

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)

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

<b>condemning</b>	Containing or imposing condemnation or censure.
<b>conspiracy</b>	The action of plotting or conspiring. <i>A <b>conspiracy</b> to destroy the government.</i>
<b>criticism</b>	The analysis and judgement of the merits and faults of a literary or artistic work. <i>He ignored the <b>criticisms</b> of his friends.</i>
<b>curse</b>	Invoke or use a curse against. <i>He <b>curse</b>d loudly as he burned his hand.</i>
<b>defraud</b>	Illegally obtain money from (someone) by deception. <i>He used a second identity to <b>defraud</b> the bank of thousands of pounds.</i>
<b>dupe</b>	Fool or hoax. <i>The immigrant was <b>duped</b> because he trusted everyone.</i>
<b>fool</b>	Foolish silly. <i>He <b>fooled</b> nightclub managers into believing he was a successful businessman.</i>
<b>guilt</b>	Make someone feel guilty especially in order to induce them to do something. <i>He remembered with sudden <b>guilt</b> the letter from his mother that he had not yet read.</i>
<b>idiot</b>	A person of low intelligence.
<b>incrimination</b>	An accusation that you are responsible for some lapse or misdeed. <i>His <b>incrimination</b> was based on my testimony.</i>
<b>indict</b>	Accuse formally of a crime. <i>His former manager was <b>indicted</b> for fraud.</i>
<b>infamy</b>	A state of extreme dishonor- F.D.Roosevelt. <i>He thrived on the <b>infamy</b> and vilification.</i>
<b>irresponsibility</b>	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 <b>irresponsibility</b>.</i>
<b>opprobrium</b>	An occasion or cause of reproach or disgrace. <i>The critical <b>opprobrium</b> generated by his films.</i>
<b>patsy</b>	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 <b>patsy</b>.</i>
<b>punish</b>	Impose a penalty on inflict punishment on. <i>I have done wrong and I m being <b>punished</b> for it.</i>

- recrimination** An accusation in response to one from someone else.  
*There are no tears no **recriminations**.*
- reproach** In the Roman Catholic Church a set of antiphons and responses for Good Friday representing the reproaches of Christ to his people.  
*He gave her a look of **reproach**.*
- scam** A fraudulent business scheme.  
*An insurance **scam**.*
- scold** Censure severely or angrily.  
*His mother was the village **scold**.*
- sucker** Of a plant produce suckers.  
*The **suckers** run along each tentacle.*
- tirade** A long, angry speech of criticism or accusation.  
*A **tirade** of abuse.*
- victim** A living creature killed as a religious sacrifice.  
*Sacrificial **victims** for the ritual festivals.*

