TV company for slander.</i> |
| slight | A deliberate discourteous act (usually as an expression of anger or disapproval). <i>An unintended slight can create grudges.</i> |
| <u>slur</u> | An insinuation or allegation about someone that is likely to insult them or damage their reputation. <i>It is difficult for a woman to understand a man's sensitivity to any slur on his virility.</i> |
| snub | A refusal to recognize someone you know. <i>The move was a snub to the government.</i> |
| vilification | A rude expression intended to offend or hurt. <i>The widespread vilification of politicians.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Insult" as a noun

- *He hurled insults at us.*
- *The present offer is an absolute insult.*
- *He saw the book as a deliberate insult to the Church.*
- *Turning his back on me was a deliberate insult.*
- *They yelled insults at the visiting team.*
- *The movement of the bone causes a severe tissue insult.*



Insult as a Verb

Definitions of "Insult" as a verb

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

- *Speak to or treat with disrespect or scornful abuse.*
- *Treat, mention, or speak to rudely.*



Synonyms of "Insult" as a verb (24 Words)

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| abuse | Use (something) to bad effect or for a bad purpose; misuse. <i>He was a depraved man who had abused his two young daughters.</i> |
| affront | Offend the modesty or values of. <i>She was affronted by his familiarity.</i> |
| be rude to | To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form. |
| <u>belittling</u> | Cause to seem less serious; play down. |
| call someone names | Order, summon, or request for a specific duty or activity, work, role. |
| calumniate | Charge falsely or with malicious intent. <i>He has been calumniating the Crown and all the conservative decencies.</i> |
| cast aspersions on | Choose at random. |
| cause offence to | Give rise to; cause to happen or occur, not always intentionally. |
| <u>defame</u> | Damage the good reputation of (someone); slander or libel. <i>The journalists have defamed me.</i> |
| denigrate | Criticize unfairly; disparage. <i>Doom and gloom merchants who denigrate their own country.</i> |
| depreciating | Lose in value. |
| <u>discredit</u> | Cause (an idea or account) to seem false or unreliable. <i>This newspaper story discredits the politicians.</i> |
| disparage | Express a negative opinion of. <i>She disparaged her student s efforts.</i> |
| <u>diss</u> | Treat, mention, or speak to rudely. <i>The student who had betrayed his classmate was dissed by everyone.</i> |
| give offence to | Give entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause. |
| impugn | Dispute the truth, validity, or honesty of (a statement or motive); call into question. <i>The father does not impugn her capacity as a good mother.</i> |
| libel | Defame someone by publishing a libel. <i>If a ship does you any injury you libel the ship.</i> |
| malign | Speak about (someone) in a spitefully critical manner. <i>Don t you dare malign her in my presence.</i> |
| mortifying | Practice self-denial of one's body and appetites. |

offend

Break a commonly accepted rule or principle.

*Her tactless remark **offended** me.*

revile

Criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner.

*He was now **reviled** by the party that he had helped to lead.*

slander

Make false and damaging statements about (someone).

*They were accused of **slandering** the head of state.*

slight

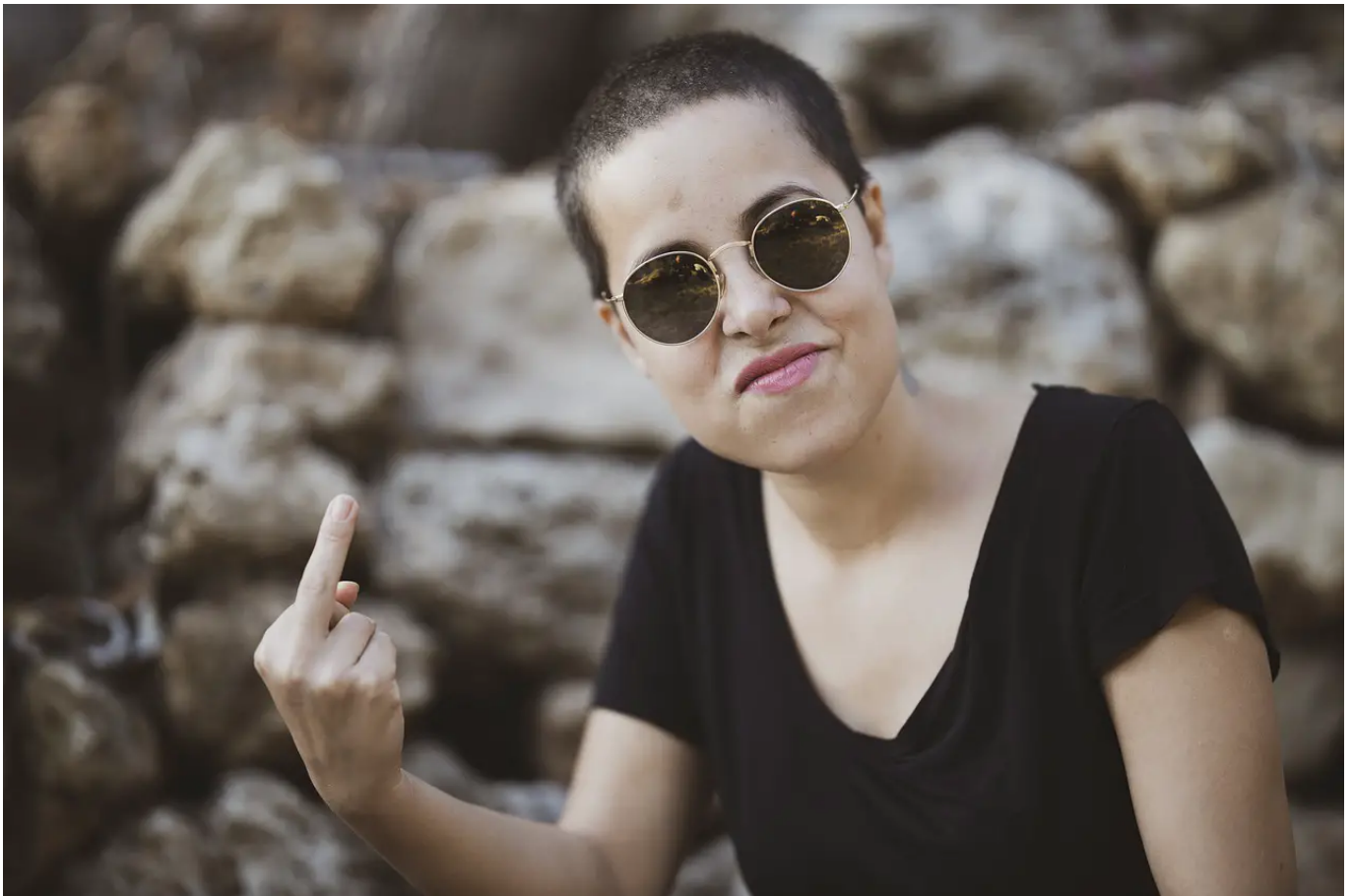
Raze or destroy (a fortification).

