

Need another word that means the same as “rebel”? Find 51 synonyms and 30 related words for “rebel” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Rebel” are: greyback, johnny, johnny reb, reb, freedom fighter, insurgent, insurrectionist, maverick, revolutionary, revolutionist, mutineer, agitator, subversive, guerrilla, anarchist, terrorist, mutinying, nonconformist, dissenter, dissident, iconoclast, disruptor, renegade, arise, rise, rise up, revolt, mutiny, riot, rise up in arms, take up arms, mount a rebellion, stage a rebellion, take to the streets, defy the authorities, refuse to obey orders, be insubordinate, defy, disobey, refuse to obey, flout, kick against, challenge, oppose, resist, be at odds with, refuse to accept the authority of, repudiate, recoil, feel repugnance, show repugnance**

## Rebel as a Noun

### Definitions of "Rebel" as a noun

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

- *Someone who exhibits great independence in thought and action.*
- *A person who takes part in an armed rebellion against the constituted authority (especially in the hope of improving conditions.*
- *A person who rises in opposition or armed resistance against an established government or leader.*

- 'Johnny' was applied as a nickname for Confederate soldiers by the Federal soldiers in the American Civil War; 'greyback' derived from their grey Confederate uniforms.
- A person who resists authority, control, or convention.



## Synonyms of "Rebel" as a noun (22 Words)

<b>agitator</b>	One who agitates; a political troublemaker. <i>A political <b>agitator</b>.</i>
<b><u>anarchist</u></b>	A person who advocates or promotes anarchism or anarchy.
<b>disruptor</b>	A thing that interferes with or significantly alters the structure or function of a biological molecule such as a gene or hormone. <i>Several drugs show promise as DNA <b>disruptors</b> in cancer cells.</i>
<b>dissenter</b>	A person who dissents.
<b><u>dissident</u></b>	A person who opposes official policy, especially that of an authoritarian state. <i>A <b>dissident</b> who had been jailed by a military regime.</i>

<b>freedom fighter</b>	Immunity from an obligation or duty.
<b>greyback</b>	More fully greyback crow The hooded crow <i>Corvus corone cornix</i> Compare grey crow.
<b>guerrilla</b>	A member of an irregular armed force that fights a stronger force by sabotage and harassment. <i>This town fell to the <b>guerrillas</b>.</i>
<b>iconoclast</b>	A person who attacks or criticizes cherished beliefs or institutions.
<b>insurgent</b>	A person fighting against a government or invading force; a rebel or revolutionary. <i>An attack by armed <b>insurgents</b>.</i>
<b>insurrectionist</b>	A person who takes part in an armed rebellion against the constituted authority (especially in the hope of improving conditions).
<b>johnny</b>	A condom. <i>The security <b>johnny</b> insists that you sign the visitors book.</i>
<b>johnny reb</b>	`Johnny' was applied as a nickname for Confederate soldiers by the Federal soldiers in the American Civil War; `greyback' derived from their grey Confederate uniforms.
<b>maverick</b>	Someone who exhibits great independence in thought and action. <i>He s the <b>maverick</b> of the senate.</i>
<b>mutineer</b>	A person, especially a soldier or sailor, who rebels or refuses to obey the orders of a person in authority. <i>Those who resisted were denounced as <b>mutineers</b> and treated accordingly.</i>
<b>mutinying</b>	Open rebellion against constituted authority (especially by seamen or soldiers against their officers).
<b>nonconformist</b>	A person who does not conform to prevailing ideas or practices in their behaviour or views. <i>She was a <b>nonconformist</b> an individualist.</i>
<b>reb</b>	`Johnny' was applied as a nickname for Confederate soldiers by the Federal soldiers in the American Civil War; `greyback' derived from their grey Confederate uniforms.
<b>revolutionary</b>	A person who advocates or engages in political revolution.
<b>revolutionist</b>	A radical supporter of political or social revolution.
<b>subversive</b>	A subversive person. <i>The government claimed we were <b>subversives</b> or terrorists.</i>

terrorist

A radical who employs terror as a political weapon usually organizes with other terrorists in small cells often uses religion as a cover for terrorist activities.

A suspected **terrorist**.



**Usage Examples of "Rebel" as a noun**

- *Tory rebels.*
- *Rebel forces.*





## Rebel as a Verb

### Definitions of "Rebel" as a verb

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

- *Show or feel repugnance for or resistance to something.*
- *Resist authority, control, or convention.*
- *Rise in opposition or armed resistance to an established government or leader.*
- *Break with established customs.*
- *Take part in a rebellion; renounce a former allegiance.*



## Synonyms of "Rebel" as a verb (29 Words)

<b>arise</b>	Rise to one's feet. <i>New difficulties had <b>arisen</b>.</i>
<b>be at odds with</b>	Happen, occur, take place.
<b>be insubordinate</b>	Have an existence, be extant.
<b>challenge</b>	Issue a challenge to. <i>I <b>challenge</b> the Minister to deny these accusations.</i>
<b>defy</b>	Openly resist or refuse to obey. <i>Go now <b>defy</b> him to the combat.</i>
<b>defy the authorities</b>	Challenge.
<b><u>disobey</u></b>	Fail to obey (rules, a command, or someone in authority). <i>He <b>disobeyed</b> his supervisor and was fired.</i>
<b>feel repugnance</b>	Have a feeling or perception about oneself in reaction to someone's behavior or attitude.

**flout**

Laugh at with contempt and derision.  
*The advertising code is being **flouted**.*

**kick against**

Express complaints, discontent, displeasure, or unhappiness.

**mount a rebellion**

Put up or launch.

