

Need another word that means the same as “mistreat”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “mistreat” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Mistreat” are: abuse, ill-treat, ill-use, maltreat, step, misuse, treat badly, handle roughly, treat roughly, knock about, knock around, hit, beat, strike, mishandle

Mistreat as a Verb

Definitions of "Mistreat" as a verb

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

- *Treat badly.*
- *Treat (a person or animal) badly, cruelly, or unfairly.*



Synonyms of "Mistreat" as a verb (15 Words)

abuse	Assault (someone, especially a woman or child) sexually. <i>Her husband often abuses alcohol.</i>
beat	Indicate by beating as with the fingers or drumsticks. <i>We beat the competition.</i>
handle roughly	Touch, lift, or hold with the hands.
hit	Score a run or point by hitting a ball with a bat racket stick etc. <i>He hit her hard in the face.</i>
ill-treat	Treat badly.
ill-use	Treat badly.
knock about	Sound like a car engine that is firing too early.
knock around	Deliver a sharp blow or push.
maltreat	Treat badly. <i>Children die from neglect or are maltreated by their carers.</i>
mishandle	Manage or deal with (something) wrongly or ineffectively. <i>The officer had mishandled the situation.</i>
<u>misuse</u>	Treat (someone or something) badly or unfairly. <i>The director of the factory misused the funds intended for the health care of his workers.</i>
step	Place a ship's mast in its step. <i>He won't step into his father's footsteps.</i>
<u>strike</u>	Undertake strike action against an employer. <i>Strike a balance.</i>
treat badly	Provide with a gift or entertainment.
treat roughly	Act on verbally or in some form of artistic expression.



Usage Examples of "Mistreat" as a verb

- *He denied mistreating his workers.*
- *A dog which has been mistreated will remain very wary of strangers.*



Associations of "Mistreat" (30 Words)

- abuse** Speak to (someone) in an insulting and offensive way.
*Young people who have suffered sexual **abuse**.*
- afflict** Cause physical pain or suffering in.
*Serious ills **afflict** the industry.*
- barbarous** Extremely brutal.
*A **barbarous** crime.*
- cruelly** With cruelty.
*Their hopes were **cruelly** dashed.*
- discriminate** Distinguish.
***Discriminate** people.*
- draconian** Of or relating to Draco or his harsh code of laws.
*The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of **draconian** laws.*

expletive	An oath or swear word. <i>Expletives were deleted.</i>
<u>exterminate</u>	Kill en masse; kill on a large scale; kill many. <i>They use poison to exterminate moles.</i>
<u>ferocious</u>	Marked by extreme and violent energy. <i>A ferocious headache.</i>
<u>harass</u>	Make repeated small-scale attacks on (an enemy). <i>This man harasses his female co workers.</i>
<u>heinous</u>	(of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked. <i>Heinous accusations.</i>
irritate	Make (someone) annoyed or a little angry. <i>Aspirin irritates my stomach.</i>
maltreat	Treat badly. <i>Children die from neglect or are maltreated by their carers.</i>
<u>merciless</u>	Showing no mercy. <i>The merciless summer heat.</i>
<u>misuse</u>	Change the inherent purpose or function of something. <i>A misuse of power.</i>
<u>mock</u>	The act of mocking or ridiculing. <i>At Christmas arguments and friction mock our pretence at peace.</i>
<u>oppress</u>	Keep (someone) in subjection and hardship, especially by the unjust exercise of authority. <i>He was oppressed by some secret worry.</i>
parricide	A person who commits parricide.
persecute	Cause to suffer. <i>No one should be persecuted for their religious beliefs.</i>
persecutor	A person who harasses or annoys someone persistently. <i>He is badly scarred by his treatment at the hands of his persecutors.</i>
relentlessly	In an unceasingly intense or harsh way. <i>He was being bullied relentlessly at school.</i>
<u>ruthless</u>	Having or showing no pity or compassion for others. <i>A ruthless manipulator.</i>
ruthlessly	In a ruthless manner. <i>They fell prey to money lenders who ruthlessly exploited them.</i>
sadistic	Deriving pleasure or sexual gratification from inflicting pain on another. <i>A sadistic killer.</i>

- sanguinary** Marked by eagerness to resort to violence and bloodshed-G.W.Johnson.
*They lost heavily in the **sanguinary** campaigns that followed.*
- torment** Torment emotionally or mentally.
*Their deaths have left both families in **torment**.*
- torture** Subject to torture.
*He was **tortured** by grief.*
- truculence** Obstreperous and defiant aggressiveness.
- truculent** Eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant.
*The **truculent** attitude of farmers to cheaper imports.*