

Need another word that means the same as “shame”? Find 69 synonyms and 30 related words for “shame” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shame” are: disgrace, ignominy, pity, humiliation, mortification, chagrin, loss of face, shamefacedness, embarrassment, indignity, abashment, discomfort, discomfiture, discomposure, guilt, remorse, contrition, compunction, dishonour, discredit, degradation, disrepute, infamy, scandal, odium, opprobrium, obloquy, condemnation, contempt, discredit to, disgrace to, stain on, blemish on, blot on, blot on the escutcheon of, slur on, reproach to, bad reflection on, misfortune, crying shame, cause for regret, source of regret, unfortunate thing, attain, dishonor, humiliate, mortify, make someone feel ashamed, embarrass, abash, chasten, humble, put someone in their place, take down a peg or two, cut down to size, show up, outshining, overshadowing, excelling, outstripping, outdistancing, outdoing, transcending, dwarfing, upstaging, shaming**

## Shame as a Noun

### Definitions of "Shame" as a noun

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

- *A state of dishonor.*
- *A painful feeling of humiliation or distress caused by the consciousness of wrong or foolish behaviour.*

- *An unfortunate development.*
- *A regrettable or unfortunate situation or action.*
- *A person, action, or situation that brings a loss of respect or honour.*
- *A painful emotion resulting from an awareness of inadequacy or guilt.*
- *A loss of respect or esteem; dishonour.*



## Synonyms of "Shame" as a noun (43 Words)

<b>abashment</b>	Feeling embarrassed due to modesty.
<b>bad reflection on</b>	That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.
<b>blemish on</b>	A mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something (especially on a person's body).
<b>blot on</b>	A blemish made by dirt.
<b>blot on the escutcheon of</b>	An act that brings discredit to the person who does it.
<b>cause for regret</b>	A comprehensive term for any proceeding in a court of law whereby an individual seeks a legal remedy.
<b><a href="#">chagrin</a></b>	Annoyance or distress at having failed or been humiliated. <i>To my <b>chagrin</b> he was nowhere to be seen.</i>
<b>compunction</b>	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed). <i>They used their tanks without <b>compunction</b>.</i>

<b>condemnation</b>	A final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed. <i>His uncompromising <b>condemnation</b> of racism.</i>
<b><u>contempt</u></b>	A manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous. <i>Pam stared at the girl with total <b>contempt</b>.</i>
<b>contrition</b>	(in the Roman Catholic Church) the repentance of past sins during or after confession. <i>Prayers of <b>contrition</b>.</i>
<b>crying shame</b>	The process of shedding tears (usually accompanied by sobs or other inarticulate sounds).
<b><u>degradation</u></b>	The condition or process of degrading or being degraded. <i>A trail of human misery and <b>degradation</b>.</i>
<b>discomfiture</b>	A feeling of unease or embarrassment; awkwardness. <i>Many MPs are secretly enjoying his <b>discomfiture</b>.</i>
<b><u>discomfort</u></b>	The state of being tense and feeling pain. <i>The patient complained of <b>discomfort</b> in the left calf.</i>
<b>discomposure</b>	The state or feeling of being disturbed or agitated; agitation. <i>She laughed to mask her <b>discomposure</b>.</i>
<b><u>discredit</u></b>	A person or thing that is a source of disgrace. <i>The ships were a <b>discredit</b> to the country.</i>
<b>discredit to</b>	The state of being held in low esteem.
<b>disgrace</b>	Loss of reputation or respect as the result of a dishonourable action. <i>He left the army in <b>disgrace</b>.</i>
<b>disgrace to</b>	A state of dishonor.
<b>dishonour</b>	Lacking honor or integrity. <i>They have brought <b>dishonour</b> upon our family.</i>
<b><u>disrepute</u></b>	The state of being held in low esteem. <i>One of the top clubs in the country is bringing the game into <b>disrepute</b>.</i>
<b>embarrassment</b>	A person or thing causing feelings of embarrassment. <i>He was an <b>embarrassment</b> who was safely left ignored.</i>
<b>guilt</b>	Remorse caused by feeling responsible for some offense. <i>It is the duty of the prosecution to prove the prisoner s <b>guilt</b>.</i>
<b><u>humiliation</u></b>	An instance in which you are caused to lose your prestige or self-respect. <i>He fought back tears of <b>humiliation</b>.</i>

