

Need another word that means the same as “repel”? Find 46 synonyms and 30 related words for “repel” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Repel” are: drive back, fight off, rebuff, repulse, disgust, gross out, revolt, snub, beat back, drive, force back, push back, drive away, put to flight, thrust back, be impervious to, be impermeable to, keep out, be resistant to, resist, sicken, nauseate, make someone feel sick, turn someone's stomach, be repulsive to, be extremely distasteful to, be repugnant to, make shudder, make someone's flesh creep, make someone's skin crawl, make someone's gorge rise, put off, offend, horrify, refuse, decline, say no to, reject, scorn, turn down, turn away, repudiate, treat with contempt, disdain, look down one's nose at, despise

Repel as a Verb

Definitions of "Repel" as a verb

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

- *Fill with distaste.*
- *Cause to move back by force or influence.*
- *Reject outright and bluntly.*
- *(of a magnetic pole or electric field) force (something similarly magnetized or charged) away from itself.*
- *(of a substance) resist mixing with or be impervious to (another substance).*
- *Be repulsive or distasteful to.*
- *Drive or force (an attack or attacker) back or away.*
- *Force or drive back.*
- *Refuse to accept (something, especially an argument or theory).*

- *Be repellent to; cause aversion in.*



Synonyms of "Repel" as a verb (46 Words)

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| be extremely distasteful to | Be priced at. |
| be impermeable to | To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form. |
| be impervious to | Be identical to; be someone or something. |
| be repugnant to | Represent, as of a character on stage. |
| be repulsive to | Be identical to; be someone or something. |
| be resistant to | To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form. |
| beat back | Sail with much tacking or with difficulty. |
| decline | Refuse to accept. <i>The roof declines here.</i> |

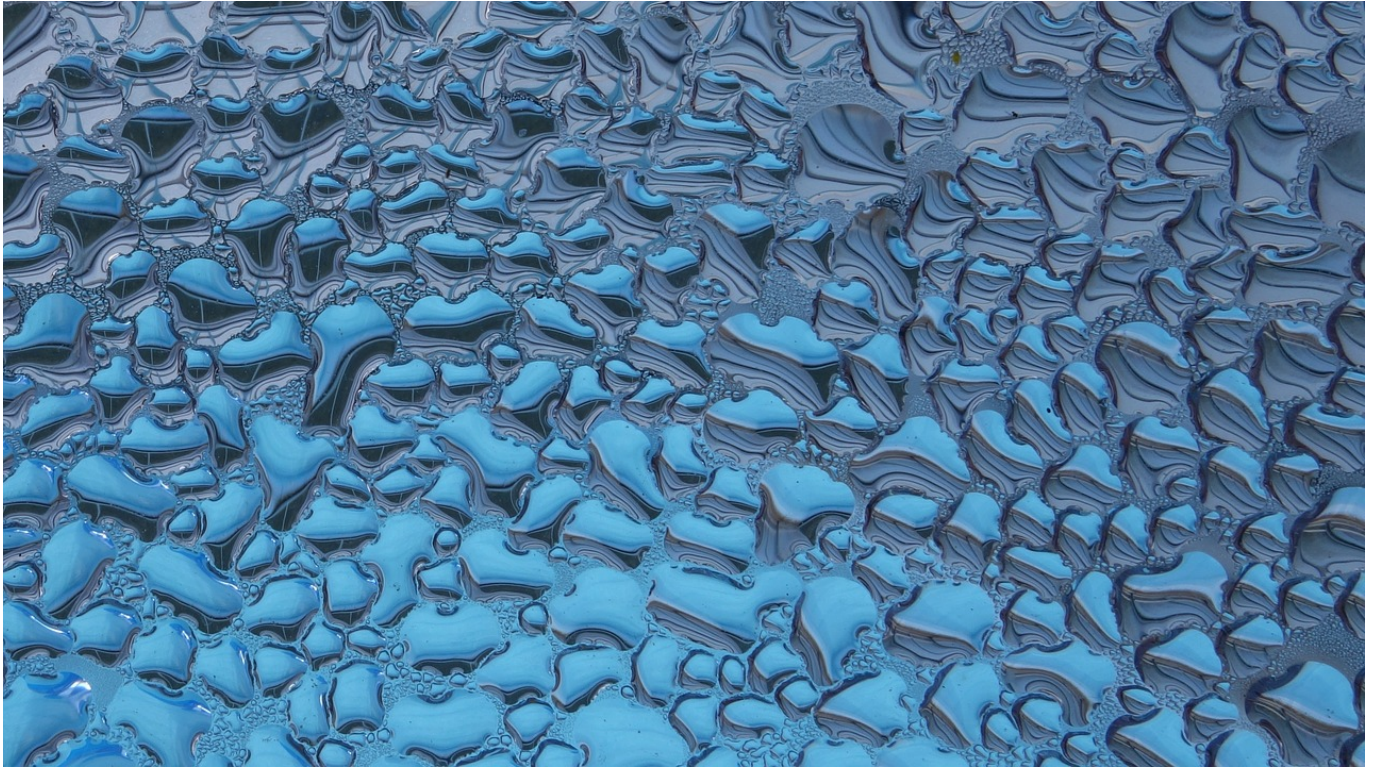
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| despise | Look down on with disdain. <i>He despised himself for being selfish.</i> |
| disdain | Look down on with disdain. <i>She remained standing pointedly disdaining his invitation to sit down.</i> |
| disgust | Cause (someone) to feel revulsion or strong disapproval. <i>This spoiled food disgusts me.</i> |
| drive | Of a motor vehicle travel under the control of a driver. <i>He wanted to drive me away.</i> |
| drive away | Cause to function by supplying the force or power for or by controlling. |
| drive back | Hit very hard, as by swinging a bat horizontally. |
| fight off | Be engaged in a fight; carry on a fight. |
| force back | Move with force. |
| gross out | Earn before taxes, expenses, etc. |
| horrify | Fill with apprehension or alarm; cause to be unpleasantly surprised. <i>They were horrified by the very idea.</i> |
| keep out | Keep under control; keep in check. |
| look down one's nose at | Search or seek. |
| make shudder | Compel or make somebody or something to act in a certain way. |
| make someone feel sick | Calculate as being. |
| make someone's flesh creep | Organize or be responsible for. |
| make someone's gorge rise | Constitute the essence of. |
| make someone's skin crawl | Create or manufacture a man-made product. |
| nauseate | Upset and make nauseated. <i>The thought of food nauseated her.</i> |
| offend | Act in disregard of laws, rules, contracts, or promises. <i>Her tactless remark offended me.</i> |
| push back | Press against forcefully without moving. |
| put off | Arrange thoughts, ideas, temporal events. |
| put to flight | Estimate. |

