

Need another word that means the same as “resist”? Find 56 synonyms and 30 related words for “resist” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Resist” are: hold out, stand firm, withstand, refuse, reject, fend, stand, defy, dissent, protest, balk, baulk, jib, be proof against, hold out against, combat, counter, oppose, fight against, refuse to accept, be hostile to, object to, be anti, take a stand against, go against, set one's face against, kick against, balk at, struggle against, struggle with, fight, put up a fight against, battle against, stand up to, stand one's ground against, hold one's ground against, hold off, contend with, confront, face up to, refrain from, abstain from, keep from, forbear from, desist from, forgo, avoid, love, adore, relish, be addicted to, have a weakness for, be very partial to, be very keen on, be very fond of, like**

## Resist as a Verb

### Definitions of "Resist" as a verb

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

- *Withstand the force of something.*
- *Withstand the action or effect of.*
- *Express opposition through action or words.*
- *Refuse to comply.*
- *Try to prevent by action or argument.*
- *Refrain from doing or having (something tempting or unwise).*
- *Struggle or fight back when pressured or attacked.*
- *Resist immunologically the introduction of some foreign tissue or organ.*
- *Elude, especially in a baffling way.*

- *Stand up or offer resistance to somebody or something.*



## Synonyms of "Resist" as a verb (56 Words)

<b>abstain from</b>	Refrain from voting.
<b>adore</b>	Worship; venerate. <i>She <b>adores</b> Mexican cuisine.</i>
<b>avoid</b>	Repudiate, nullify, or render void (a decree or contract). <i>Her former friends now <b>avoid</b> her.</i>
<b>balk</b>	Prevent a person or animal from having (something). <i>He <b>balked</b> at such a drastic solution.</i>
<b>balk at</b>	Refuse to comply.
<b>battle against</b>	Battle or contend against in or as if in a battle.
<b>bulk</b>	Refuse to comply.

<b>be addicted to</b>	Have an existence, be extant.
<b>be anti</b>	Have life, be alive.
<b>be hostile to</b>	Spend or use time.
<b>be proof against</b>	Happen, occur, take place.
<b>be very fond of</b>	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
<b>be very keen on</b>	Be priced at.
<b>be very partial to</b>	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
<b><u>combat</u></b>	Take action to reduce or prevent (something bad or undesirable). <i>An effort to <b>combat</b> drug trafficking.</i>
<b>confront</b>	Oppose, as in hostility or a competition. <i>Merrill <b>confronted</b> him with her suspicions.</i>
<b>contend with</b>	Maintain or assert.
<b><u>counter</u></b>	Act in advance of; deal with ahead of time. <i>He <b>countered</b> with some very persuasive arguments.</i>
<b>defy</b>	Appear to be challenging (someone) to do or prove something. <i>His actions <b>defy</b> belief.</i>
<b>desist from</b>	Choose not to consume.
<b><u>dissent</u></b>	Withhold assent. <i>Two members <b>dissented</b> from the majority.</i>
<b>face up to</b>	Cover the front or surface of.
<b>fend</b>	Try to manage without help. <i>The youngsters had to <b>fend</b> for themselves after their parents died.</i>
<b>fight</b>	Be engaged in a fight carry on a fight. <i>Don't <b>fight</b> it.</i>
<b>fight against</b>	Fight against or resist strongly.
<b>forbear from</b>	Refrain from doing.
<b><u>forgo</u></b>	Go without (something desirable). <i>She wanted to <b>forgo</b> the tea and leave while they could.</i>
<b>go against</b>	Be awarded; be allotted.
<b>have a weakness for</b>	Cause to be born.
<b>hold off</b>	Have as a major characteristic.
<b>hold one's ground against</b>	Drink alcohol without showing ill effects.

