

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.*

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

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

