

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)

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

<u>debunk</u>	Reduce the inflated reputation of (someone). <i>The physicist debunked the psychic's claims.</i>
declare to be untrue	State emphatically and authoritatively.
<u>demolish</u>	Comprehensively refute (an argument or its proponent). <i>His book demolishes an old myth.</i>
<u>deny</u>	Deny formally an allegation of fact by the opposing party in a legal suit. <i>The servants are ordered to deny him.</i>
<u>discredit</u>	Cause (an idea or account) to seem false or unreliable. <i>His explanation for the phenomenon was soon discredited.</i>
<u>disprove</u>	Prove that (something) is false. <i>The physicist disproved his colleagues' theories.</i>
drive a coach and horses through	Force into or from an action or state, either physically or metaphorically.
<u>explode</u>	Burst or shatter violently and noisily as a result of rapid combustion, excessive internal pressure, or other process. <i>Tension which could explode into violence at any time.</i>
give the lie to	Endure the loss of.
<u>invalidate</u>	Declare invalid. <i>Invalidate a contract.</i>
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. <i>But he rebutted their sharp assault right boldly.</i>
reject	Reject with contempt. <i>Union negotiators rejected a 15 per cent pay award.</i>
repudiate	Refuse to acknowledge, ratify, or recognize as valid. <i>She repudiated the accusations.</i>
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)

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

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