

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.*

<u>comeback</u>	Return by a celebrity to some previously successful activity. <i>A comeback tour.</i>
<u>counter</u>	A token representing a coin. <i>The counter tells you how many pictures you have taken.</i>
rejoinder	A reply, especially a sharp or witty one. <i>It brought a sharp rejoinder from the teacher.</i>
replication	The action of copying or reproducing something. <i>DNA replication.</i>
reply	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 reply.</i>
response	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 responses in dogs by establishing a rigid routine for feeding.</i>
<u>retaliation</u>	The action of harming someone because they have harmed oneself; revenge. <i>The bombings are believed to be in retaliation for the trial of 15 suspects.</i>
return	A returning officer's announcement of an election result. <i>Product areas are being developed to produce maximum returns.</i>
riposte	(fencing) a counterattack made immediately after successfully parrying the opponent's lunge.
sally	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 sally.</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)

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

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

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