

Need another word that means the same as “refute”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “refute” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Refute” are: rebut, controvert, disprove, prove false, prove wrong, prove to be false, prove to be wrong, show to be false, show to be wrong, confute, give the lie to, demolish, explode, debunk, drive a coach and horses through, discredit, invalidate, deny, reject, repudiate, declare to be untrue

## Refute as a Verb

### Definitions of "Refute" as a verb

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

- *Overthrow by argument, evidence, or proof.*
- *Prove (a statement or theory) to be wrong or false; disprove.*
- *Deny or contradict (a statement or accusation).*
- *Prove that (someone) is wrong.*
- *Prove to be false or incorrect.*

### Synonyms of "Refute" as a verb (21 Words)

<b>confute</b>	Prove to be false. <i>Restorers who sought to <b>confute</b> this view were accused of ignorance.</i>
<b>controvert</b>	Prove to be false or incorrect. <i>Subsequent work from the same laboratory <b>controverted</b> these results.</i>

**debunk**

Reduce the inflated reputation of (someone).  
*The physicist **debunked** the psychic's claims.*

**declare to be untrue**

State emphatically and authoritatively.

**demolish**

Comprehensively refute (an argument or its proponent).  
*His book **demolishes** an old myth.*

**deny**

Deny formally an allegation of fact by the opposing party in a legal suit.

*The servants are ordered to **deny** him.*

**discredit**

Cause (an idea or account) to seem false or unreliable.  
*His explanation for the phenomenon was soon **discredited**.*

**disprove**

Prove that (something) is false.  
*The physicist **disproved** his colleagues' theories.*

**drive a coach and horses through**

Force into or from an action or state, either physically or metaphorically.

**explode**

Burst or shatter violently and noisily as a result of rapid combustion, excessive internal pressure, or other process.  
*Tension which could **explode** into violence at any time.*

**give the lie to**

Endure the loss of.

**invalidate**

Declare invalid.  
***Invalidate** a contract.*

**prove false**

Take a trial impression of.

**prove to be false**

Put to the test, as for its quality, or give experimental use to.

**prove to be wrong**

Take a trial impression of.

**prove wrong**

Cause to puff up with a leaven.

**rebut**

Overthrow by argument, evidence, or proof.  
*But he their sharp assault right boldly did **rebut**.*

**reject**

Reject with contempt.  
*Union negotiators **rejected** a 15 per cent pay award.*

**repudiate**

Refuse to acknowledge, ratify, or recognize as valid.  
*She **repudiated** the accusations.*

**show to be false**

Be or become visible or noticeable.

**show to be wrong**

Give an exhibition of to an interested audience.

## Usage Examples of "Refute" as a verb

- *The speaker refuted his opponent's arguments.*
- *His voice challenging his audience to rise and refute him.*

- *These claims have not been convincingly refuted.*
- *A spokesman totally refuted the allegation of bias.*

## Associations of "Refute" (30 Words)

<b>abnegation</b>	The action of renouncing or rejecting something. <i>People are capable of <b>abnegation</b> and unselfishness.</i>
<u><b>argument</b></u>	An independent variable associated with a function or proposition and determining its value For example in the expression $y = F(x)$ the arguments of the function $F$ are $x$ and $x$ and the value is $y$ . <i>They were involved in a violent <b>argument</b>.</i>
<b>confute</b>	Prove to be false. <i>Restorers who sought to <b>confute</b> this view were accused of ignorance.</i>
<u><b>contradict</b></u>	Be in contradiction with. <i>The existing layout of the city <b>contradicted</b> the logic of the new centre.</i>
<b>controvert</b>	Be resistant to. <i>Subsequent work from the same laboratory <b>controverted</b> these results.</i>
<u><b>denial</b></u>	The refusal of something requested or desired. <i>It resulted in a complete <b>denial</b> of his privileges.</i>
<u><b>deny</b></u>	Deny oneself something restrain especially from indulging in some pleasure. <i>Both firms <b>deny</b> any responsibility for the tragedy.</i>
<u><b>disallow</b></u>	Command against. <i>He was offside and the goal was <b>disallowed</b>.</i>
<u><b>disavow</b></u>	Deny any responsibility or support for. <i>The union leaders resisted pressure to <b>disavow</b> picket line violence.</i>
<b>disavowal</b>	Denial of any connection with or knowledge of. <i>His <b>disavowal</b> of his previous writings.</i>
<b>disclaim</b>	Make a disclaimer about. <i>He <b>disclaimed</b> any responsibility.</i>
<b>disown</b>	Refuse to acknowledge or maintain any connection with. <i>Lovell's rich family had <b>disowned</b> him because of his marriage.</i>
<b>disproof</b>	A set of facts that prove that something is untrue. <i>The answer ought to turn on considerations that are susceptible to verification or <b>disproof</b>.</i>
<u><b>disprove</b></u>	Prove to be false. <i>He has given the Department of Transport two months to <b>disprove</b> the allegation.</i>

<b>dispute</b>	Compete for; strive to win. <i>The Commission is in <b>dispute</b> with the government.</i>
<b>gainsay</b>	Speak against or oppose (someone). <i>None could <b>gainsay</b> her.</i>
<b>impugn</b>	Attack as false or wrong. <i>The father does not <b>impugn</b> her capacity as a good mother.</i>
<b>inadmissible</b>	Not to be allowed or tolerated. <i>An <b>inadmissible</b> interference in the affairs of the Church.</i>
<b>negate</b>	Make (a clause, sentence, or proposition) negative in meaning. <i>This action will <b>negate</b> the effect of my efforts.</i>
<b><u>no</u></b>	Not in any degree or manner not at all. <i>I ll <b>no</b> be a minute.</i>
<b><u>objection</u></b>	(law) a procedure whereby a party to a suit says that a particular line of questioning or a particular witness or a piece of evidence or other matter is improper and should not be continued and asks the court to rule on its impropriety or illegality. <i>His view is open to <b>objection</b>.</i>
<b>oppose</b>	Compete with (someone). <i>We <b>oppose</b> the ban on abortion.</i>
<b>rebut</b>	Prove to be false or incorrect. <i>He had to <b>rebut</b> charges of acting for the convenience of his political friends.</i>
<b><u>rebuttal</u></b>	The speech act of refuting by offering a contrary contention or argument.
<b>refuse</b>	Refuse to accept. <i>She <b>refused</b> a cigarette.</i>
<b>refutable</b>	Able to be refuted.
<b>refutation</b>	The action of proving a statement or theory to be wrong or false. <i>His <b>refutation</b> of the charges was short and persuasive.</i>
<b>reject</b>	The person or thing that is rejected or set aside as inferior in quality. <i>Some of the team s <b>rejects</b> have gone on to prove themselves in championships.</i>
<b><u>renounce</u></b>	Formally declare one's abandonment of (a claim, right, or possession). <i>They <b>renounced</b> the armed struggle.</i>
<b>repudiate</b>	Reject as untrue, unfounded, or unjust. <i>The minister <b>repudiated</b> allegations of human rights abuses.</i>