<b>ignominy</b>	A state of dishonor. <i>The <b>ignominy</b> of being imprisoned.</i>
<b>indignity</b>	An affront to one's dignity or self-esteem. <i>The <b>indignity</b> of needing financial help.</i>
<b>infamy</b>	A state of extreme dishonor. <i>A day that will live in <b>infamy</b>.</i>
<b>loss of face</b>	The disadvantage that results from losing something.
<b><u>misfortune</u></b>	Bad luck. <i>Never laugh at other people's <b>misfortunes</b>.</i>
<b>mortification</b>	The action of subduing one's bodily desires. <i>They mistook my <b>mortification</b> for an admission of guilt.</i>
<b>obloquy</b>	State of disgrace resulting from public abuse. <i>Conduct to which no more <b>obloquy</b> could reasonably attach.</i>
<b>odium</b>	General or widespread hatred or disgust incurred by someone as a result of their actions. <i>He incurred widespread <b>odium</b> for military failures and government corruption.</i>
<b>opprobrium</b>	A state of extreme dishonor- F.D.Roosevelt. <i>The critical <b>opprobrium</b> generated by his films.</i>
<b><u>pity</u></b>	The feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others. <i>The blind are too often objects of <b>pity</b>.</i>
<b><u>remorse</u></b>	Deep regret or guilt for a wrong committed. <i>They were filled with <b>remorse</b> and shame.</i>
<b>reproach to</b>	A mild rebuke or criticism.
<b>scandal</b>	Rumour or malicious gossip about scandalous events or actions. <i>A bribery <b>scandal</b> involving one of his key supporters.</i>
<b>shamefacedness</b>	Feeling embarrassed about yourself.
<b>slur on</b>	A curved line spanning notes that are to be played legato.
<b>source of regret</b>	A document (or organization) from which information is obtained.
<b>stain on</b>	A dye or other coloring material that is used in microscopy to make structures visible.
<b>unfortunate thing</b>	A person who suffers misfortune.



## Usage Examples of "Shame" as a noun

- *One mistake brought shame to all his family.*
- *She was hot with shame.*
- *What a shame Ellie won't be here.*
- *He felt a pang of shame at telling Alice a lie.*
- *It is a shame that they are not better known.*
- *Ignorance of Latin would be a disgrace and a shame to any public man.*
- *The incident had brought shame on his family.*



## Shame as a Verb

### Definitions of "Shame" as a verb

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

- *Compel through a sense of shame.*
- *Bring shame or dishonor upon.*
- *Surpass or beat by a wide margin.*
- *Cause (someone) to feel inadequate by outdoing or surpassing them.*
- *Make (someone) feel ashamed.*
- *Cause to be ashamed.*
- *Bring shame to.*



## Synonyms of "Shame" as a verb (26 Words)

<b>abash</b>	Make (someone) feel embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed. <i>If anything was officially done or said to him it did not <b>abash</b> him.</i>
<b>attaint</b>	Subject (someone) to attainder. <i>Even to have kicked an outsider might have been held to <b>attaint</b> the foot.</i>
<b><a href="#">chagrin</a></b>	Feel distressed or humiliated. <i>He was <b>chagrined</b> when his friend poured scorn on him.</i>
<b>chasten</b>	Restrain. <i>The director was somewhat <b>chastened</b> by his recent flops.</i>
<b>cut down to size</b>	Make an incision or separation.
<b>disgrace</b>	Bring shame or discredit on. <i>He has been publicly <b>disgraced</b> for offences for which he was not guilty.</i>
<b>dishonor</b>	Bring shame or dishonor upon. <i>He <b>dishonored</b> his family by committing a serious crime.</i>
<b>dishonour</b>	Bring shame or dishonor upon. <i>Payment was by a cheque which was later <b>dishonoured</b>.</i>
<b>dwarfing</b>	Check the growth of.
<b>embarrass</b>	Cause to be embarrassed cause to feel self conscious. <i>He would be <b>embarrassed</b> by estate duty.</i>
<b><a href="#">excelling</a></b>	Distinguish oneself.
<b>humble</b>	Cause (someone) to feel less important or proud. <i>Wales were <b>humbled</b> at Cardiff Arms Park by Romania.</i>
<b><a href="#">humiliate</a></b>	Make (someone) feel ashamed and foolish by injuring their dignity and pride. <i>He <b>humiliated</b> his colleague by criticising him in front of the boss.</i>
<b>make someone feel ashamed</b>	Make by combining materials and parts.
<b>mortify</b>	Cause (someone) to feel very embarrassed or ashamed. <i>They wish to return to heaven by <b>mortifying</b> the flesh.</i>
<b>outdistancing</b>	Go far ahead of.
<b>outdoing</b>	Get the better of.



