

Need another word that means the same as “recoil”? Find 42 synonyms and 30 related words for “recoil” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Recoil” are: bounce, bound, rebound, resile, reverberate, ricochet, spring, take a hop, kick, kick back, cringe, flinch, funk, quail, shrink, squinch, wince, backfire, backlash, draw back, jump back, spring back, jerk back, pull back, feel revulsion at, feel disgust at, feel abhorrence at, be unable to bear, be unable to stomach, shrink from, shy away from, balk at, hesitate at, fly back, rebound on, come back on, affect badly, repercussion, kickback**

## Recoil as a Noun

### Definitions of "Recoil" as a noun

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

- *A movement back from an impact.*
- *The backward jerk of a gun when it is fired.*
- *The action of recoiling.*



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

- backlash** Recoil arising between parts of a mechanism.  
*A public **backlash** against racism.*
- kick** Chiefly in rugby a player of specified kicking ability.  
*The team s **kicking** was excellent.*
- kickback** A sudden forceful recoil.  
*The ruling party depends on contributions and **kickbacks**.*
- rebound** The act of securing possession of the rebounding basketball after a missed shot.  
*He is still on the **rebound** from his wife s death.*
- repercussion** A movement back from an impact.  
*His declaration had unforeseen **repercussions**.*



## Usage Examples of "Recoil" as a noun

- *His body jerked with the recoil of the rifle.*

## Recoil as a Verb

### Definitions of "Recoil" as a verb

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

- *Come back to the originator of an action with an undesired effect.*
- *Rebound or spring back through force of impact or elasticity.*

- Suddenly spring or flinch back in fear, horror, or disgust.
- (of an action) have an adverse reactive effect on (the originator).
- Spring back, as from a forceful thrust.
- Spring back; spring away from an impact.
- Feel fear, horror, or disgust at the thought of something.
- Draw back, as with fear or pain.
- (of a gun) move abruptly backwards as a reaction on firing a bullet, shell, or other missile.

## Synonyms of "Recoil" as a verb (37 Words)

<b>affect badly</b>	Act physically on; have an effect upon.
<b><u>backfire</u></b>	Emit a loud noise as a result of undergoing a backfire. <i>A car <b>backfired</b> in the road and shoppers ducked instinctively.</i>
<b><u>backlash</u></b>	Come back to the originator of an action with an undesired effect. <i>The political movie <b>backlashed</b> on the Democrats.</i>
<b>balk at</b>	Refuse to comply.
<b>be unable to bear</b>	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
<b>be unable to stomach</b>	Be priced at.
<b>bounce</b>	Hit something so that it bounces. <i>The gangplank <b>bounced</b> under his confident step.</i>
<b><u>bound</u></b>	Move forward by leaps and bounds. <i>Shares <b>bounded</b> ahead in early dealing.</i>
<b>come back on</b>	Be received.
<b><u>cringe</u></b>	Bend one's head and body in fear or apprehension or in a servile manner. <i>He <b>cringed</b> away from the blow.</i>
<b>draw back</b>	Steep; pass through a strainer.
<b>feel abhorrence at</b>	Pass one's hands over the sexual organs of.
<b>feel disgust at</b>	Undergo passive experience of.
<b>feel revulsion at</b>	Be felt or perceived in a certain way.
<b><u>flinch</u></b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain. <i>She <b>flinched</b> when they showed the slaughtering of the calf.</i>
<b>fly back</b>	Cause to fly or float.
<b>funk</b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain. <i>I could have seen him this morning but I <b>funked</b> it.</i>

<b>hesitate at</b>	Interrupt temporarily an activity before continuing.
<b>jerk back</b>	Pull, or move with a sudden movement.
<b>jump back</b>	Bypass.
<a href="#"><u>kick</u></a>	Chiefly in rugby score a goal by a kick. <i>He <b>kicked</b> the door open.</i>
<b>kick back</b>	Spring back, as from a forceful thrust.
<b>pull back</b>	Operate when rowing a boat.
<b>quail</b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain.
<a href="#"><u>rebound</u></a>	(of an event or action) have an unexpected adverse consequence for (someone, especially the person responsible for it). <i>Nicholas's tricks are <b>rebounding</b> on him.</i>
<b>rebound on</b>	Spring back; spring away from an impact.
<b>resile</b>	Abandon a position or a course of action. <i>The rubber tubes <b>resile</b>.</i>
<b>reverberate</b>	Spring back; spring away from an impact. <i>The waves <b>reverberate</b> as far away as the end of the building.</i>
<a href="#"><u>ricochet</u></a>	Appear to move with a series of ricochets. <i>They fired off a couple of rounds <b>ricocheting</b> the bullets against a wall.</i>
<a href="#"><u>shrink</u></a>	Reduce in size; reduce physically. <i>Hot water will <b>shrink</b> the sweater.</i>
<b>shrink from</b>	Wither, as with a loss of moisture.
<b>shy away from</b>	Throw quickly.
<b>spring</b>	Move rapidly or suddenly from a constrained position by or as if by the action of a spring. <i>The president sought to <b>spring</b> the hostages.</i>
<b>spring back</b>	Spring back spring away from an impact.
<b>squinch</b>	Cross one's eyes as if in strabismus.
<b>take a hop</b>	Interpret something in a certain way; convey a particular meaning or impression.
<a href="#"><u>wince</u></a>	Make a face indicating disgust or dislike. <i>She <b>winc</b>ed when she heard his pompous speech.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Recoil" as a verb

- Ronni felt herself recoil at the very thought.
- The rifle recoiled.

