

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)

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

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

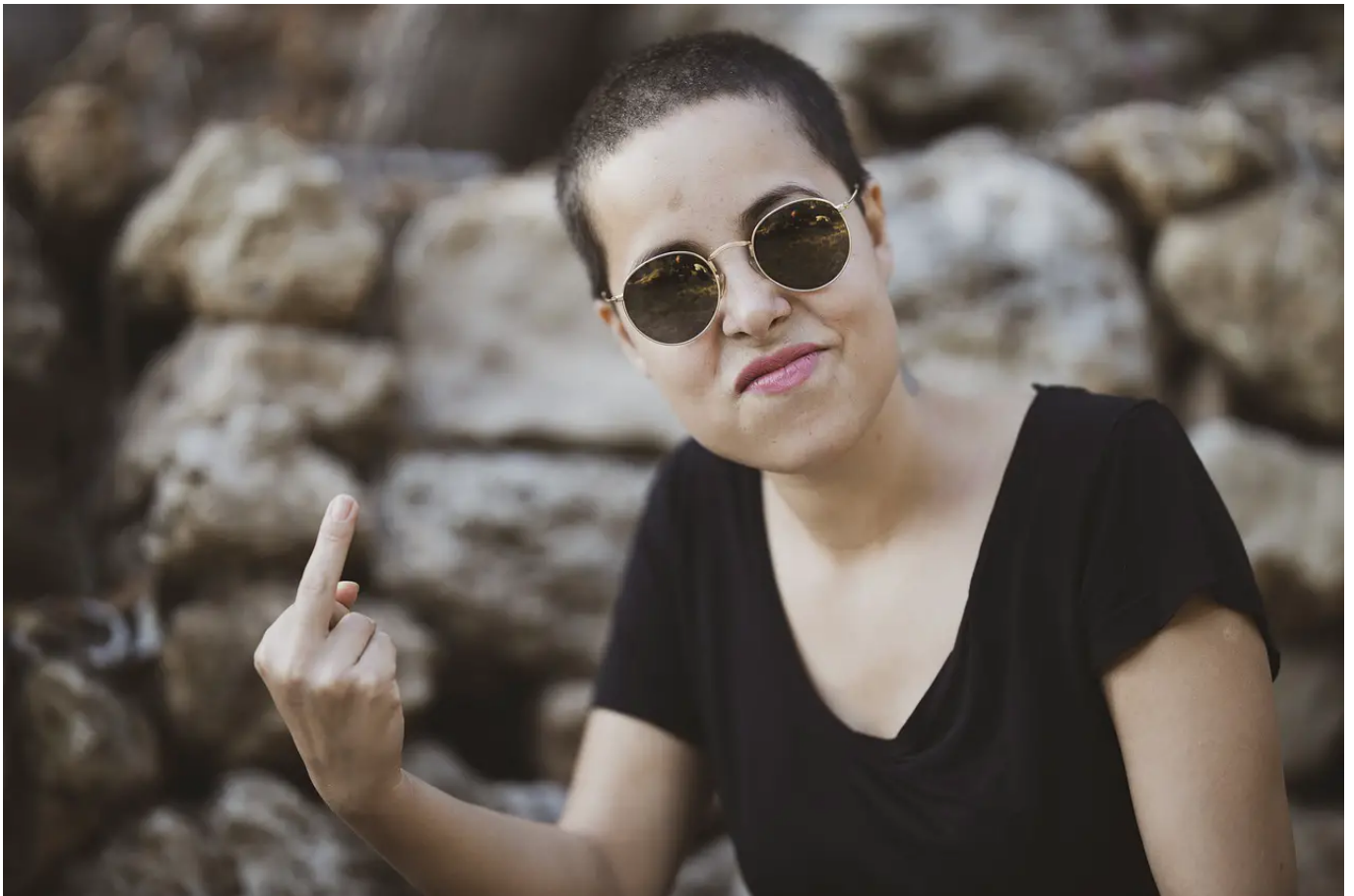
- *Speak to or treat with disrespect or scornful abuse.*
- *Treat, mention, or speak to rudely.*



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

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

<b>offend</b>	Break a commonly accepted rule or principle. <i>Her tactless remark <b>offended</b> me.</i>
<b>revile</b>	Criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner. <i>He was now <b>reviled</b> by the party that he had helped to lead.</i>
<b><u>slander</u></b>	Make false and damaging statements about (someone). <i>They were accused of <b>slandering</b> the head of state.</i>
<b>slight</b>	Raze or destroy (a fortification). <i>He was desperate not to <b>slight</b> a guest.</i>
<b><u>slur</u></b>	Speak disparagingly of e g make a racial slur. <i>I was not trying to <b>slur</b> the integrity of the committee.</i>



### 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)

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

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

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