<b>hold out</b>	Have or possess, either in a concrete or an abstract sense.
<b>hold out against</b>	Arrange for and reserve (something for someone else) in advance.
<b>jib</b>	Shift from one side of the ship to the other. <i>The sail <b>jibbed</b> wildly.</i>
<b>keep from</b>	Fail to spoil or rot.
<b>kick against</b>	Express complaints, discontent, displeasure, or unhappiness.
<b>like</b>	Find enjoyable or agreeable. <i>Would you <b>like</b> to come along to the movies.</i>
<b>love</b>	Be enamored or in love with. <i>I <b>love</b> French food.</i>
<b>object to</b>	Be averse to or express disapproval of.
<b>oppose</b>	Set into opposition or rivalry. <i>A workers movement <b>opposed</b> the regime.</i>
<b><u>protest</u></b>	Write or obtain a protest in regard to a bill. <i>The suspect <b>protested</b> his innocence.</i>
<b>put up a fight against</b>	Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.
<b>refrain from</b>	Choose not to consume.
<b>refuse</b>	Refuse to accept. <i>He <b>refused</b> my offer of hospitality.</i>
<b>refuse to accept</b>	Refuse to accept.
<b>reject</b>	Reject with contempt. <i>His body could begin to <b>reject</b> the implanted heart.</i>
<b><u>relish</u></b>	Make pleasant to the taste add relish to. <i>He was <b>relishing</b> his moment of glory.</i>
<b>set one's face against</b>	Put into a position that will restore a normal state.
<b>stand</b>	Withstand an experience or test without being damaged. <i>Sorry darling I <b>stand</b> corrected.</i>
<b>stand firm</b>	Put up with something or somebody unpleasant.
<b>stand one's ground against</b>	Withstand the force of something.
<b>stand up to</b>	Remain inactive or immobile.
<b>struggle against</b>	Be engaged in a fight; carry on a fight.
<b>struggle with</b>	Make a strenuous or labored effort.
<b>take a stand against</b>	Proceed along in a vehicle.

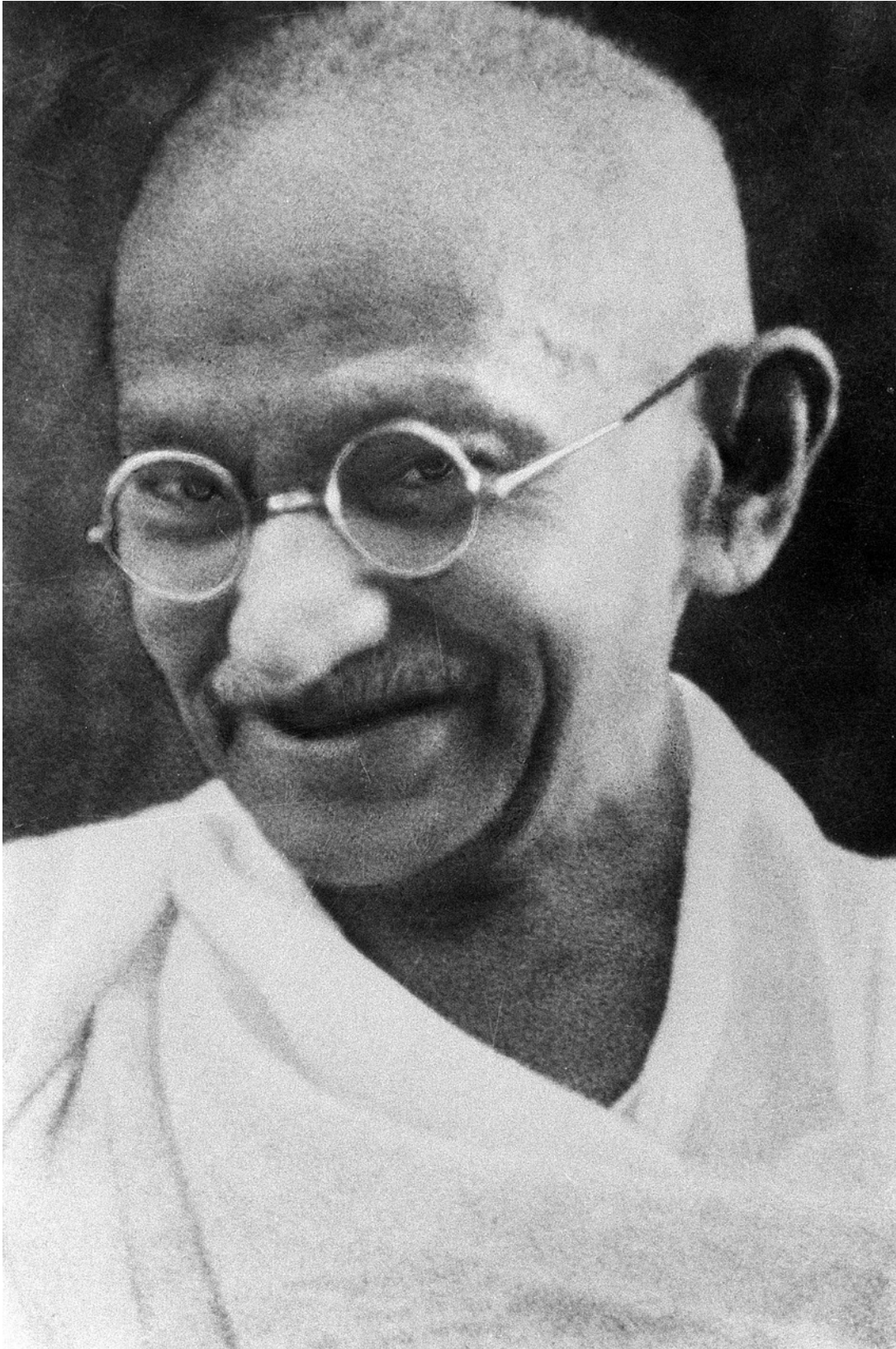
**withstand**

Offer strong resistance or opposition to.  
*The structure had been designed to **withstand** winds of more than 100 mph.*



