

Need another word that means the same as “retaliation”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “retaliation” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Retaliation” are: revenge, vengeance, reprisal, retribution, requital, recrimination, an eye for an eye, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, getting even, redress, repayment, payback**

## Retaliation as a Noun

### Definitions of "Retaliation" as a noun

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

- *The action of harming someone because they have harmed oneself; revenge.*
- *The action of returning a military attack; counter-attack.*
- *Action taken in return for an injury or offense.*

### Synonyms of "Retaliation" as a noun (12 Words)

<b>an eye for an eye</b>	An area that is approximately central within some larger region.
<b>an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth</b>	Attention to what is seen.
<b>getting even</b>	A return on a shot that seemed impossible to reach and would normally have resulted in a point for the opponent.
<b>payback</b>	Profit from an investment equal to the initial outlay. <i>A long time lag between investment and <b>payback</b>.</i>
<b>recrimination</b>	An accusation in response to one from someone else. <i>There are no tears no <b>recriminations</b>.</i>

<b>redress</b>	Remedy or compensation for a wrong or grievance. <i>Those seeking <b>redress</b> for an infringement of public law rights.</i>
<b>repayment</b>	Payment of a debt or obligation. <i>Minimum monthly <b>repayments</b>.</i>
<b>reprisal</b>	A retaliatory action against an enemy in wartime. <i>Three youths died in the <b>reprisals</b> which followed.</i>
<b>requital</b>	A justly deserved penalty.
<b>retribution</b>	Punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act. <i>Divine <b>retribution</b>.</i>
<b>revenge</b>	The action of hurting or harming someone in return for an injury or wrong suffered at their hands. <i>It was difficult not to be overwhelmed with feelings of hate and <b>revenge</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">vengeance</a></u>	The act of taking revenge (harming someone in retaliation for something harmful that they have done) especially in the next life-Romans 12:19. <i>Voters are ready to wreak <b>vengeance</b> on all politicians.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Retaliation" as a noun

- *The bombings are believed to be in retaliation for the trial of 15 suspects.*
- *She rejected as preposterous any suggestion that she had acted in retaliation.*

## Associations of "Retaliation" (30 Words)

<u><a href="#">avenge</a></u>	Inflict harm in return for (an injury or wrong done to oneself or another). <i>We must <b>avenge</b> our dead.</i>
<b>bullying</b>	Noisily domineering; tending to browbeat others.
<b>dishearten</b>	Cause (someone) to lose determination or confidence. <i>The farmer was <b>disheartened</b> by the damage to his crops.</i>
<u><a href="#">enemy</a></u>	A personal enemy. <i>The <b>enemy</b> shot down four helicopters.</i>
<b>futilely</b>	In a futile and unproductive manner.
<u><a href="#">gloat</a></u>	An act of gloating. <i>His enemies <b>gloated</b> over his death.</i>

<b>grudge</b>	Bear a grudge harbor ill feelings. <i>I ve never been one to hold a <b>grudge</b>.</i>
<b>harassment</b>	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>So great was his <b>harassment</b> that he wanted to destroy his tormentors.</i>
<b>intimidation</b>	The feeling of discouragement in the face of someone's superior fame or wealth or status etc. <i>The <b>intimidation</b> of witnesses and jurors.</i>
<b>killing</b>	The act of terminating a life. <i>A <b>killing</b> schedule.</i>
<b>marred</b>	Blemished by injury or rough wear. <i>Walls <b>marred</b> by graffiti.</i>
<b>overawe</b>	Subdue, restrain, or overcome by affecting with a feeling of awe; frighten (as with threats). <i>The eleven year old was <b>overawed</b> by the atmosphere.</i>
<b>punish</b>	Impose a penalty on inflict punishment on. <i>We had to <b>punish</b> the dog for soiling the floor again.</i>
<b>rancor</b>	A feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will.
<b>reprisal</b>	The forcible seizure of a foreign subject or their goods as an act of retaliation. <i>The threat of <b>reprisal</b>.</i>
<b>requital</b>	A justly deserved penalty.
<b>retaliate</b>	Make an attack in return for a similar attack. <i>They used their abilities to <b>retaliate</b> the injury.</i>
<b>retribution</b>	Punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act. <i>Employees asked not to be named saying they feared <b>retribution</b>.</i>
<b>revenge</b>	Take revenge for a perceived wrong. <i>Zimbabwe snatched the game 18 16 but the Spanish had their <b>revenge</b> later.</i>
<b>savage</b>	Cruel and vicious; aggressively hostile. <i>A <b>savage</b> people.</i>
<b>spite</b>	Malevolence by virtue of being malicious or spiteful or nasty. <i>He d think I was saying it out of <b>spite</b>.</i>
<b>spurn</b>	An act of spurning. <i>It is a <b>spurn</b> of God s sovereignty and a slight of his goodness.</i>
<b>swear</b>	An offensive word used especially to express anger a swear word. <i>They were reluctant to <b>swear</b> allegiance.</i>

Having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.

**unscrupulous** *Unscrupulous* politicians who would be happy to sell their country in order to gain power.

**vendetta** A blood feud in which the family of a murdered person seeks vengeance on the murderer or the murderer's family.

*He has accused the British media of pursuing a **vendetta** against him.*

**vengeance** The act of taking revenge (harming someone in retaliation for something harmful that they have done) especially in the next life-Romans 12:19.

*He swore **vengeance** on the man who betrayed him.*

**vengeful** Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge- Shakespeare-M.R.Cohen.

*A **vengeful** ex con.*

**victimize** Make a victim of.

*I was **victimized** by this con man.*

**vindictive** Having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge.

*Punishments essentially **vindictive** in their nature.*

**wreak** Cause to happen or to occur as a consequence.

*They would soon have a chance to **wreak** their revenge on the enemy.*