

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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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)

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

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

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

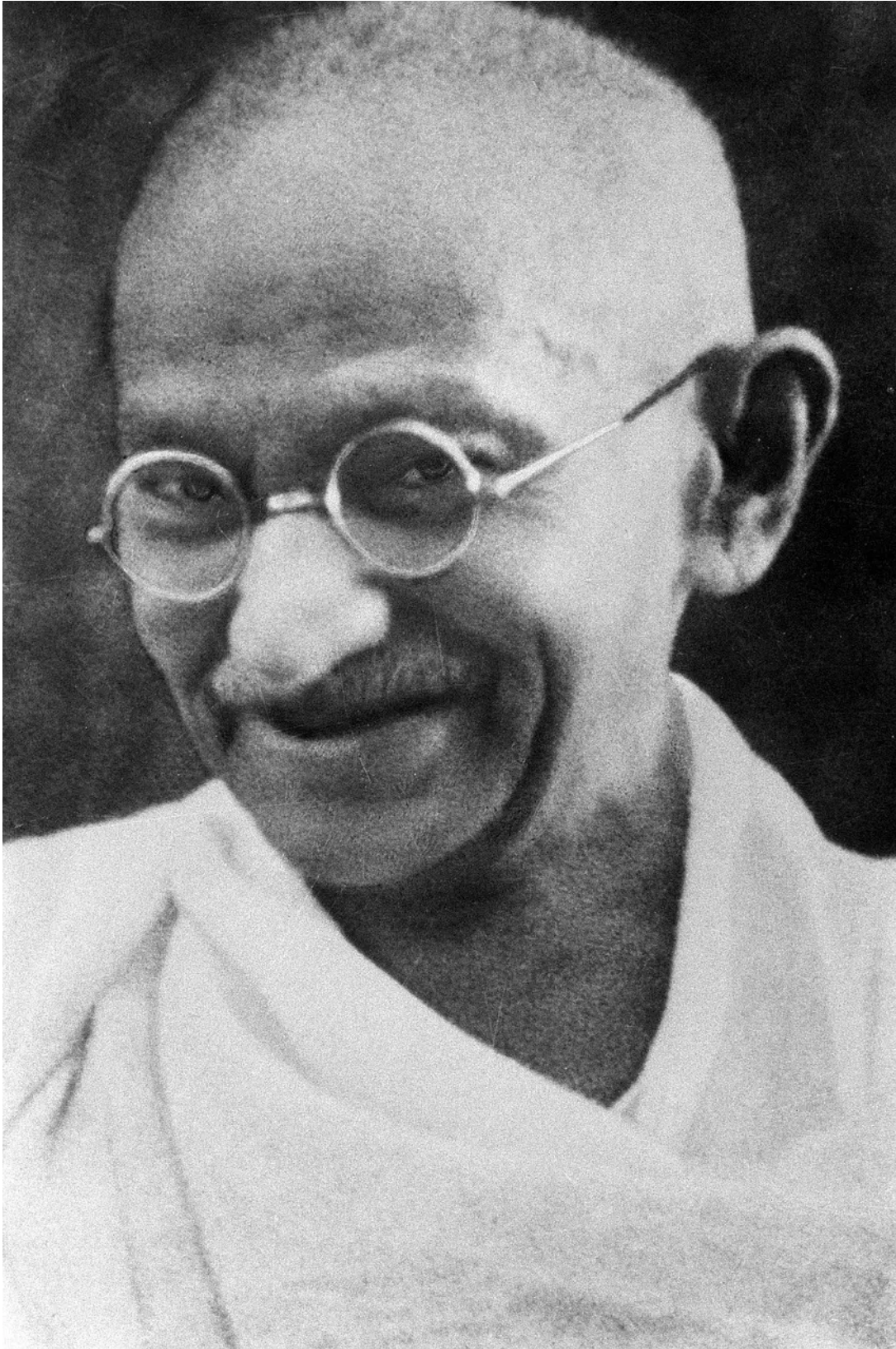
withstand

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)

abnegation	Self-denial. <i>Abnegation</i> of political power.
balk	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>
<u>contradict</u>	Be in contradiction with. <i>Within five minutes he had contradicted himself twice.</i>
controvert	Be resistant to. <i>The views in the article have been controverted.</i>
deniable	Able to be denied. <i>The government did agree to play a limited and deniable role in the rebellion.</i>
<u>denial</u>	Refusal to acknowledge someone as one's leader. <i>The denial of insurance to people with certain medical conditions.</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>disagree</u>	Have or express a different opinion. <i>She disagreed with the system of apartheid.</i>
disapprobation	An expression of strong disapproval; pronouncing as wrong or morally culpable. <i>She braved her mother's disapprobation and slipped out to enjoy herself.</i>
<u>disapproval</u>	The expression of disapproval. <i>Jill replied with a hint of disapproval in her voice.</i>
disavowal	Denial of any connection with or knowledge of. <i>They know this despite their disavowals.</i>
dispute	Question whether (a statement or alleged fact) is true or valid. <i>A territorial dispute between the two countries.</i>
gainsay	Deny or contradict (a fact or statement). <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>

no	Not in any degree or manner not at all. <i>I ll no be a minute.</i>
objection	The act of protesting; a public (often organized) manifestation of dissent. <i>His view is open to objection.</i>
opponent	A person who disagrees with or resists a proposal or practice. <i>Against superior opponents they fell two goals behind.</i>
oppose	Contrast with equal weight or force. <i>The senator said he would oppose the bill.</i>
ostracism	(in ancient Greece) temporary banishment from a city by popular vote. <i>The ostracism of Thucydides.</i>
rebut	Prove to be false or incorrect. <i>But he their sharp assault right boldly did rebut.</i>
rebuttal	A pleading by the defendant in reply to a plaintiff's surrejoinder.
refusal	An expression of unwillingness to accept or grant an offer or request. <i>An appeal against the refusal of a licence.</i>
refuse	Refuse entrance or membership. <i>Again the horse refused his nostrils flaring with fear.</i>
refutable	Able to be refuted.
refute	Prove to be false or incorrect. <i>A spokesman totally refuted the allegation of bias.</i>
reject	The person or thing that is rejected or set aside as inferior in quality. <i>These explanations of criminal behaviour have been rejected by sociologists.</i>
rejection	(medicine) an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign. <i>Rejection of the transplanted liver.</i>
repudiate	Cast off. <i>The woman repudiated the divorce settlement.</i>
repudiation	Refusal to fulfil or discharge an agreement, obligation, or debt. <i>A repudiation of left wing political ideas.</i>