**Usage Examples of "Resist" as a verb**

- *We will continue to resist changes to the treaty.*
- *Sweets are much easier to resist when you've filled up on healthy food first.*
- *The trees resisted her.*
- *He didn't resist despite the weapons he had.*
- *Antibodies help us to resist infection.*
- *I couldn't resist buying the blouse.*



## Associations of "Resist" (30 Words)

<b>abnegation</b>	Self-denial. <i>Abnegation</i> of political power.
<b>balk</b>	The area on a billiard table between the balk line and the bottom cushion within which in some circumstances a ball is protected from a direct stroke. <i>He balked both forefeet thrust stiffly in front of him.</i>
<b><u>contradict</u></b>	Be in contradiction with. <i>Within five minutes he had <b>contradicted</b> himself twice.</i>
<b>controvert</b>	Be resistant to. <i>The views in the article have been <b>controverted</b>.</i>
<b>deniable</b>	Able to be denied. <i>The government did agree to play a limited and <b>deniable</b> role in the rebellion.</i>
<b><u>denial</u></b>	Refusal to acknowledge someone as one's leader. <i>The <b>denial</b> of insurance to people with certain medical conditions.</i>
<b><u>deny</u></b>	Deny formally an allegation of fact by the opposing party in a legal suit. <i>The servants are ordered to <b>deny</b> him.</i>
<b><u>disagree</u></b>	Have or express a different opinion. <i>She <b>disagreed</b> with the system of apartheid.</i>
<b>disapprobation</b>	An expression of strong disapproval; pronouncing as wrong or morally culpable. <i>She braved her mother's <b>disapprobation</b> and slipped out to enjoy herself.</i>
<b><u>disapproval</u></b>	The expression of disapproval. <i>Jill replied with a hint of <b>disapproval</b> in her voice.</i>
<b>disavowal</b>	Denial of any connection with or knowledge of. <i>They know this despite their <b>disavowals</b>.</i>
<b>dispute</b>	Question whether (a statement or alleged fact) is true or valid. <i>A territorial <b>dispute</b> between the two countries.</i>
<b>gainsay</b>	Deny or contradict (a fact or statement). <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>no</b>	Not in any degree or manner not at all. <i>I ll <b>no</b> be a minute.</i>
<b>objection</b>	The act of protesting; a public (often organized) manifestation of dissent. <i>His view is open to <b>objection</b>.</i>
<b>opponent</b>	A person who disagrees with or resists a proposal or practice. <i>Against superior <b>opponents</b> they fell two goals behind.</i>
<b>oppose</b>	Contrast with equal weight or force. <i>The senator said he would <b>oppose</b> the bill.</i>
<b>ostracism</b>	(in ancient Greece) temporary banishment from a city by popular vote. <i>The <b>ostracism</b> of Thucydides.</i>
<b>rebut</b>	Prove to be false or incorrect. <i>But he their sharp assault right boldly did <b>rebut</b>.</i>
<b>rebuttal</b>	A pleading by the defendant in reply to a plaintiff's surrejoinder.
<b>refusal</b>	An expression of unwillingness to accept or grant an offer or request. <i>An appeal against the <b>refusal</b> of a licence.</i>
<b>refuse</b>	Refuse entrance or membership. <i>Again the horse <b>refused</b> his nostrils flaring with fear.</i>
<b>refutable</b>	Able to be refuted.
<b>refute</b>	Prove to be false or incorrect. <i>A spokesman totally <b>refuted</b> the allegation of bias.</i>
<b>reject</b>	The person or thing that is rejected or set aside as inferior in quality. <i>These explanations of criminal behaviour have been <b>rejected</b> by sociologists.</i>
<b>rejection</b>	(medicine) an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign. <i><b>Rejection</b> of the transplanted liver.</i>
<b>repudiate</b>	Cast off. <i>The woman <b>repudiated</b> the divorce settlement.</i>
<b>repudiation</b>	Refusal to fulfil or discharge an agreement, obligation, or debt. <i>A <b>repudiation</b> of left wing political ideas.</i>