**mutiny**

Engage in a mutiny against an authority.  
*Thousands of the soldiers **mutinied** over the non-payment of wages.*

**oppose**

Contrast with equal weight or force.  
*A candidate to **oppose** the leader in the presidential contest.*

**recoil**

Spring back, as from a forceful thrust.  
*The rifle **recoiled**.*

**refuse to accept the authority of**

Refuse to accept.

**refuse to obey**

Refuse to let have.

**refuse to obey orders**

Show unwillingness towards.

**renegade**

Become a renegade.  
*Johnson had **renegaded** from the Confederacy.*

**repudiate**

Cast off.  
*The parents **repudiated** their son.*

**resist**

Stand up or offer resistance to somebody or something.  
*We will continue to **resist** changes to the treaty.*

**revolt**

Take violent action against an established government or ruler; rebel.  
*Tis just the main assumption reason most **revolts** at.*

**riot**

Take part in a riot disturb the public peace by engaging in a riot.  
*Another set of emotions **rioted** through him.*

**rise**

Rise in rank or status.  
*The sun had just **risen**.*

**rise up**

Rise up.

**rise up in arms**

Take part in a rebellion; renounce a former allegiance.

**show repugnance**

Finish third or better in a horse or dog race.

**stage a rebellion**

Plan, organize, and carry out (an event).

**take to the streets**

Ascertain or determine by measuring, computing or take a reading from a dial.



**take up arms**

Receive willingly something given or offered.



## Usage Examples of "Rebel" as a verb

- *As I came over the hill my legs rebelled—I could walk no further.*
- *The Earl of Pembroke subsequently rebelled against Henry III.*
- *Respect did not prevent children from rebelling against their parents.*





## Associations of "Rebel" (30 Words)

<b><u>apostate</u></b>	A disloyal person who betrays or deserts his cause or religion or political party or friend etc. <i>After fifty years as an <b>apostate</b> he returned to the faith.</i>
<b>betray</b>	Give away information about somebody. <i>She drew a deep breath that <b>betrayed</b> her indignation.</i>
<b><u>betrayal</u></b>	An act of deliberate betrayal. <i>These developments represented a <b>betrayal</b> of democracy.</i>
<b>betrayor</b>	A person who says one thing and does another.
<b>cheat</b>	An act of cheating a fraud or deception. <i>She <b>cheats</b> on her husband.</i>
<b>deceive</b>	Fail to admit to oneself that something is true. <i>The insurance company <b>deceived</b> me when they told me they were covering my house.</i>

<b>defector</b>	A person who has abandoned their country or cause in favour of an opposing one. <i>Staff interviewed escapees and <b>defectors</b> to the West.</i>
<b><u>disloyal</u></b>	Deserting your allegiance or duty to leader or cause or principle. <i><b>Disloyal</b> aides revealed his indiscretions to the papers.</i>
<b>faithless</b>	Having the character of, or characteristic of, a traitor. <i>They were ungodly and <b>faithless</b>.</i>
<b>fraud</b>	A person who makes deceitful pretenses. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and <b>frauds</b>.</i>
<b>insurgent</b>	Rising in active revolt. <i>An attack by armed <b>insurgents</b>.</i>
<b>mutinous</b>	(of a soldier or sailor) refusing to obey the orders of a person in authority. <i>The men became <b>mutinous</b> and insubordinate.</i>
<b>perfidious</b>	Tending to betray; especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>A <b>perfidious</b> lover.</i>
<b>perfidy</b>	Betrayal of a trust. <i>Hapsburg <b>perfidy</b>.</i>
<b>quisling</b>	Someone who collaborates with an enemy occupying force. <i>He had the <b>Quisling</b> owner of the factory arrested.</i>
<b><u>rebellious</u></b>	Discontented as toward authority. <i>A <b>rebellious</b> crew.</i>
<b><u>renegade</u></b>	Become a renegade. <i><b>Renegade</b> supporters of the usurper.</i>
<b>restive</b>	Impatient especially under restriction or delay. <i>The crowd had been waiting for hours and many were becoming <b>restive</b>.</i>
<b><u>revolt</u></b>	Organized opposition to authority; a conflict in which one faction tries to wrest control from another. <i>A <b>revolt</b> over tax increases.</i>
<b><u>revolutionary</u></b>	Markedly new or introducing radical change. <i>The <b>revolutionary</b> army.</i>
<b>sedition</b>	Inciting or causing people to rebel against the authority of a state or monarch. <i>The letter was declared <b>sedition</b>.</i>
<b><u>subversive</u></b>	A subversive person. <i>The government claimed we were <b>subversives</b> or terrorists.</i>

<b><u>traitor</u></b>	A person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle. <i>He was a <b>traitor</b> to his own class.</i>
<b><u>traitorous</u></b>	Having the character of, or characteristic of, a traitor. <i>A lying <b>traitorous</b> insurrectionist.</i>
<b>treacherous</b>	Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i><b>Treacherous</b> winding roads.</i>
<b><u>treachery</u></b>	The quality of being deceptive. <i>The <b>treachery</b> of language.</i>
<b><u>treason</u></b>	Disloyalty by virtue of subversive behavior. <i>They were convicted of <b>treason</b>.</i>
<b>treasonable</b>	Having the character of, or characteristic of, a traitor. <i>There was no evidence of <b>treasonable</b> activity.</i>
<b><u>turncoat</u></b>	A person who deserts one party or cause in order to join an opposing one. <i>They denounced him as a <b>turncoat</b>.</i>
<b><u>unfaithful</u></b>	Not trustworthy. <i>An <b>unfaithful</b> reproduction.</i>



