

Need another word that means the same as “scold”? Find 47 synonyms and 30 related words for “scold” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Scold” are: bawl out, berate, call down, call on the carpet, chew out, chew up, chide, dress down, have words, jaw, lambast, lambaste, lecture, rag, rebuke, remonstrate, reprimand, take to task, trounce, grouch, grumble, reproach, reprove, admonish, remonstrate with, chastise, upbraid, pull up, castigate, read someone the riot act, give someone a piece of one's mind, go on at, haul over the coals, criticize, censure, reproof, admonishment, upbraiding, common scold, nag, nagger, scolder, shrew, fishwife, harpy, termagant, harridan**

## Scold as a Noun

### Definitions of "Scold" as a noun

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

- *Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault.*
- *A person who nags or grumbles constantly (typically used of a woman).*



## Synonyms of "Scold" as a noun (9 Words)

**common scold** A piece of open land for recreational use in an urban area.

**fishwife** Someone who sells fish.  
*The screech of a **fishwife**.*

**harpy** A malicious woman with a fierce temper.  
*Clearly, he had us down as a couple of gold-digging harpies.*

**harridan** A scolding (even vicious) old woman.  
*A bullying old **harridan**.*

**nag** A person who nags someone.  
*He felt a little **nag** of doubt.*

**nagger** Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault.

**scolder** Rebuking a person harshly.

**shrew** A scolding nagging bad-tempered woman.  
*Hold your nagging tongue you miserable old **shrew**.*

**termagant** A harsh-tempered or overbearing woman.



### Usage Examples of "Scold" as a noun

- *His mother was the village scold.*
- *The fiscal scolds insist that reform will make everything even worse.*



## Scold as a Verb

### Definitions of "Scold" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "scold" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Censure severely or angrily.*
- *Remonstrate with or rebuke (someone) angrily.*
- *(of a bird) call loudly and persistently.*
- *Show one's unhappiness or critical attitude.*



## **Synonyms of "Scold" as a verb (38 Words)**

<b><u>admonish</u></b>	Admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior. <i>She <b>admonished</b> him to drink no more than one glass of wine.</i>
<b>admonishment</b>	Admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior.
<b>bawl out</b>	Cry loudly.
<b><u>berate</u></b>	Scold or criticize (someone) angrily. <i>She <b>berated</b> herself for being fickle.</i>
<b>call down</b>	Assign a specified (usually proper) proper name to.
<b>call on the carpet</b>	Make a prediction about; tell in advance.
<b>castigate</b>	Inflict severe punishment on. <i>He was <b>castigated</b> for not setting a good example.</i>
<b>censure</b>	Rebuke formally. <i>The company was heavily <b>censured</b> by inspectors from the Department of Trade.</i>
<b><u>chastise</u></b>	Rebuke or reprimand severely. <i>The General cruelly <b>chastised</b> them with a whip.</i>
<b>chew out</b>	Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.
<b>chew up</b>	Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.
<b><u>chide</u></b>	Censure severely or angrily. <i>Now now he <b>chided</b>.</i>
<b>criticize</b>	Find fault with; express criticism of; point out real or perceived flaws. <i>A literary text may be <b>criticized</b> on two grounds the semantic and the expressive.</i>
<b>dress down</b>	Provide with decoration.
<b>give someone a piece of one's mind</b>	Transfer possession of something concrete or abstract to somebody.
<b>go on at</b>	Blend or harmonize.
<b>grouch</b>	Show one's unhappiness or critical attitude. <i>There's not a lot to <b>grouch</b> about.</i>
<b><u>grumble</u></b>	To utter or emit low dull rumbling sounds. <i>I'm getting old she <b>grumbled</b>.</i>
<b>haul over the coals</b>	Draw slowly or heavily.
<b>have words</b>	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.
<b>jaw</b>	Talk incessantly and tiresomely. <i>I was too busy to spend time <b>jawing</b> with the rest of the crew.</i>