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| rebuff | Force or drive back. <i>I asked her to be my wife and was rebuffed in no uncertain terms.</i> |
| refuse | Refuse to accept. <i>She refused a cigarette.</i> |
| reject | Reject with contempt. <i>His body could begin to reject the implanted heart.</i> |
| repudiate | Refuse to acknowledge, ratify, or recognize as valid. <i>Breach of a condition gives the other party the right to repudiate a contract.</i> |
| repulse | Cause to move back by force or influence. <i>She left feeling hurt because she had been repulsed.</i> |
| resist | Resist immunologically the introduction of some foreign tissue or organ. <i>He didn't resist despite the weapons he had.</i> |
| revolt | Make revolution. <i>He was revolted by the stench that greeted him.</i> |
| say no to | Speak, pronounce, or utter in a certain way. |
| scorn | Refuse to do something because one is too proud. <i>The professor scorns the students who don't catch on immediately.</i> |
| sicken | Begin to show symptoms of (a particular illness). <i>I hope I'm not sickening for a cold.</i> |
| snub | Refuse to acknowledge. <i>They snubbed his invitation to a meeting of foreign ministers.</i> |
| thrust back | Make a thrusting forward movement. |
| treat with contempt | Regard or consider in a specific way. |
| turn away | Undergo a transformation or a change of position or action. |
| turn down | Change orientation or direction, also in the abstract sense. |
| turn someone's stomach | Let (something) fall or spill from a container. |



Usage Examples of "Repel" as a verb

- *Government units sought to repel the rebels.*
- *The alleged right of lien led by the bankrupt's solicitor was repelled.*
- *Like poles repel and unlike poles attract.*
- *She was repelled by the permanent smell of drink on his breath.*
- *Repel the attacker.*
- *Electrically charged objects attract or repel one another.*
- *Repel the enemy.*
- *Boots with good-quality leather uppers to repel moisture.*



Associations of "Repel" (30 Words)

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| aggressive | Having or showing determination and energetic pursuit of your ends. <i>An aggressive tumor.</i> |
| aggressor | Someone who attacks. |
| argumentative | Given to arguing. <i>Argumentative to the point of being cantankerous.</i> |
| assailant | Someone who attacks. <i>The police have no firm leads about the identity of his assailant.</i> |
| attack | Attack in speech or writing. <i>They won the game with a 10 hit attack in the 9th inning.</i> |
| barbaric | Savagely cruel. <i>Drinking undiluted wine was considered barbaric.</i> |
| bellicose | Having or showing a ready disposition to fight. <i>A mood of bellicose jingoism.</i> |
| bludgeon | Strike with a club or a bludgeon. <i>She was found bludgeoned to death in the basement.</i> |

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| | Of or relating to confrontation. |
| <u>confrontational</u> | <i>He distanced himself from the confrontational approach adopted by his predecessor.</i> |
| counterattack | Make a counterattack. |
| <u>enemy</u> | A personal enemy. <i>He viewed lawyers as the real enemy.</i> |
| <u>ferocious</u> | Very great; extreme. <i>A ferocious beast.</i> |
| fight | Be engaged in a fight carry on a fight. <i>A long fight against cancer.</i> |
| <u>goad</u> | Urge with or as if with a goad. <i>The cowboys goaded their cattle across the meadows.</i> |
| <u>hostility</u> | Acts of warfare. <i>He could no longer contain his hostility.</i> |
| invader | A person or group that invades a country, region, or other place. <i>The arrival of Spanish invaders.</i> |
| negate | Make (a clause, sentence, or proposition) negative in meaning. <i>Alcohol negates the effects of the drug.</i> |
| <u>neutralize</u> | Disarm (a bomb or similar weapon). <i>She neutralized the solution.</i> |
| <u>nullify</u> | Declare invalid. <i>Judges were unwilling to nullify government decisions.</i> |
| offense | A transgression that constitutes a violation of what is judged to be right. |
| parry | An act of parrying something. <i>Her question met with a polite parry.</i> |
| <u>rebuff</u> | An instance of driving away or warding off. <i>Rebuff the attack.</i> |
| reject | Reject with contempt. <i>His body could begin to reject the implanted heart.</i> |
| repulse | The action of driving back an attack or of being driven back. <i>The repulse of the invaders.</i> |
| <u>revoke</u> | The mistake of not following suit when able to do so. <i>He revoked the ban on smoking.</i> |
| scrappy | Full of fighting spirit. <i>Scrappy lecture notes piled up unread.</i> |
| snub | Unusually short. <i>The snub was clearly intentional.</i> |

stab

Stab or pierce.

She **stabbed** the air with her forefinger.

truculent

Defiantly aggressive.

A **truculent** speech against the new government.

waive

Refrain from demanding compliance with (a rule or fee).

Her tuition fees would be **waived**.

