

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.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

