

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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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)

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

redress	Remedy or compensation for a wrong or grievance. <i>Those seeking redress for an infringement of public law rights.</i>
repayment	Payment of a debt or obligation. <i>Minimum monthly repayments.</i>
reprisal	A retaliatory action against an enemy in wartime. <i>Three youths died in the reprisals which followed.</i>
requital	A justly deserved penalty.
retribution	Punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act. <i>Divine retribution.</i>
revenge	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 revenge.</i>
<u>vengeance</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 vengeance 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>avenger</u>	Inflict harm in return for (an injury or wrong done to oneself or another). <i>We must avenge our dead.</i>
bullying	Noisily domineering; tending to browbeat others.
dishearten	Cause (someone) to lose determination or confidence. <i>The farmer was disheartened by the damage to his crops.</i>
<u>enemy</u>	A personal enemy. <i>The enemy shot down four helicopters.</i>
futilely	In a futile and unproductive manner.
<u>gloat</u>	An act of gloating. <i>His enemies gloated over his death.</i>

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