

Need another word that means the same as “retort”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “retort” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Retort” are: come back, rejoin, repay, return, riposte, answer, reply, respond, say in response, acknowledge, counter, retaliate, hurl back, fling back, snap back, comeback, rejoinder, replication, response, acknowledgement, sally, retaliation**

## Retort as a Noun

### Definitions of "Retort" as a noun

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

- *A quick reply to a question or remark (especially a witty or critical one).*
- *A vessel where substances are distilled or decomposed by heat.*
- *A sharp, angry, or witty reply.*

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

**acknowledgement** A letter confirming receipt of something.  
*There was no **acknowledgement** of the family's trauma.*

**answer** A thing written or said in reaction to a question in a test or quiz.  
*Write your **answers** on a postcard.*

<b><u>comeback</u></b>	Return by a celebrity to some previously successful activity. <i>A <b>comeback</b> tour.</i>
<b><u>counter</u></b>	A token representing a coin. <i>The <b>counter</b> tells you how many pictures you have taken.</i>
<b>rejoinder</b>	A reply, especially a sharp or witty one. <i>It brought a sharp <b>rejoinder</b> from the teacher.</i>
<b>replication</b>	The action of copying or reproducing something. <i>DNA <b>replication</b>.</i>
<b>reply</b>	A statement either spoken or written that is made to reply to a question or request or criticism or accusation. <i>Clough scored the first goal and Speed hit a late <b>reply</b>.</i>
<b>response</b>	A statement (either spoken or written) that is made to reply to a question or request or criticism or accusation. <i>We unwittingly induce Pavlovian type <b>responses</b> in dogs by establishing a rigid routine for feeding.</i>
<b><u>retaliation</u></b>	The action of harming someone because they have harmed oneself; revenge. <i>The bombings are believed to be in <b>retaliation</b> for the trial of 15 suspects.</i>
<b>return</b>	A returning officer's announcement of an election result. <i>Product areas are being developed to produce maximum <b>returns</b>.</i>
<b>riposte</b>	(fencing) a counterattack made immediately after successfully parrying the opponent's lunge.
<b>sally</b>	A witty or lively remark, especially one made as an attack or as a diversion in an argument; a retort. <i>There was subdued laughter at this <b>sally</b>.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Retort" as a noun

- *She opened her mouth to make a suitably cutting retort.*

## Retort as a Verb

### Definitions of "Retort" as a verb

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

- Say something in answer to a remark, typically in a sharp, angry, or witty manner.
- Answer back.
- Turn (an insult or accusation) back on the person who has issued it.
- Repay (an insult or injury).
- Use (an opponent's argument) against them.

## Synonyms of "Retort" as a verb (15 Words)

<b>acknowledge</b>	Accept the validity or legitimacy of. <i>He never <b>acknowledges</b> his colleagues when they run into him in the hallway.</i>
<b>answer</b>	Give the correct answer or solution to. <i>Steve was about to <b>answer</b> but Hazel spoke first.</i>
<b>come back</b>	To be the product or result.
<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>fling back</b>	Throw with force or recklessness.
<b>hurl back</b>	Utter with force; utter vehemently.
<b>rejoin</b>	Join again. <i>The stone had been cracked and crudely <b>rejoined</b>.</i>
<b><u>repay</u></b>	Make repayment for or return something. <i>These sites would <b>repay</b> more detailed investigation.</i>
<b>reply</b>	Say something in response to something someone has said. <i>He was gone before we could <b>reply</b> to his last remark.</i>
<b><u>respond</u></b>	Respond favorably or as hoped. <i>East would have <b>responded</b> holding a high spade honour plus an ace.</i>
<b>retaliate</b>	Repay (an injury or insult) in kind. <i>They used their abilities to <b>retaliate</b> the injury.</i>
<b>return</b>	Make a return. <i>The jury <b>returned</b> the unanimous guilty verdict.</i>
<b>riposte</b>	Make a return thrust. <i>His opponent <b>riposted</b>.</i>
<b>say in response</b>	Have or contain a certain wording or form.
<b>snap back</b>	Separate or cause to separate abruptly.

