

Need another word that means the same as “ostracize”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “ostracize” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ostracize” are: **ostracise, ban, banish, blackball, cast out, shun, exclude, spurn, cold-shoulder, give someone the cold shoulder, reject, repudiate, boycott, blacklist, cast off, shut out, avoid, ignore, snub, cut dead, keep at arm's length, leave out in the cold, bar, debar, exile, expel, deport, evict, expatriate, dismiss, displace**

## Ostracize as a Verb

### Definitions of "Ostracize" as a verb

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

- *Avoid speaking to or dealing with.*
- *Exclude from a society or group.*
- *Expel from a community or group.*
- *(in ancient Greece) banish (an unpopular or overly powerful citizen) from a city for five or ten years by popular vote.*

### Synonyms of "Ostracize" as a verb (31 Words)

**avoid**

Refrain from certain foods or beverages.  
*Gerard **avoided** meeting his eye.*

**ban**

Ban from a place of residence as for punishment.  
*Her son was **banned** for life from the Centre.*

<b>banish</b>	Expel from a community or group. <i>A number of people were <b>banished</b> to Siberia for political crimes.</i>
<b>bar</b>	Fasten something especially a door or window with a bar or bars. <i><b>Barricade</b> the streets.</i>
<b>blackball</b>	Vote against; refuse to endorse; refuse to assent. <i>Her husband was <b>blackballed</b> when he tried to join the Country Club.</i>
<b>blacklist</b>	Put on a blacklist. <i>Workers were <b>blacklisted</b> after being quoted in the newspaper.</i>
<b>boycott</b>	Withdraw from commercial or social relations with (a country, organization, or person) as a punishment or protest. <i>We will <b>boycott</b> all banks which take part in the loans scheme.</i>
<b>cast off</b>	Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment.
<b>cast out</b>	Get rid of.
<b>cold-shoulder</b>	Pay no attention to, disrespect.
<b>cut dead</b>	Cut and assemble the components of.
<b>debar</b>	Exclude or prohibit (someone) officially from doing something. <i>They were <b>debarred</b> entry to the port.</i>
<b>deport</b>	Conduct oneself in a specified manner. <i>He was <b>deported</b> for violation of immigration laws.</i>
<b>dismiss</b>	Terminate the employment of; discharge from an office or position. <i>He suspected a double meaning in her words but <b>dismissed</b> the thought.</i>
<b>displace</b>	Force (someone) to leave their home, typically because of war, persecution, or natural disaster. <i>Thousands of people have been <b>displaced</b> by the civil war.</i>
<b>evict</b>	Expel or eject without recourse to legal process. <i>The landlord <b>evicted</b> the tenants after they had not paid the rent for four months.</i>
<b>exclude</b>	Lack or fail to include. <i>Clauses seeking to <b>exclude</b> liability for loss or damage.</i>
<b>exile</b>	Expel and bar (someone) from their native country, typically for political or punitive reasons. <i>A corrupt dictator who had been <b>exiled</b> from his country.</i>

<b>expatriate</b>	Send (a person or money) abroad. <i>People that have illegally <b>expatriated</b> funds.</i>
<b>expel</b>	Remove from a position or office. <i>Eight diplomats were <b>expelled</b> from Norway for espionage.</i>
<b>give someone the cold shoulder</b>	Place into the hands or custody of.
<b>ignore</b>	Fail to notice. <i>The rules <b>ignore</b> one important principle of cricket.</i>
<b>keep at arm's length</b>	Fail to spoil or rot.
<b>leave out in the cold</b>	Transmit (knowledge or skills).
<b>ostracise</b>	Avoid speaking to or dealing with.
<b>reject</b>	Reject with contempt. <i>I <b>reject</b> the idea of starting a war.</i>
<b>repudiate</b>	(in the past or in non-Christian religions) disown or divorce (one's wife). <i><b>Repudiate</b> a debt.</i>
<b>shun</b>	Persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution. <i>He <b>shunned</b> fashionable society.</i>
<b>shut out</b>	Prevent from entering shut out.
<b>snub</b>	Check the movement of (a horse or boat), especially by a rope wound round a post. <i>A horse <b>snubbed</b> to a tree.</i>
<b>spurn</b>	Strike, tread, or push away with the foot. <i>With one touch of my feet I <b>spurn</b> the solid Earth.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Ostracize" as a verb

- *Ever since I spoke up, my colleagues ostracize me.*
- *She was declared a witch and ostracized by the villagers.*
- *Themistocles was indeed out of favour at Athens by the end of the 470s, when he was ostracized.*

## Associations of "Ostracize" (30 Words)

- abolitionism** The doctrine that calls for the abolition of slavery.
- apophasis** Mentioning something by saying it will not be mentioned.