- *The muscle has the ability to recoil.*
- *He recoiled in horror.*
- *If man upsets his planetary ecosystem it will automatically recoil upon him.*

## Associations of "Recoil" (30 Words)

<b><u>backlash</u></b>	Degree of play between parts of a mechanism. <i>Typical gearbox <b>backlash</b> in these systems is 2.</i>
<b>boggle</b>	Overcome with amazement. <i>You never <b>boggle</b> at plain speaking.</i>
<b>bounce</b>	Hit something so that it bounces. <i>The bank <b>bounced</b> the cheque.</i>
<b><u>cringe</u></b>	Experience an inward shiver of embarrassment or disgust. <i>He <b>cringed</b> away from the blow.</i>
<b>deaden</b>	Make less lively, intense, or vigorous; impair in vigor, force, activity, or sensation. <i>Ether was used to <b>deaden</b> the pain.</i>
<b>decrease</b>	The amount by which something decreases. <i>The population of the area has <b>decreased</b> radically.</i>
<b><u>depletion</u></b>	The act of decreasing something markedly. <i>The <b>depletion</b> of the ozone layer.</i>
<b>diminish</b>	Lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of. <i>The trial has aged and <b>diminished</b> him.</i>
<b>downgrade</b>	Reduce to a lower grade, rank, or level of importance. <i><b>Downgrades</b> by debt rating agencies outnumber upgrades by five to one.</i>
<b>duck</b>	A female duck. <i>A tangy stew of <b>duck</b> lamb and sausage.</i>
<b><u>dwindle</u></b>	Diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength. <i>Traffic has <b>dwindled</b> to a trickle.</i>
<b><u>fade</u></b>	(of a radio signal) gradually lose intensity. <i>He scores on a beautiful <b>fade</b> pass to the back of the end zone.</i>
<b><u>flinch</u></b>	An act of flinching. <i>She <b>flinched</b> when they showed the slaughtering of the calf.</i>
<b>forth</b>	From a particular thing or place or position forth is obsolete. <i>Go <b>forth</b> and preach.</i>
<b>languish</b>	Become feeble. <i>The prisoner has been <b>languishing</b> for years in the dungeon.</i>

<b>leap</b>	Cause to jump or leap. <i>He <b>leapt</b> on to the parapet.</i>
<b>lessen</b>	Make or become less; diminish. <i>The warmth of the afternoon <b>lessened</b>.</i>
<b>pounce</b>	The act of pouncing. <i>As he watched a mink <b>pounced</b> on the vole.</i>
<b>provoke</b>	Evoke or provoke to appear or occur. <i>A teacher can <b>provoke</b> you into working harder.</i>
<b>rebound</b>	The act of securing possession of the rebounding basketball after a missed shot. <i>They revealed a big <b>rebound</b> in profits for last year.</i>
<b>retrench</b>	(of an organization or individual) reduce costs or spending in response to economic difficulty. <i>Right wing parties which seek to <b>retrench</b> the welfare state.</i>
<b>shrink</b>	Become smaller or draw together. <i>Hot water will <b>shrink</b> the sweater.</i>
<b>shrivel</b>	Decrease in size, range, or extent. <i>As American interest <b>shrivelled</b> so did the government s.</i>
<b>spring</b>	Spring back spring away from an impact. <i>He might <b>spring</b> a few shillings more.</i>
<b>squat</b>	An exercise in which a person squats down and rises again while holding a barbell across one s shoulders. <i>The building <b>squatted</b> low.</i>
<b>wane</b>	(of a state or feeling) decrease in vigour or extent; become weaker. <i>Interest in the project <b>waned</b>.</i>
<b>wilt</b>	Any of a number of fungal or bacterial diseases of plants characterized by wilting of the foliage. <i>Lady Beresford was beginning to <b>wilt</b> as she greeted the long line of guests.</i>
<b>wince</b>	A reflex response to sudden pain. <i>He <b>winc</b>ed at the disgust in her voice.</i>
<b>wither</b>	Wither as with a loss of moisture. <i>The flesh had <b>withered</b> away.</i>
<b>wizened</b>	Shrivelled or wrinkled with age. <i>A <b>wizened</b> weather beaten old man.</i>