

Need another word that means the same as “rebuke”? Find 47 synonyms and 30 related words for “rebuke” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Rebuke” are: bawl out, berate, call down, call on the carpet, chew out, chew up, chide, dress down, have words, jaw, lambast, lambaste, lecture, rag, remonstrate, reprimand, scold, take to task, trounce, reproach, admonish, reprove, remonstrate with, chastise, upbraid, pull up, castigate, read someone the riot act, give someone a piece of one's mind, haul over the coals, criticize, censure, reprehension, reproof, reproof, scolding, admonishment, admonition, remonstration, upbraiding, castigation, lambasting, criticism

Rebuke as a Noun

Definitions of "Rebuke" as a noun

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

- *An expression of sharp disapproval or criticism.*
- *An act or expression of criticism and censure.*



Synonyms of "Rebuke" as a noun (15 Words)

- admonishment** A firm rebuke.
*There was no need for **admonishment** or angry words.*
- admonition** A firm warning or reprimand.
*He received numerous **admonitions** for his behaviour.*
- castigation** A severe scolding.
- censure** The formal expression of severe disapproval.
*Two MPs were singled out for **censure**.*
- criticism** The scholarly investigation of literary or historical texts to determine their origin or intended form.
*He ignored the **criticisms** of his friends.*
- lambasting** A harsh criticism.
*He received a **lambasting** from critics and fans.*

lecture	An educational talk to an audience, especially one of students in a university. <i>A good lecture was my father s idea of discipline.</i>
remonstration	The act of expressing earnest opposition or protest.
reprehension	An act or expression of criticism and censure. <i>Never fear reprehension for voicing your views.</i>
reprimand	A formal expression of disapproval. <i>The golfer received a reprimand for a breach of rules.</i>
reproach	In the Roman Catholic Church a set of antiphons and responses for Good Friday representing the reproaches of Christ to his people. <i>His elegance is a living reproach to our slovenly habits.</i>
reproof	An act or expression of criticism and censure. <i>A look of reproof.</i>
reproval	An act or expression of criticism and censure. <i>He glanced at them in silent reproval.</i>
scolding	An angry rebuke or reprimand. <i>She d get a scolding from Victoria.</i>
upbraiding	A severe scolding.

Usage Examples of "Rebuke" as a noun

- *He had to take the rebuke with a smile on his face.*
- *He hadn't meant it as a rebuke, but Neil flinched.*

Rebuke as a Verb

Definitions of "Rebuke" as a verb

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

- *Express sharp disapproval or criticism of (someone) because of their behaviour or actions.*
- *Censure severely or angrily.*

Synonyms of "Rebuke" as a verb (32 Words)

admonish	Admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior. <i>He admonished the child for his bad behavior.</i>
bawl out	Make a raucous noise.
berate	Scold or criticize (someone) angrily. <i>She berated herself for being fickle.</i>
call down	Challenge the sincerity or truthfulness of.
call on the carpet	Send a message or attempt to reach someone by radio, phone, etc.; make a signal in order to transmit a message.
castigate	Inflict severe punishment on. <i>He was castigated for not setting a good example.</i>
censure	Express severe disapproval of (someone or something), especially in a formal statement. <i>Shareholders censured the bank for its extravagance.</i>
chastise	Censure severely. <i>He chastised his colleagues for their laziness.</i>
chew out	Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.
chew up	Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.
chide	Censure severely or angrily. <i>Now now he chided.</i>
criticize	Indicate the faults of (someone or something) in a disapproving way. <i>The opposition criticized the government's failure to consult adequately.</i>
dress down	Dress in a certain manner.
give someone a piece of one's mind	Endure the loss of.
haul over the coals	Transport in a vehicle.
have words	Have ownership or possession of.
jaw	Censure severely or angrily. <i>He jawed his bubble gum.</i>
lambast	Beat with a cane. <i>They lambasted the report as a gross distortion of the truth.</i>
lambaste	Censure severely or angrily.
lecture	Deliver an educational lecture or lectures. <i>I do not wish to be lectured about smoking.</i>
pull up	Bring, take, or pull out of a container or from under a cover.