<b><u>asylum</u></b>	A hospital for mentally incompetent or unbalanced person. <i>She applied for <b>asylum</b> and was granted refugee status.</i>
<b><u>avert</u></b>	Turn away (one's eyes or thoughts). <i>They <b>averted</b> their eyes when the King entered.</i>
<b>avoid</b>	Keep away from or stop oneself from doing (something). <i>Boys queued up to take Gloria out but <b>avoided</b> Deirdre.</i>
<b>banish</b>	Expel, as if by official decree. <i>A number of people were <b>banished</b> to Siberia for political crimes.</i>
<b><u>bypass</u></b>	An alternative channel created during a bypass operation. <i>I had a <b>bypass</b> last year so have been building up my strength.</i>
<b>circumvent</b>	Find a way around (an obstacle). <i>I found it quite easy to <b>circumvent</b> security.</i>
<b><u>coup</u></b>	A brilliant and notable success. <i>It was a major <b>coup</b> to get such a prestigious contract.</i>
<b><u>deflect</u></b>	Cause (something) to change orientation. <i>He <b>deflected</b> his competitors.</i>
<b>deport</b>	Exile (a native) to another country. <i>He has <b>deported</b> himself with great dignity.</i>
<b>depose</b>	Testify to or give (evidence) under oath, typically in a written statement. <i>Every affidavit shall state which of the facts <b>deposed</b> to are within the deponent's knowledge.</i>
<b><u>detour</u></b>	Avoid by taking a detour. <i>He had made a <b>detour</b> to a cafe.</i>
<b><u>dodge</u></b>	(of a bell in change-ringing) move one place contrary to the normal sequence, and then back again in the following round. <i>Marchers had to <b>dodge</b> missiles thrown by loyalists.</i>
<b>elude</b>	(of an idea or fact) fail to be understood or remembered by (someone). <i>Sleep still <b>eluded</b> her.</i>
<b>escape</b>	Interrupt an operation by means of the escape key. <i>A baby boy narrowly <b>escaped</b> death.</i>
<b>eschew</b>	Avoid and stay away from deliberately; stay clear of. <i>He appealed to the crowd to <b>eschew</b> violence.</i>
<b><u>evade</u></b>	Escape, either physically or mentally. <i>Sleep still <b>evaded</b> her.</i>
<b>evasion</b>	Nonperformance of something distasteful (as by deceit or trickery) that you are supposed to do. <i>His <b>evasion</b> of all his creditors.</i>

<b>exile</b>	Expel and bar (someone) from their native country, typically for political or punitive reasons. <i>Men in <b>exile</b> dream of hope.</i>
<b>expatriate</b>	Denoting or relating to a person living outside their native country. <i>American <b>expatriates</b> in London.</i>
<b>expel</b>	Force to leave or move out. <i>She was <b>expelled</b> from school.</i>
<b>flee</b>	Run away from (someone or something). <i>He was forced to <b>flee</b> the country.</i>
<b>forfend</b>	Protect (something) by precautionary measures. <i>The sacrifice of Mississippi was <b>forfended</b> against even the treason of Wilkinson.</i>
<b>obviate</b>	Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening. <i>The presence of roller blinds <b>obviated</b> the need for curtains.</i>
<b>oust</b>	Remove from a position or office. <i>The chairman was <b>ousted</b> after he misappropriated funds.</i>
<b>parry</b>	An act of parrying something. <i>Her question met with a polite <b>parry</b>.</i>
<b>shun</b>	Expel from a community or group. <i>He <b>shunned</b> fashionable society.</i>
<b>sidestep</b>	A step to one side (as in boxing or dancing). <i>He neatly <b>sidestepped</b> the questions about riots.</i>
<b>undiagnosed</b>	Not diagnosed or having been subject to diagnosis. <i>Some patients have diseases that go <b>undiagnosed</b> and therefore untreated.</i>