

Need another word that means the same as “neglect”? Find 70 synonyms and 30 related words for “neglect” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Neglect” are: fail, disregard, ignore, drop, leave out, miss, omit, overleap, overlook, pretermit, mistreated, forsaken, run down, fail to look after, fail to care for, fail to provide for, leave alone, abandon, disregarded, forgotten, overlooked, ignored, underestimated, undervalued, passed over, spurned, pay little attention to, pay no attention to, let slide, not attend to, be remiss about, be lax about, leave undone, lose sight of, skimp on, shirk, skip, take no notice of, pay no heed to, discount, set aside, turn a deaf ear to, throw to the winds, forget, not remember, carelessness, negligence, nonperformance, neglectfulness, disuse, disrepair, dilapidation, deterioration, shabbiness, abandonment, failure to take proper care, lack of proper care and attention, dereliction of duty, non-fulfilment of duty, non-performance of duty, failure to take proper action, remissness, heedlessness, lack of concern, unconcern, laxity, laxness, slackness, irresponsibility**

## Neglect as a Noun

### Definitions of "Neglect" as a noun

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

- *The state of something that has been unused and neglected.*
- *The state of being uncared for.*

- *Failure to do something.*
- *The action of not taking proper care of someone or something.*
- *Lack of attention and due care.*
- *Failure to act with the prudence that a reasonable person would exercise under the same circumstances.*
- *Willful lack of care and attention.*
- *The trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern.*



## Synonyms of "Neglect" as a noun (25 Words)

### **abandonment**

The action or fact of abandoning or being abandoned.  
*His **abandonment** of his wife and children left them penniless.*

### **carelessness**

The quality of not being careful or taking pains.  
*Most road accidents are caused by **carelessness** on the part of motorists.*

<b>dereliction of duty</b>	Willful negligence.
<b>deterioration</b>	The process of becoming progressively worse. <i>A <b>deterioration</b> in the condition of the patient.</i>
<b>dilapidation</b>	A cause of action to force a tenant to pay for dilapidations. <i>The mill was in a state of <b>dilapidation</b>.</i>
<b><u>disregard</u></b>	The action or state of paying no attention to something. <i>Blatant <b>disregard</b> for the law.</i>
<b>disrepair</b>	Poor condition of a building or structure due to neglect. <i>The station gradually fell into <b>disrepair</b>.</i>
<b>disuse</b>	The state of not being used. <i>His voice was croaky with <b>disuse</b>.</i>
<b>failure to take proper action</b>	An act that fails.
<b>failure to take proper care</b>	Lack of success.
<b>heedlessness</b>	The trait of acting rashly and without prudence.
<b>irresponsibility</b>	Lack of a proper sense of responsibility. <i>The economic ills are a consequence of greed and <b>irresponsibility</b>.</i>
<b>lack of concern</b>	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
<b>lack of proper care and attention</b>	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
<b>laxity</b>	Lack of strictness or care. <i><b>Laxity</b> of discipline.</i>
<b>laxness</b>	The quality of being lax and neglectful. <i>Baths can help the <b>laxness</b> of the bowels.</i>
<b>neglectfulness</b>	The trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern.
<b><u>negligence</u></b>	Breach of a duty of care which results in damage. <i>His injury was due to the <b>negligence</b> of his employers.</i>
<b>non-fulfilment of duty</b>	A government tax on imports or exports.
<b>non-performance of duty</b>	Work that you are obliged to perform for moral or legal reasons.
<b>nonperformance</b>	Failure to act with the prudence that a reasonable person would exercise under the same circumstances.
<b>remissness</b>	The quality of being lax and neglectful.

**shabbiness**

An unjust act.

**slackness**

Weakness characterized by a lack of vitality or energy.  
*He hadn't counted on the **slackness** of the rope.*

**unconcern**

A lack of worry or interest, especially when surprising or callous.