rag	Apply paint to a surface with a rag. <i>Rag that old tune.</i>
read someone the riot act	Be a student of a certain subject.
remonstrate	Argue in protest or opposition. <i>He turned angrily to remonstrate with Tommy.</i>
remonstrate with	Censure severely or angrily.
reprimand	Address a reprimand to. <i>Officials were reprimanded for poor work.</i>
reproach	Express to (someone) one's disapproval of or disappointment in their actions. <i>You know that isn't true he reproached her.</i>
reprove	Take to task. <i>He was reproved for obscenity.</i>
scold	Show one's unhappiness or critical attitude. <i>The mother scolded the child for entering a stranger's car.</i>
take to task	Engage for service under a term of contract.
trounce	Come out better in a competition, race, or conflict. <i>Insider dealing has been roundly trounced.</i>
upbraid	Express criticism towards. <i>He was upbraided for his slovenly appearance.</i>

Usage Examples of "Rebuke" as a verb

- She had rebuked him for drinking too much.
- The judge publicly rebuked the jury.

Associations of "Rebuke" (30 Words)

accusation	A charge or claim that someone has done something illegal or wrong. <i>Accusations of bribery.</i>
admonish	Admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior. <i>She admonished him to drink no more than one glass of wine.</i>
angrily	Stormily or threateningly. <i>Workers reacted angrily to the announcement.</i>
berate	Scold or criticize (someone) angrily. <i>She berated herself for being fickle.</i>

bluntly	In a blunt direct manner. <i>He spoke bluntly.</i>
castigate	Reprimand (someone) severely. <i>He was castigated for not setting a good example.</i>
castigation	Verbal punishment.
ensorious	Harshly critical or expressing censure. <i>Censorious champions of morality.</i>
chasten	Censure severely. <i>The director was somewhat chastened by his recent flops.</i>
<u>chastise</u>	Punish, especially by beating. <i>The General cruelly chastised them with a whip.</i>
<u>chide</u>	Censure severely or angrily. <i>Now now he chided.</i>
<u>errant</u>	(of a polychaete worm) of a predatory kind that moves about actively and is not confined to a tube or burrow. <i>Errant youngsters.</i>
expostulation	The act of expressing earnest opposition or protest.
lambaste	Beat with a cane.
punish	Impose a penalty on inflict punishment on. <i>We had to punish the dog for soiling the floor again.</i>
recrimination	Mutual accusations. <i>There are no tears no recriminations.</i>
reprimand	Address a reprimand to. <i>The golfer received a reprimand for a breach of rules.</i>
reproach	In the Roman Catholic Church a set of antiphons and responses for Good Friday representing the reproaches of Christ to his people. <i>You know that isn't true he reproached her.</i>
reproof	An act or expression of criticism and censure. <i>A look of reproof.</i>
reprove	Reprimand (someone). <i>Don't be childish Hilary he reproved mildly.</i>
repudiation	Rejecting or disowning or disclaiming as invalid. <i>The repudiation of the debt by the city.</i>
<u>retort</u>	Repay (an insult or injury). <i>The answer they make to us may very easily be retorted.</i>
revile	Spread negative information about. <i>He was now reviled by the party that he had helped to lead.</i>

scold	(of a bird) call loudly and persistently. <i>The mother scolded the child for entering a stranger's car.</i>
scolding	An angry rebuke or reprimand. <i>She'd get a scolding from Victoria.</i>
severely	To an undesirably great or intense degree. <i>Severely injured patients.</i>
sternly	In a way that is difficult and puts extreme pressure on someone or something. <i>He sternly warned me to not do anything stupid.</i>
subdue	Put down by force or intimidation. <i>Charles went on a campaign to subdue the Saxons.</i>
upbraid	Find fault with (someone); scold. <i>He was upbraided for his slovenly appearance.</i>
verbally	With the function of a verb. <i>She claimed to have been verbally abused.</i>