

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)

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

<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>

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