*He is famed for his laid back attitude his apparent **unconcern** about his actions.*



### Usage Examples of "Neglect" as a noun

- *She was accused of child neglect.*
- *The place had a hopeless air of neglect.*
- *The house was in a terrible state of neglect.*
- *He was reported for neglect of duty.*



## Neglect as a Verb

### Definitions of "Neglect" as a verb

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

- *Fail to do something; leave something undone.*
- *Not pay proper attention to; disregard.*
- *Leave undone or leave out.*
- *Fail to care for properly.*
- *Give little or no attention to.*
- *Fail to do something.*

- *Fail to attend to.*



## Synonyms of "Neglect" as a verb (45 Words)

<b>abandon</b>	Leave behind empty; move out of. <i>Derelict houses were <b>abandoned</b>.</i>
<b>be lax about</b>	Be identical to; be someone or something.
<b>be remiss about</b>	Have life, be alive.
<b>discount</b>	Reduce (a product or service) in price. <i>I d heard rumours but <b>discounted</b> them.</i>
<b><u>disregard</u></b>	Refuse to acknowledge. <i>The body of evidence is too substantial to <b>disregard</b>.</i>
<b>disregarded</b>	Refuse to acknowledge.
<b>drop</b>	Let or cause to fall in drops. <i>Shop til you <b>drop</b>.</i>

<b>fail</b>	Fail to do something leave something undone. <i>A lorry whose brakes had <b>failed</b>.</i>
<b>fail to care for</b>	Become bankrupt or insolvent; fail financially and close.
<b>fail to look after</b>	Become bankrupt or insolvent; fail financially and close.
<b>fail to provide for</b>	Fail to do something; leave something undone.
<b><u>forget</u></b>	Forget to do something. <i>I m sorry Cassie I <b>forget</b> myself.</i>
<b>forgotten</b>	Leave behind unintentionally.
<b>forsaken</b>	Leave someone who needs or counts on you; leave in the lurch.
<b>ignore</b>	Be ignorant of or in the dark about. <i>He <b>ignored</b> her outraged question.</i>
<b>ignored</b>	Give little or no attention to.
<b>leave alone</b>	Go and leave behind, either intentionally or by neglect or forgetfulness.
<b>leave out</b>	Have as a result or residue.
<b>leave undone</b>	Make a possibility or provide opportunity for; permit to be attainable or cause to remain.
<b>let slide</b>	Consent to, give permission.
<b>lose sight of</b>	Miss from one s possessions lose sight of.
<b><u>miss</u></b>	Be without. <i>I think I m pregnant this is the second time I ve <b>missed</b>.</i>
<b>mistreated</b>	Treat badly.
<b>not attend to</b>	Take charge of or deal with.
<b>not remember</b>	Mention as by way of greeting or to indicate friendship.
<b><u>omit</u></b>	Prevent from being included or considered or accepted. <i>He modestly <b>omits</b> to mention that he was a pole vault champion.</i>
<b>overleap</b>	Jump across or leap over (an obstacle). <i>Whatever objection made by us he finds too heavy to remove he <b>overleaps</b> it.</i>
<b><u>overlook</u></b>	Have a view of from above. <i>The chateau <b>overlooks</b> fields of corn and olive trees.</i>
<b>overlooked</b>	Look past, fail to notice.
<b>passed over</b>	Accept or judge as acceptable.
<b>pay little attention to</b>	Dedicate.
<b>pay no attention to</b>	Cancel or discharge a debt.

<b>pay no heed to</b>	Be worth it.
<b>pretermite</b>	Leave undone or leave out. <i>Some points of conduct we advisedly <b>pretermite</b>.</i>
<b>run down</b>	Be diffused.
<b>set aside</b>	Insert (a nail or screw below the surface, as into a countersink).
<b>shirk</b>	Avoid (one's assigned duties). <i>She is neither <b>shirking</b> nor lying.</i>
<b>skimp on</b>	Limit in quality or quantity.
<b>skip</b>	Cause to skip over a surface. <i>I m not giving them a chance to <b>skip</b> off again.</i>
<b>spurned</b>	Reject with contempt.
<b>take no notice of</b>	Head into a specified direction.
<b>throw to the winds</b>	Utter with force; utter vehemently.
<b>turn a deaf ear to</b>	Channel one's attention, interest, thought, or attention toward or away from something.
<b>underestimated</b>	Make a deliberately low estimate.
<b>undervalued</b>	Assign too low a value to.