## Usage Examples of "Retort" as a verb

- *It was now his time to retort the humiliation.*
- *He retorted that this was nonsense.*
- *He was resolute to retort the charge of treason on his foes.*
- *'No need to be rude,' retorted Isabel.*
- *The answer they make to us may very easily be retorted.*

## Associations of "Retort" (30 Words)

<b>abnegation</b>	The action of renouncing or rejecting something. <i><b>Abnegation</b> of the Holy Trinity.</i>
<b>accusation</b>	The action or process of accusing someone. <i><b>Accusations</b> of bribery.</i>
<b>angrily</b>	With anger. <i>The sky was black and thundered <b>angrily</b>.</i>
<b>berate</b>	Censure severely or angrily. <i>She <b>berated</b> herself for being fickle.</i>
<b>castigate</b>	Inflict severe punishment on. <i>He was <b>castigated</b> for not setting a good example.</i>
<b>controvert</b>	Argue about (something). <i>Subsequent work from the same laboratory <b>controverted</b> these results.</i>
<b>expostulation</b>	The act of expressing earnest opposition or protest.
<b>fiercely</b>	With a heartfelt and powerful intensity. <i>The wind was blowing <b>fiercely</b>.</i>
<b>gainsay</b>	Deny or contradict (a fact or statement). <i>None could <b>gainsay</b> her.</i>
<b>objection</b>	The speech act of objecting. <i>His view is open to <b>objection</b>.</i>
<b>rage</b>	Anger or aggression associated with conflict arising from a particular situation. <i>Her face was distorted with <b>rage</b>.</i>
<b>rebuke</b>	An expression of sharp disapproval or criticism. <i>The judge publicly <b>rebuked</b> the jury.</i>
<b>rebut</b>	Overthrow by argument, evidence, or proof. <i>But he their sharp assault right boldly did <b>rebut</b>.</i>

<b>recrimination</b>	An accusation in response to one from someone else. <i>There was a period of bitter <b>recrimination</b>.</i>
<b>refute</b>	Deny or contradict (a statement or accusation). <i>These claims have not been convincingly <b>refuted</b>.</i>
<b>rejection</b>	The dismissing or refusing of a proposal, idea, etc. <i>The Union decided last night to recommend <b>rejection</b> of the offer.</i>
<b>rejoin</b>	Join again. <i>The stone had been cracked and crudely <b>rejoined</b>.</i>
<b>rejoinder</b>	A quick reply to a question or remark (especially a witty or critical one). <i>It brought a sharp <b>rejoinder</b> from the teacher.</i>
<b>replication</b>	A quick reply to a question or remark (especially a witty or critical one). <i>On its own <b>replication</b> does not validate a theory derived from experimental results.</i>
<b>reprimand</b>	Address a reprimand to. <i>Officials were <b>reprimanded</b> for poor work.</i>
<b>reproach</b>	In the Roman Catholic Church a set of antiphons and responses for Good Friday representing the reproaches of Christ to his people. <i>The president <b>reproached</b> the general for his irresponsible behavior.</i>
<b>reproof</b>	An expression of blame or disapproval. <i>A look of <b>reproof</b>.</i>
<b>repudiation</b>	Denial of the truth or validity of something. <i>Congressional <b>repudiation</b> of the treaty that the President had negotiated.</i>
<b>resent</b>	Feel bitterness or indignation at (a circumstance, action, or person). <i>She <b>resents</b> being paid less than her co workers.</i>
<b>riposte</b>	A quick return thrust in fencing. <i>His opponent <b>riposted</b>.</i>
<b>scold</b>	Remonstrate with or rebuke (someone) angrily. <i>The mother <b>scolded</b> the child for entering a stranger s car.</i>
<b>upbraid</b>	Find fault with (someone); scold. <i>He was <b>upbraided</b> for his slovenly appearance.</i>
<b>verbally</b>	By means of language. <i>She claimed to have been <b>verbally</b> abused.</i>
<b>warn</b>	Advise or counsel in terms of someone's behavior. <i>She <b>warned</b> him to be quiet.</i>
<b>wrath</b>	Intense anger (usually on an epic scale). <i>He hid his pipe for fear of incurring his father s <b>wrath</b>.</i>