

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)

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

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

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

<b><u>traitorous</u></b>	Relating to or characteristic of a traitor; treacherous. <i>When his <b>traitorous</b> actions were discovered he was imprisoned.</i>
<b>treacherous</b>	Tending to betray especially having a treacherous character as attributed to the Carthaginians by the Romans. <i>A holidaymaker was swept away by <b>treacherous</b> currents.</i>
<b><u>treason</u></b>	The action of betraying someone or something. <i>Doubt is the ultimate <b>treason</b> against faith.</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 disloyal person who betrays or deserts his cause or religion or political party or friend etc. <i>They denounced him as a <b>turncoat</b>.</i>
<b><u>unfaithful</u></b>	Having sexual relations with someone other than your husband or wife, or your boyfriend or girlfriend. <i>Her husband was <b>unfaithful</b>.</i>
<b>unruly</b>	Incapable of being controlled. <i><b>Unruly</b> teenagers.</i>