<b>outshining</b>	Attract more attention and praise than others.
<b>outripping</b>	Go far ahead of.
<b>overshadowing</b>	Make appear small by comparison.
<b>put someone in their place</b>	Adapt.
<b>shaming</b>	Cause to be ashamed.
<b>show up</b>	Make visible or noticeable.
<b>take down a peg or two</b>	Accept or undergo, often unwillingly.
<b>transcending</b>	Be greater in scope or size than some standard.
<b>upstaging</b>	Steal the show, draw attention to oneself away from someone else.



## Usage Examples of "Shame" as a verb

- *She shames me with her eighty-year-old energy.*
- *She shamed him into making amends.*
- *Legal action must be taken and companies named and shamed.*
- *I tried to shame him into giving some away.*
- *The entire debacle has shamed Scotland.*



## Associations of "Shame" (30 Words)

### ashamed

Feeling shame or guilt or embarrassment or remorse.  
*Felt **ashamed** of my torn coat.*

### awkward

Causing inconvenience.  
*I felt **awkward** standing in front of the whole class.*

### belittle

Express a negative opinion of.  
*Don't **belittle** your colleagues.*

<b>blush</b>	A pink or pale red tinge. <i>Kate felt herself <b>blushing</b> scarlet.</i>
<b>chagrin</b>	Cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of. <i>He was <b>chagrined</b> when his friend poured scorn on him.</i>
<b>compromising</b>	Making or willing to make concessions. <i>Loneliness tore through him whenever he thought of even the <b>compromising</b> Louis du Tillet.</i>
<b>criticism</b>	The analysis and judgement of the merits and faults of a literary or artistic work. <i>He received a lot of <b>criticism</b>.</i>
<b>degradation</b>	A low or downcast state- H.L.Menchken. <i>A trail of human misery and <b>degradation</b>.</i>
<b>degrade</b>	Reduce the level of land, as by erosion. <i>She thought that many supposedly erotic pictures <b>degraded</b> women.</i>
<b>demean</b>	Do something that is beneath one's dignity. <i>I had <b>demeaned</b> the profession.</i>
<b>disgrace</b>	A person or thing regarded as shameful and unacceptable. <i>He left the army in <b>disgrace</b>.</i>
<b>disgraceful</b>	(used of conduct or character) deserving or bringing disgrace or shame. <i>A <b>disgraceful</b> waste of money.</i>
<b>dishonor</b>	Bring shame or dishonor upon. <i>He was resigned to a life of <b>dishonor</b>.</i>
<b>disparage</b>	Express a negative opinion of. <i>She <b>disparaged</b> her student s efforts.</i>
<b>disrepute</b>	The state of being held in low esteem by the public. <i>One of the top clubs in the country is bringing the game into <b>disrepute</b>.</i>
<b>embarrassing</b>	Hard to deal with; especially causing pain or embarrassment. <i>The <b>embarrassing</b> moment when she found her petticoat down around her ankles.</i>
<b>embarrassment</b>	A person or thing causing feelings of embarrassment. <i>He is currently suffering financial <b>embarrassments</b>.</i>
<b>flush</b>	Denoting a type of toilet that has a flushing device. <i>She <b>flushed</b> the loo.</i>
<b>guilt</b>	Make someone feel guilty especially in order to induce them to do something. <i>It is the duty of the prosecution to prove the prisoner s <b>guilt</b>.</i>

<b>hangdog</b>	Having a dejected or guilty appearance; shamefaced. <i>The <b>hangdog</b> and shamefaced air of the retreating enemy.</i>
<b><u>humiliate</u></b>	Cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of. <i>You ll <b>humiliate</b> me in front of the whole school.</i>
<b><u>humiliating</u></b>	Making someone feel ashamed and foolish by injuring their dignity and pride. <i>A <b>humiliating</b> defeat.</i>
<b><u>humiliation</u></b>	Strong feelings of embarrassment. <i>He fought back tears of <b>humiliation</b>.</i>
<b>ignominious</b>	Deserving or causing public disgrace or shame. <i>An <b>ignominious</b> retreat.</i>
<b>ignominy</b>	Public shame or disgrace. <i>The <b>ignominy</b> of being imprisoned.</i>
<b>impenitent</b>	Not penitent or remorseful. <i><b>Impenitent</b> elitists.</i>
<b>infamy</b>	A state of extreme dishonor- F.D.Roosevelt. <i>A date which will live in <b>infamy</b>.</i>
<b>mortify</b>	Cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of. <i><b>Mortify</b> the flesh.</i>
<b><u>sin</u></b>	Commit a sin. <i>I <b>sinned</b> and brought shame down on us.</i>
<b>stultify</b>	Deprive of strength or efficiency; make useless or worthless. <i>Nobody is legally allowed to <b>stultify</b> himself.</i>

