

Need another word that means the same as “rebellious”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “rebellious” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Rebellious” are: disaffected, ill-affected, malcontent, defiant, disobedient, insubordinate, unruly, ungovernable, unmanageable, uncontrollable, turbulent, mutinous, wayward, obstreperous, recalcitrant, refractory, intractable, resistant, dissentient, insurgent, disorderly, lawless, out of control, riotous, revolutionary, seditious, subversive

Rebellious as an Adjective

Definitions of "Rebellious" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “rebellious” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of a thing) not easily controlled or kept in place.*
- *Showing a desire to resist authority, control, or convention.*
- *Participating in organized resistance to a constituted government.*
- *Discontented as toward authority.*
- *Resisting control or authority.*
- *Engaged in opposition or armed resistance to an established government or leader.*



Synonyms of "Rebellious" as an adjective (27 Words)

defiant	Showing defiance. <i>Brought up to be aggressive and defiant.</i>
disaffected	Dissatisfied, especially with people in authority or a system of control. <i>A military plot by disaffected elements in the army.</i>
disobedient	Unwilling to submit to authority. <i>Larry was stern with disobedient employees.</i>
disorderly	Lacking organization; untidy. <i>A disorderly pile of books.</i>
dissentient	In opposition to a majority or official opinion. <i>Dissentient voices were castigated as hopeless bureaucrats.</i>
ill-affected	Discontented as toward authority.
insubordinate	Not submissive to authority. <i>An insubordinate attitude.</i>
insurgent	Relating to rebels. <i>A series of insurgent attacks.</i>

intractable	Not tractable; difficult to manage or mold. <i>Intractable pain.</i>
lawless	Lax in enforcing laws. <i>It was a lawless anarchic city.</i>
malcontent	Dissatisfied and complaining or rebellious. <i>The malcontent generals saw their role as leaders of this counter revolution.</i>
mutinous	Consisting of or characterized by or inciting to mutiny. <i>Antoinette looked mutinous but she obeyed.</i>
obstreperous	Noisy and difficult to control. <i>Obstreperous boys.</i>
out of control	Not worth considering as a possibility.
recalcitrant	Stubbornly resistant to authority or control. <i>A class of recalcitrant fifteen year olds.</i>
refractory	(of a substance) resistant to heat; hard to melt or fuse. <i>It will treat ores considered refractory to normal flotation methods.</i>
resistant	Relating to or conferring immunity (to disease or infection). <i>Some of the old Churches are resistant to change.</i>
revolutionary	Engaged in or promoting political revolution. <i>A revolutionary discovery.</i>
riotous	Hilariously funny. <i>Riotous times.</i>
seditious	Arousing to action or rebellion. <i>The letter was declared seditious.</i>
subversive	In opposition to a civil authority or government. <i>Subversive literature.</i>
turbulent	(of a liquid) agitated vigorously; in a state of turbulence. <i>The turbulent sea.</i>
uncontrollable	Of persons. <i>Uncontrollable pain.</i>
ungovernable	Of persons. <i>An ungovernable impulse to run away.</i>
unmanageable	Hard to control. <i>An unmanageable situation.</i>
unruly	Incapable of being controlled. <i>Unruly teenagers.</i>

wayward

Resistant to guidance or discipline.
*His **wayward** emotions.*



Usage Examples of "Rebellious" as an adjective

- *A rebellious crew.*
- *Temperamentally rebellious.*
- *The rebellious republics.*
- *I became very rebellious and opted out.*
- *He smoothed back a rebellious lock of hair.*



Associations of "Rebellious" (30 Words)

- apostate** A disloyal person who betrays or deserts his cause or religion or political party or friend etc.
*After fifty years as an **apostate** he returned to the faith.*
- character** A characteristic especially one that assists in the identification of a species.
*The island is full of **character**.*
- child** An immature childish person.
*He remained a **child** in practical matters as long as he lived.*
- contumacious** (especially of a defendant's behaviour) stubbornly or wilfully disobedient to authority.
*His refusal to make child support payments was **contumacious**.*
- contumacy** Obstinate rebelliousness and insubordination; resistance to authority.
- contumely** Insolent or insulting language or treatment.
*The Church should not be exposed to gossip and **contumely**.*

defiant	Boldly resisting authority or an opposing force. <i>A defiant attitude.</i>
disloyal	Deserting your allegiance or duty to leader or cause or principle. <i>She was accused of being disloyal to the government.</i>
disobedient	Unwilling to submit to authority. <i>Larry was stern with disobedient employees.</i>
faithless	Without religious faith. <i>The faithless Benedict Arnold.</i>
insubordinate	Disposed to or engaged in defiance of established authority. <i>A history of insubordinate behavior.</i>
insurgent	Relating to rebels. <i>Alleged links with insurgent groups.</i>
mutinous	Consisting of or characterized by or inciting to mutiny. <i>A mutinous speech.</i>
perfidious	Deceitful and untrustworthy. <i>The perfidious Judas.</i>
rebel	Take part in a rebellion renounce a former allegiance. <i>As I came over the hill my legs rebelled I could walk no further.</i>
renegade	Become a renegade. <i>He was a renegade and social malcontent.</i>
resistance	The degree to which a substance or device opposes the passage of an electric current causing energy dissipation By Ohm s law resistance measured in ohms is equal to the voltage divided by the current. <i>He encountered a general feeling of resistance from many citizens.</i>
resistant	Impervious to being affected. <i>The new hybrid is more resistant to drought.</i>
resistive	Of or concerning electrical resistance.
restive	Being in a tense state. <i>The government has done nothing to ease restrictions and manufacturers are growing restive.</i>
stubborn	Difficult to move, remove, or cure. <i>A stubborn refusal to learn from experience.</i>
teen	Relating to teenagers. <i>A teen idol.</i>
traitor	Someone who betrays his country by committing treason. <i>He was a traitor to his own class.</i>

<u>traitorous</u>	Relating to or characteristic of a traitor; treacherous. <i>When his traitorous actions were discovered he was imprisoned.</i>
treacherous	Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>A holidaymaker was swept away by treacherous currents.</i>
<u>treason</u>	The action of betraying someone or something. <i>Doubt is the ultimate treason against faith.</i>
treasonable	Having the character of, or characteristic of, a traitor. <i>There was no evidence of treasonable activity.</i>
<u>turncoat</u>	A disloyal person who betrays or deserts his cause or religion or political party or friend etc. <i>They denounced him as a turncoat.</i>
<u>unfaithful</u>	Having sexual relations with someone other than your husband or wife, or your boyfriend or girlfriend. <i>Her husband was unfaithful.</i>
unruly	Incapable of being controlled. <i>Unruly teenagers.</i>