

Need another word that means the same as “scapegoat”? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for “scapegoat” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Scapegoat” are: whipping boy, victim, aunt sally

Scapegoat as a Noun

Definitions of "Scapegoat" as a noun

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

- *Someone who is punished for the errors of others.*
- *(in the Bible) a goat sent into the wilderness after the Jewish chief priest had symbolically laid the sins of the people upon it (Lev. 16).*
- *A person who is blamed for the wrongdoings, mistakes, or faults of others, especially for reasons of expediency.*



Synonyms of "Scapegoat" as a noun (3 Words)

aunt sally The sister of your father or mother; the wife of your uncle.

victim A person who has come to feel helpless and passive in the face of misfortune or ill-treatment.

Earthquake victims.

whipping boy A legislator appointed by the party to enforce discipline.



Associations of "Scapegoat" (30 Words)

<u>accusation</u>	The action or process of accusing someone. <i>There was accusation in Brian s voice.</i>
accuse	Bring an accusation against; level a charge against. <i>He was accused of favouritism.</i>
bamboozle	Cheat or fool. <i>He bamboozled his professors into thinking that he knew the subject well.</i>
blame	Put or pin the blame on. <i>We blamed the accident on her.</i>
casualty	Someone injured or killed in an accident. <i>He went to casualty to have a cut stitched.</i>
censure	Express severe disapproval of (someone or something), especially in a formal statement. <i>Despite episcopal cessures the practice continued.</i>
<u>condemn</u>	Appropriate (property) for public use. <i>Most leaders roundly condemned the attack.</i>

condemning	Containing or imposing condemnation or censure.
conspiracy	The action of plotting or conspiring. <i>A conspiracy to destroy the government.</i>
criticism	The analysis and judgement of the merits and faults of a literary or artistic work. <i>He ignored the criticisms of his friends.</i>
curse	Invoke or use a curse against. <i>He cursed loudly as he burned his hand.</i>
defraud	Illegally obtain money from (someone) by deception. <i>He used a second identity to defraud the bank of thousands of pounds.</i>
dupe	Fool or hoax. <i>The immigrant was duped because he trusted everyone.</i>
fool	Foolish silly. <i>He fooled nightclub managers into believing he was a successful businessman.</i>
guilt	Make someone feel guilty especially in order to induce them to do something. <i>He remembered with sudden guilt the letter from his mother that he had not yet read.</i>
idiot	A person of low intelligence.
incrimination	An accusation that you are responsible for some lapse or misdeed. <i>His incrimination was based on my testimony.</i>
indict	Accuse formally of a crime. <i>His former manager was indicted for fraud.</i>
infamy	A state of extreme dishonor- F.D.Roosevelt. <i>He thrived on the infamy and vilification.</i>
irresponsibility	A form of untrustworthiness; the trait of lacking a sense of responsibility and not feeling accountable for your actions. <i>The economic ills are a consequence of greed and irresponsibility.</i>
opprobrium	An occasion or cause of reproach or disgrace. <i>The critical opprobrium generated by his films.</i>
patsy	A person who is easily taken advantage of, especially by being cheated or blamed for something. <i>There is a mischievous sparkle in his eyes that suggests he is no patsy.</i>
punish	Impose a penalty on inflict punishment on. <i>I have done wrong and I m being punished for it.</i>

recrimination	An accusation in response to one from someone else. <i>There are no tears no recriminations.</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>He gave her a look of reproach.</i>
scam	A fraudulent business scheme. <i>An insurance scam.</i>
scold	Censure severely or angrily. <i>His mother was the village scold.</i>
sucker	Of a plant produce suckers. <i>The suckers run along each tentacle.</i>
tirade	A long, angry speech of criticism or accusation. <i>A tirade of abuse.</i>
victim	A living creature killed as a religious sacrifice. <i>Sacrificial victims for the ritual festivals.</i>