<b>lambast</b>	Criticize (someone or something) harshly. <i>They <b>lambasted</b> the report as a gross distortion of the truth.</i>
<b>lambaste</b>	Beat with a cane.
<b>lecture</b>	Give a lecture to a class or other audience. <i>I do not wish to be <b>lectured</b> about smoking.</i>
<b>pull up</b>	Perform an act, usually with a negative connotation.
<b>rag</b>	Apply paint to a surface with a rag. <b>Rag</b> ore.
<b>read someone the riot act</b>	Look at, interpret, and say out loud something that is written or printed.
<b><a href="#">rebuke</a></b>	Censure severely or angrily. <i>The judge publicly <b>rebuked</b> the jury.</i>
<b>remonstrate</b>	Make a forcefully reproachful protest. <i>He turned angrily to <b>remonstrate</b> with Tommy.</i>
<b>remonstrate with</b>	Present and urge reasons in opposition.
<b>reprimand</b>	Address a reprimand to. <i>Officials were <b>reprimanded</b> for poor work.</i>
<b>reproach</b>	Express criticism towards. <i>The president <b>reproached</b> the general for his irresponsible behavior.</i>
<b>reproof</b>	Censure severely or angrily.
<b>reprove</b>	Reprimand (someone). <i>Don't be childish Hilary he <b>reproved</b> mildly.</i>
<b>take to task</b>	Have sex with; archaic use.
<b>trounce</b>	Come out better in a competition, race, or conflict. <i>The children were severely <b>trounced</b>.</i>
<b>upbraid</b>	Find fault with (someone); scold. <i>He was <b>upbraided</b> for his slovenly appearance.</i>
<b>upbraiding</b>	Express criticism towards.

## Usage Examples of "Scold" as a verb

- *The mother scolded the child for entering a stranger's car.*
- *The gulls wheeled and scolded above the lake.*
- *Mum took Anna away, scolding her for her bad behaviour.*
- *He scolded about anything that he thought was wrong.*

## Associations of "Scold" (30 Words)

<b>accusation</b>	An assertion that someone is guilty of a fault or offence. <i>Accusations of bribery.</i>
<b>admonish</b>	Admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior. <i>She <b>admonished</b> him to drink no more than one glass of wine.</i>
<b>angrily</b>	With anger. <i>Workers reacted <b>angrily</b> to the announcement.</i>
<b>berate</b>	Censure severely or angrily. <i>She <b>berated</b> herself for being fickle.</i>
<b>blame</b>	Put or pin the blame on. <i>His players had to take the <b>blame</b> for the defeat.</i>
<b>bluntly</b>	In a blunt direct manner. <i>He spoke <b>bluntly</b>.</i>
<b>castigate</b>	Inflict severe punishment on. <i>He was <b>castigated</b> for not setting a good example.</i>
<b>castigation</b>	A severe scolding.
<b>censure</b>	The state of being excommunicated. <i>Despite episcopal <b>censures</b> the practice continued.</i>
<b>chastise</b>	Censure severely. <i>He <b>chastised</b> his colleagues for their laziness.</i>
<b>chide</b>	Censure severely or angrily. <i>She <b>chided</b> him for not replying to her letters.</i>
<b>distrust</b>	Regard as untrustworthy; regard with suspicion; have no faith or confidence in. <i>The public's <b>distrust</b> of politicians.</i>
<b>gadfly</b>	A person who annoys or criticizes others in order to provoke them into action. <i>Always a <b>gadfly</b> he attacked intellectual orthodoxies.</i>
<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>lambaste</b>	Censure severely or angrily.
<b>nag</b>	A person who nags someone. <i>She <b>nagged</b> to take a vacation.</i>
<b>opprobrium</b>	Public disgrace arising from shameful conduct. <i>The <b>opprobrium</b> of being closely associated with gangsters.</i>



<b>punish</b>	Impose a penalty on inflict punishment on. <i>A rise in prescription charges would <b>punish</b> the poor.</i>
<b><u>rebuke</u></b>	Censure severely or angrily. <i>The judge publicly <b>rebuked</b> the jury.</i>
<b>recrimination</b>	Mutual accusations. <i>There was a period of bitter <b>recrimination</b>.</i>
<b>reprimand</b>	Address a reprimand to. <i>The golfer received a <b>reprimand</b> for a breach of rules.</i>
<b>reproach</b>	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 <b>reproach</b>.</i>
<b>reproof</b>	Take to task. <i>She welcomed him with a mild <b>reproof</b> for leaving her alone.</i>
<b>reprove</b>	Reprimand (someone). <i>He was <b>reproved</b> for obscenity.</i>
<b><u>retort</u></b>	A vessel where substances are distilled or decomposed by heat. <i>The answer they make to us may very easily be <b>retorted</b>.</i>
<b>revile</b>	Criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner. <i>He was now <b>reviled</b> by the party that he had helped to lead.</i>
<b>scolding</b>	An angry rebuke or reprimand. <i>She d get a <b>scolding</b> from Victoria.</i>
<b>upbraid</b>	Express criticism towards. <i>He was <b>upbraided</b> for his slovenly appearance.</i>
<b>verbally</b>	As a verb. <i>He is reported to have agreed <b>verbally</b> to take on the job.</i>
<b>vilify</b>	Speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner. <i>He has been vilified in the press.</i>