

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)

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.
*The roof **declines** here.*

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 spoilt 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.

rebuff

Force or drive back.

*I asked her to be my wife and was **rebuffed** in no uncertain terms.*

refuse

Refuse to accept.

*She **refused** a cigarette.*

reject

Reject with contempt.

*His body could begin to **reject** the implanted heart.*

repudiate

Refuse to acknowledge, ratify, or recognize as valid.

*Breach of a condition gives the other party the right to **repudiate** a contract.*

repulse

Cause to move back by force or influence.

*She left feeling hurt because she had been **repulsed**.*

resist

Resist immunologically the introduction of some foreign tissue or organ.

*He didn't **resist** despite the weapons he had.*

revolt

Make revolution.

*He was **revolted** by the stench that greeted him.*

say no to

Speak, pronounce, or utter in a certain way.

scorn

Refuse to do something because one is too proud.

*The professor **scorns** the students who don't catch on immediately.*

sicken

Begin to show symptoms of (a particular illness).

*I hope I'm not **sickening** for a cold.*

snub

Refuse to acknowledge.

*They **snubbed** his invitation to a meeting of foreign ministers.*

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.

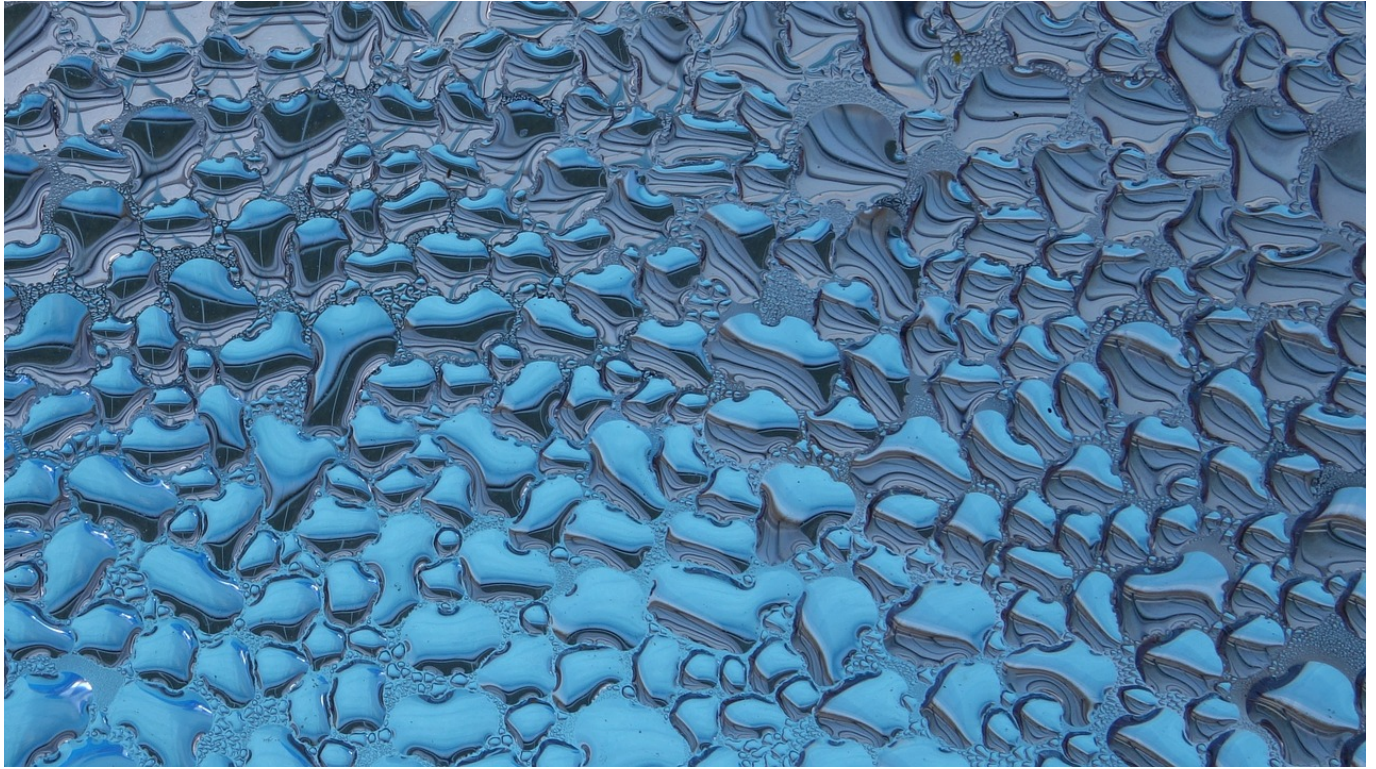
turn someone's stomach

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)

aggressive	Having or showing determination and energetic pursuit of your ends. <i>An aggressive tumor.</i>
<u>aggressor</u>	Someone who attacks.
<u>argumentative</u>	Given to arguing. <i>Argumentative to the point of being cantankerous.</i>
<u>assailant</u>	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>

	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**.

