

Need another word that means the same as “rift”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “rift” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Rift” are: breach, break, rupture, severance, crack, fault, flaw, split, fissure, fracture, cleft, crevice, gap, cranny, slit, chink, interstice, cavity, opening, space, hole, aperture, division**

## Rift as a Noun

### Definitions of "Rift" as a noun

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

- *A crack, split, or break in something.*
- *A serious break in friendly relations.*
- *A major fault separating blocks of the earth's surface; a rift valley.*
- *A gap between cloud masses.*
- *A narrow fissure in rock.*
- *A personal or social separation (as between opposing factions).*



## Synonyms of "Rift" as a noun (23 Words)

- aperture** An opening, hole, or gap.  
*A refracting telescope with an **aperture** of 3 inches.*
- breach** An opening (especially a gap in a dike or fortification).  
*A **breach** in the mountain wall.*
- break** Breaking of hard tissue such as bone.  
*He finally got his big **break**.*
- cavity** A decayed part of a tooth.  
*The abdominal **cavity**.*
- cleft** A long narrow opening.
- cranny** A long narrow depression in a surface.  
*Bugs and spiders conceal themselves in **crannies** of the bark.*

<b>crevice</b>	A narrow opening or fissure, especially in a rock or wall. <i>Many creatures hide in <b>crevices</b> in the rock.</i>
<b>division</b>	Biology a group of organisms forming a subdivision of a larger category. <i>A growing sense of <b>division</b> between north and south.</i>
<b>fault</b>	A misguided action or habit. <i>He knew his own <b>faults</b> much better than she did.</i>
<b>fissure</b>	(anatomy) a long narrow slit or groove that divides an organ into lobes. <i>The bacteria survive around vents or <b>fissures</b> in the deep ocean floor.</i>
<b>flaw</b>	A mark, blemish, or other imperfection which mars a substance or object. <i>A <b>flaw</b> caused the crystal to shatter.</i>
<b>fracture</b>	A diphthong substituted by fracture. <i>Obsidian shows a conchoidal <b>fracture</b>.</i>
<b>gap</b>	A narrow opening. <i>There are many <b>gaps</b> in our understanding of what happened.</i>
<b>hole</b>	A cavity or receptacle on a golf course, typically one of eighteen or nine, into which the ball must be hit. <i>The dog had dug a <b>hole</b> in the ground.</i>
<b>interstice</b>	An intervening space, especially a very small one. <i>Sunshine filtered through the <b>interstices</b> of the arching trees.</i>
<b>opening</b>	The act of opening something. <i>The <b>opening</b> of his arms was the sign I was waiting for.</i>
<b>rupture</b>	An instance of breaking or bursting suddenly and completely. <i>The patient died after <b>rupture</b> of an aneurysm.</i>
<b>severance</b>	A personal or social separation (as between opposing factions). <i>The <b>severance</b> and disestablishment of the Irish Church.</i>
<b>slit</b>	A long narrow opening. <i>Make a <b>slit</b> in the stem under a bud.</i>
<b>space</b>	Each of the four gaps between the five lines of a stave. <i>It all happened in the <b>space</b> of 10 minutes.</i>
<b>split</b>	A thing that is divided or split. <i>He was winning until he got a <b>split</b> in the tenth frame.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Rift" as a noun

- *The rift between the two branches of the legal profession.*
- *The sun shone through a rift in the clouds.*
- *The wind had torn open a rift in the clouds.*



## Associations of "Rift" (30 Words)

- chasm** A deep opening in the earth's surface.  
*A **chasm** a mile long.*
- clamber** An awkward and laborious climb or movement.  
*A **clamber** up the cliff path.*
- conflict** Be in conflict.  
*Parents and children's interests sometimes **conflict**.*
- cracked** (of a person's voice) having an unusual harshness or pitch, especially through strain.  
*The captain was screaming orders in a **cracked** baritone.*
- deep** A deep part of the sea.  
*The **deeps** of her imagination.*
- detachment** A group of troops, aircraft, or ships sent away on a separate mission.  
*He felt a sense of **detachment** from what was going on.*

<b><u>dissolution</u></b>	The termination or disintegration of a relationship (between persons or nations). <i>The <b>dissolution</b> of the flesh.</i>
<b><u>diverge</u></b>	(of a road, route, or line) separate from another route and go in a different direction. <i>Their ways had <b>diverged</b> at university.</i>
<b><u>divergence</u></b>	A difference in opinions, interests, etc. <i>A fundamental <b>divergence</b> of attitude.</i>
<b>divergent</b>	(of a series) increasing indefinitely as more of its terms are added. <i>A <b>divergent</b> opinion.</i>
<b><u>divide</u></b>	A difference or disagreement between two groups, typically producing tension. <i>Consumer magazines can be <b>divided</b> into a number of categories.</i>
<b>division</b>	A group of organisms forming a subdivision of a larger category. <i>The <b>division</b> of the land into small fields.</i>
<b>fissure</b>	Break into fissures or fine cracks. <i>The dry years had cracked and <b>fissured</b> the cliffs.</i>
<b>incised</b>	Cut into with a sharp instrument. <i>An <b>incised</b> design.</i>
<b>irreconcilable</b>	Incapable of being resolved. <i><b>Irreconcilable</b> differences.</i>
<b>partition</b>	The act of dividing or partitioning separation by the creation of a boundary that divides or keeps apart. <i>The country s <b>partition</b> into separate states.</i>
<b>purification</b>	The act of purging of sin or guilt; moral or spiritual cleansing. <i><b>Purification</b> of the mind through reflection and contemplation.</i>
<b>ravine</b>	A deep, narrow gorge with steep sides.
<b><u>rupture</u></b>	Breach or disturb (a harmonious feeling or situation). <i>Once trust and confidence has been <b>ruptured</b> it can be difficult to regain.</i>
<b>schism</b>	The formal separation of a church into two churches or the withdrawal of one group over doctrinal differences. <i>The widening <b>schism</b> between Church leaders and politicians.</i>
<b>segregation</b>	The separation of paired alleles during meiosis so that members of each pair of alleles appear in different gametes. <i>An official policy of racial <b>segregation</b>.</i>
<b><u>separation</u></b>	The state of lacking unity. <i>The damage that might arise from the <b>separation</b> of parents and children.</i>

- severance** The act of severing.  
*Employees were offered **severance** terms.*
- split** A thing that is divided or split.  
*My friend and I **split** up.*
- sunder** Split apart.  
*A universe **sundered** ages ago in a divine war.*
- tigris** An Asian river; a tributary of the Euphrates River.
- vale** A valley (used in place names or as a poetic term).  
*The **Vale** of Glamorgan.*
- valley** A low area of land between hills or mountains, typically with a river or stream flowing through it.  
*The **valley** floor.*