## Usage Examples of "Neglect" as a verb

- *He neglected to write to her.*
- *You neglect our advice at your peril.*
- *He neglects his children.*
- *The old churchyard has been sadly neglected.*



## Associations of "Neglect" (30 Words)

<b>completely</b>	Totally; utterly. <i>You must be <b>completely</b> mad.</i>
<b><u>disregard</u></b>	Lack of attention and due care. <i>The body of evidence is too substantial to <b>disregard</b>.</i>
<b>except</b>	Take exception to. <i>Five classes of advertisement are <b>excepted</b> from control.</i>
<b>exclude</b>	Prevent the occurrence of. <i>Clauses seeking to <b>exclude</b> liability for loss or damage.</i>
<b><u>forget</u></b>	Forget to do something. <i>For years she had struggled to <b>forget</b> about him.</i>
<b>gratuitous</b>	Given or done free of charge. <i><b>Gratuitous</b> violence.</i>

<b>ignore</b>	Fail to consider (something significant). <i>The rules <b>ignore</b> one important principle of cricket.</i>
<b>incommensurate</b>	Not corresponding in size or degree or extent. <i>A reward <b>incommensurate</b> with his effort.</i>
<b><u>invisible</u></b>	Invisible exports and imports. <i><b>Invisible</b> exports.</i>
<b><u>irrelevant</u></b>	Having no bearing on or connection with the subject at issue. <i>An <b>irrelevant</b> comment.</i>
<b>lapse</b>	(of a right, privilege, or agreement) become invalid because it is not used, claimed, or renewed; expire. <i>The country has <b>lapsed</b> into chaos.</i>
<b>leave</b>	Leave unchanged or undisturbed or refrain from taking. <i>Dark fruit that would <b>leave</b> purple stains on the table napkins.</i>
<b>misplace</b>	Put (an object) in the wrong place and so lose it temporarily. <i>I <b>misplaced</b> my eyeglasses.</i>
<b><u>moot</u></b>	A hypothetical case that law students argue as an exercise. <i>It is a <b>moot</b> point whether such a controversial scheme would have succeeded.</i>
<b><u>obscurity</u></b>	An obscure and unimportant standing; not well known. <i>He worked in <b>obscurity</b> for many years.</i>
<b><u>omit</u></b>	Leave undone or leave out. <i>He was <b>omitted</b> from the second Test.</i>
<b><u>overlook</u></b>	A commanding position or view. <i>The <b>overlook</b> to the townsite.</i>
<b>potter</b>	A craftsman who shapes pottery on a potter's wheel and bakes them in a kiln. <i>I might <b>potter</b> into Nice for the day.</i>
<b>remember</b>	Mention favorably, as in prayer. <i>We <b>remembered</b> the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.</i>
<b>repulse</b>	A discouraging response to an offer or approach. <i>Audiences were <b>repulsed</b> by the film's brutality.</i>
<b>repulsion</b>	A force under the influence of which objects tend to move away from each other, e.g. through having the same magnetic polarity or electric charge. <i>Bond lengths are increased due to increasing <b>repulsion</b> between the atoms.</i>
<b>snub</b>	An instance of driving away or warding off. <i>He <b>snubbed</b> faculty members and students alike.</i>

<b><u>undeserved</u></b>	Not deserved or earned. <i>Has an <b>undeserved</b> reputation as a coward.</i>
<b><u>undetected</u></b>	Not perceived or discerned. <i>She looked around to be sure her faux pas was <b>undetected</b>.</i>
<b>unmerited</b>	Not merited. <i>Received an <b>unmerited</b> honorary degree.</i>
<b><u>unnoticed</u></b>	Not noticed. <i>Hoped his departure had passed <b>unnoticed</b>.</i>
<b>unobserved</b>	Not observed. <i>Their courtship has not gone <b>unobserved</b> by Giles.</i>
<b><u>unseen</u></b>	An unseen passage for translation. <i><b>Unseen</b> problems.</i>
<b><u>untoward</u></b>	Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society. <i>Moved to curb their <b>untoward</b> ribaldry.</i>
<b><u>vanish</u></b>	Disappear suddenly and completely. <i>The money <b>vanished</b> in las Vegas.</i>

