

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)

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

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

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

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