

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.*

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

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

disavowal	The denial of any responsibility or support for something; repudiation. <i>His disavowal of his previous writings.</i>
<u>disgust</u>	Fill with distaste. <i>The sight filled her with disgust.</i>
dislike	Have or feel a dislike or distaste for. <i>They had taken a dislike to each other.</i>
<u>disregard</u>	Give little or no attention to. <i>Blatant disregard for the law.</i>
eliminate	Eliminate from the body. <i>A policy that would eliminate inflation.</i>
flatten	Strike (someone) so as to make them fall down. <i>Her hair had been flattened by the storm.</i>
<u>hatred</u>	The emotion of intense dislike; a feeling of dislike so strong that it demands action. <i>His murderous hatred of his brother.</i>
ignore	Fail to consider (something significant). <i>The rules ignore one important principle of cricket.</i>
<u>inconsistency</u>	The fact or state of being inconsistent. <i>The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.</i>
nauseate	Upset and make nauseated. <i>They were nauseated by the jingoism.</i>
<u>neglect</u>	The trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern. <i>He neglects his children.</i>
<u>objection</u>	The act of protesting; a public (often organized) manifestation of dissent. <i>They have raised no objections to the latest plans.</i>
reject	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 rejected after his sister was born.</i>
<u>repel</u>	Be repellent to cause aversion in. <i>Repel the attacker.</i>
repellent	Causing disgust or distaste. <i>The idea was slightly repellent to her.</i>
repulse	Cause to feel intense distaste and aversion. <i>The repulse of the invaders.</i>

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