*He was desperate not to **slight** a guest.*

slur

Speak disparagingly of e g make a racial slur.

*I was not trying to **slur** the integrity of the committee.*



Usage Examples of "Insult" as a verb

- *He insulted her with his rude remarks.*
- *You're insulting the woman I love.*



Associations of "Insult" (30 Words)

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| affront | Offend the modesty or values of. <i>She was affronted by his familiarity.</i> |
| aggressor | Someone who attacks. |
| contumely | Insolent or insulting language or treatment. <i>The Church should not be exposed to gossip and contumely.</i> |
| defamation | The action of damaging the good reputation of someone; slander or libel. <i>She sued him for defamation.</i> |
| derision | The act of deriding or treating with contempt. <i>My stories were greeted with derision and disbelief.</i> |
| flout | Treat with contemptuous disregard. <i>Flout the rules.</i> |

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| gibe | An aggressive remark directed at a person like a missile and intended to have a telling effect. <i>She proved impervious to his sarcastic gibes.</i> |
| goad | Goad or provoke as by constant criticism. <i>The cowboys goaded their cattle across the meadows.</i> |
| humiliation | Depriving one of self-esteem. <i>He had to undergo one humiliation after another.</i> |
| indignity | An affront to one's dignity or self-esteem. <i>The indignity of needing financial help.</i> |
| jeer | Laugh at with contempt and derision. <i>The taunts and jeers of my classmates.</i> |
| jibe | Make insulting or mocking remarks; jeer. <i>Some cynics in the media might jibe.</i> |
| lampoon | A speech or text lampooning someone or something. <i>The magazine fired at God Royalty and politicians using cartoons and lampoons.</i> |
| mock | Mock examinations. <i>The new constitution mocks all democratic principles.</i> |
| mockery | Humorous or satirical mimicry. <i>In her bitterness she felt that all rejoicing was mockery.</i> |
| obloquy | A false accusation of an offense or a malicious misrepresentation of someone's words or actions. <i>He endured years of contempt and obloquy.</i> |
| parody | Make a parody of. <i>His speciality was parodying schoolgirl fiction.</i> |
| playfully | In a light-hearted manner. <i>Lily laughed and playfully slapped him across the chest.</i> |
| rankle | Annoy or irritate (someone). <i>Lisa was rankled by his assertion.</i> |
| ridicule | Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>His theory was ridiculed and dismissed.</i> |
| rudeness | A manner that is rude and insulting. <i>What I will not tolerate is rudeness.</i> |
| satirize | Ridicule with satire. <i>The writer satirized the politician's proposal.</i> |
| scoff | Showing your contempt by derision. <i>Patrick professed to scoff at soppy love scenes in films.</i> |

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| scorn | Feel or express contempt or disdain for. <i>I do not wish to become the object of scorn.</i> |
| slander | Charge falsely or with malicious intent; attack the good name and reputation of someone. <i>I've had just about all I can stomach of your slanders.</i> |
| sneer | A facial expression of contempt or scorn; the upper lip curls. <i>She sneered at her little sister's efforts to play the song on the piano.</i> |
| taunt | Reproach (someone) with something in a contemptuous way. <i>Pupils began taunting her about her weight.</i> |
| tease | An act of teasing someone. <i>Tease wool.</i> |
| teasing | Intended to provoke or make fun of someone in a playful way. <i>Her lazy teasing smile.</i> |
| vilification | Abusively disparaging speech or writing. <i>The widespread vilification of politicians.</i> |

