

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.*

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| 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)

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| <u>admonish</u> | 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. |
| <u>berate</u> | 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> |
| <u>chastise</u> | 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. |
| <u>chide</u> | 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. |

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| 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)

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| 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> |

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| 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> |

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| 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> |