

Need another word that means the same as “rebuff”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “rebuff” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Rebuff” are: drive back, fight off, repel, repulse, snub, reject, turn down, spurn, refuse, decline, repudiate, disdain, slight, rejection, cut**

## Rebuff as a Noun

### Definitions of "Rebuff" as a noun

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

- *An abrupt or ungracious rejection of an offer, request, or friendly gesture.*
- *A deliberate discourteous act (usually as an expression of anger or disapproval).*
- *An instance of driving away or warding off.*

### Synonyms of "Rebuff" as a noun (5 Words)

- cut** An act of cutting part of a book play etc.  
*The mayor proposed extensive **cuts** in the city budget.*
- rejection** An immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign.  
*Some people are reluctant to try it because they fear **rejection**.*

- repulse** The action of driving back an attack or of being driven back.  
*His evasion of her scheme had been another **repulse**.*
- slight** A deliberate discourteous act (usually as an expression of anger or disapproval).  
*An unintended **slight** can create grudges.*
- snub** A refusal to recognize someone you know.  
*The move was a **snub** to the government.*

## Usage Examples of "Rebuff" as a noun

- *His reserve was not intended as a rebuff.*
- *Callers phoning a chatline need have no fear of rebuff.*

## Rebuff as a Verb

### Definitions of "Rebuff" as a verb

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

- *Force or drive back.*
- *Reject outright and bluntly.*
- *Reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner.*

### Synonyms of "Rebuff" as a verb (12 Words)

- decline** Go down.  
*The roof **declines** here.*
- disdain** Look down on with disdain.  
*She remained standing pointedly **disdaining** his invitation to sit down.*
- drive back** Hit very hard, as by swinging a bat horizontally.
- fight off** Fight against or resist strongly.
- refuse** Refuse to let have.  
*I **refused** to answer.*
- reject** Reject with contempt.  
*Black people were often **rejected** by country clubs.*
- repel** Be repellent to cause aversion in.  
*She was **repelled** by the permanent smell of drink on his breath.*

<b>repudiate</b>	Refuse to fulfil or discharge (an agreement, obligation, or debt). <i>She <b>repudiated</b> the accusations.</i>
<b>repulse</b>	Cause to feel intense distaste and aversion. <i>She left feeling hurt because she had been <b>repulsed</b>.</i>
<b>snub</b>	Rebuff, ignore, or spurn disdainfully. <i>He <b>snubbed</b> faculty members and students alike.</i>
<b>spurn</b>	Strike, tread, or push away with the foot. <i>He spoke gruffly as if afraid that his invitation would be <b>spurned</b>.</i>
<b>turn down</b>	Channel one's attention, interest, thought, or attention toward or away from something.

## Usage Examples of "Rebuff" as a verb

- *Rebuff the attack.*
- *I asked her to be my wife, and was rebuffed in no uncertain terms.*

## Associations of "Rebuff" (30 Words)

<b>abnegation</b>	The denial and rejection of a doctrine or belief. <i><b>Abnegation</b> of political power.</i>
<b>contempt</b>	A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous. <i>Pam stared at the girl with total <b>contempt</b>.</i>
<b>controvert</b>	Argue about (something). <i>Subsequent work from the same laboratory <b>controverted</b> these results.</i>
<b>curse</b>	Invoke or use a curse against. <i>A witch put a <b>curse</b> on his whole family.</i>
<b>deniable</b>	Able to be denied. <i>The government did agree to play a limited and <b>deniable</b> role in the rebellion.</i>
<b>disapprobation</b>	An expression of strong disapproval; pronouncing as wrong or morally culpable. <i>She braved her mother's <b>disapprobation</b> and slipped out to enjoy herself.</i>
<b>disapproval</b>	The expression of disapproval. <i>Jill replied with a hint of <b>disapproval</b> in her voice.</i>
<b>disapprove</b>	Consider bad or wrong. <i>Bob strongly <b>disapproved</b> of drinking and driving.</i>

<b>disavowal</b>	The denial of any responsibility or support for something; repudiation. <i>His <b>disavowal</b> of his previous writings.</i>
<b><u>disgust</u></b>	Fill with distaste. <i>The sight filled her with <b>disgust</b>.</i>
<b>dislike</b>	Have or feel a dislike or distaste for. <i>They had taken a <b>dislike</b> to each other.</i>
<b><u>disregard</u></b>	Give little or no attention to. <i>Blatant <b>disregard</b> for the law.</i>
<b>eliminate</b>	Eliminate from the body. <i>A policy that would <b>eliminate</b> inflation.</i>
<b>flatten</b>	Strike (someone) so as to make them fall down. <i>Her hair had been <b>flattened</b> by the storm.</i>
<b><u>hatred</u></b>	The emotion of intense dislike; a feeling of dislike so strong that it demands action. <i>His murderous <b>hatred</b> of his brother.</i>
<b>ignore</b>	Fail to consider (something significant). <i>The rules <b>ignore</b> one important principle of cricket.</i>
<b><u>inconsistency</u></b>	The fact or state of being inconsistent. <i>The <b>inconsistency</b> between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
<b>nauseate</b>	Upset and make nauseated. <i>They were <b>nauseated</b> by the jingoism.</i>
<b><u>neglect</u></b>	The trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern. <i>He <b>neglects</b> his children.</i>
<b><u>objection</u></b>	The act of protesting; a public (often organized) manifestation of dissent. <i>They have raised no <b>objections</b> to the latest plans.</i>
<b>reject</b>	The person or thing that is rejected or set aside as inferior in quality. <i>She didn't want him to feel he had been <b>rejected</b> after his sister was born.</i>
<b><u>repel</u></b>	Be repellent to cause aversion in. <i><b>Repel</b> the attacker.</i>
<b>repellent</b>	Causing disgust or distaste. <i>The idea was slightly <b>repellent</b> to her.</i>
<b>repulse</b>	Cause to feel intense distaste and aversion. <i>The <b>repulse</b> of the invaders.</i>

<b>repulsion</b>	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>People talk about the case with a mixture of fascination and <b>repulsion</b>.</i>
<b>resist</b>	Resist immunologically the introduction of some foreign tissue or organ. <i>The trees <b>resisted</b> her.</i>
<b>revulsion</b>	A sense of disgust and loathing. <i>News of the attack will be met with sorrow and <b>revulsion</b>.</i>
<b>snub</b>	An act of rebuffing or ignoring someone or something. <i>She <b>snubbed</b> his proposal.</i>
<b>spurn</b>	An act of spurning. <i>With one touch of my feet I <b>spurn</b> the solid Earth.</i>