

Need another word that means the same as “shun”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “shun” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shun” are: eschew, ban, banish, blackball, cast out, ostracise, ostracize, avoid, evade, steer clear of, shy away from, fight shy of, recoil from, keep away from, keep one's distance from, give a wide berth to, have nothing to do with, leave alone, not touch**

## Shun as a Verb

### Definitions of "Shun" as a verb

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

- *Expel from a community or group.*
- *Avoid and stay away from deliberately; stay clear of.*
- *Persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution.*

### Synonyms of "Shun" as a verb (19 Words)

**avoid**

Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening.  
*Gerard **avoided** meeting his eye.*

[\*\*ban\*\*](#)

Ban from a place of residence as for punishment.  
*Parking is **banned** around the harbour in summer.*

**banish**

Expel, as if by official decree.  
*A number of people were **banished** to Siberia for political crimes.*

<b>blackball</b>	Reject (a candidate applying to become a member of a private club), typically by means of a secret ballot. <i>Her husband was <b>blackballed</b> when he tried to join the Country Club.</i>
<b>cast out</b>	Put or send forth.
<b>eschew</b>	Avoid and stay away from deliberately; stay clear of. <i>He appealed to the crowd to <b>eschew</b> violence.</i>
<b><u>evade</u></b>	Avoid giving a direct answer to (a question). <i>Suppliers can <b>evade</b> or manipulate regulations.</i>
<b>fight shy of</b>	Exert oneself continuously, vigorously, or obtrusively to gain an end or engage in a crusade for a certain cause or person; be an advocate for.
<b>give a wide berth to</b>	Inflict as a punishment.
<b>have nothing to do with</b>	Organize or be responsible for.
<b>keep away from</b>	Maintain for use and service.
<b>keep one's distance from</b>	Retain possession of.
<b>leave alone</b>	Move out of or depart from.
<b>not touch</b>	Consume.
<b>ostracise</b>	Expel from a community or group. (in ancient Greece) banish (an unpopular or overly powerful citizen) from a city for five or ten years by popular vote. <i>Themistocles was indeed out of favour at Athens by the end of the 470s when he was <b>ostracized</b>.</i>
<b><u>ostracize</u></b>	
<b>recoil from</b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain.
<b>shy away from</b>	Start suddenly, as from fright.
<b>steer clear of</b>	Direct (oneself) somewhere.

## Usage Examples of "Shun" as a verb

- *He shunned fashionable society.*

## Associations of "Shun" (30 Words)

**apophasis**     Mentioning something by saying it will not be mentioned.

<b><u>avert</u></b>	Turn away (one's eyes or thoughts). <i>She <b>averted</b> her eyes while we made stilted conversation.</i>
<b>avoid</b>	Not go to or through (a place). <i>If the original owner had <b>avoided</b> his contract with the rogue ownership of the goods would have reverted to him.</i>
<b><u>bypass</u></b>	An alternative channel created during a bypass operation. <i>The town has been <b>bypassed</b>.</i>
<b>circumvent</b>	Deceive; outwit. <i>It was always possible to <b>circumvent</b> the regulations.</i>
<b><u>deflect</u></b>	Cause (someone) to deviate from an intended purpose. <i>The compass needle is <b>deflected</b> from magnetic north by metal in the aircraft.</i>
<b>derail</b>	Cause (a train or tram) to leave its tracks accidentally. <i>The trams had a tendency to <b>derail</b> on sharp corners.</i>
<b><u>detour</u></b>	Avoid by taking a detour. <i>I would <b>detour</b> the endless stream of motor homes.</i>
<b><u>dodge</u></b>	A sudden quick movement to avoid someone or something. <i>Marchers had to <b>dodge</b> missiles thrown by loyalists.</i>
<b>elude</b>	Avoid compliance with (a law or penalty). <i>The thief <b>eluded</b> the police.</i>
<b>escape</b>	Interrupt an operation by means of the escape key. <i>Two burglars have just <b>escaped</b> from prison.</i>
<b>eschew</b>	Avoid and stay away from deliberately; stay clear of. <i>He appealed to the crowd to <b>eschew</b> violence.</i>
<b><u>evade</u></b>	(of an abstract thing) elude (someone). <i>This man always hesitates and <b>evades</b>.</i>
<b>evasion</b>	The act of physically escaping from something (an opponent or a pursuer or an unpleasant situation) by some adroit maneuver. <i>His <b>evasion</b> of all his creditors.</i>
<b><u>flee</u></b>	Run away from a place or situation of danger. <i>He was forced to <b>flee</b> the country.</i>
<b>forfend</b>	Protect (something) by precautionary measures. <i>The fiend <b>forfend</b> said the grim Earl.</i>
<b>hint</b>	Drop a hint intimate by a hint. <i>He has given no <b>hint</b> of his views.</i>
<b>horrified</b>	Filled with horror; extremely shocked. <i>The <b>horrified</b> spectators.</i>

<b>migrant</b>	Habitually moving from place to place especially in search of seasonal work. <i>Appalled by the social conditions of <b>migrant</b> life.</i>
<b>obviate</b>	Do away with. <i>The presence of roller blinds <b>obviated</b> the need for curtains.</i>
<b>oncoming</b>	The beginning or early stages. <i>The <b>oncoming</b> of age.</i>
<b><u>ostracize</u></b>	Expel from a community or group. <i>She was declared a witch and <b>ostracized</b> by the villagers.</i>
<b>outrun</b>	Go beyond or exceed. <i>Their one chance was to <b>outrun</b> their pursuers.</i>
<b>parry</b>	An act of parrying something. <i>The swords clashed in a <b>parry</b>.</i>
<b>refugee</b>	An exile who flees for safety. <i>A <b>refugee</b> camp.</i>
<b>shambles</b>	A state of total disorder. <i>The <b>shambles</b> where the animals were slaughtered.</i>
<b>sidestep</b>	Climb or descend by lifting alternate skis while facing sideways on the slope. <i>He neatly <b>sidestepped</b> the questions about riots.</i>
<b>undiagnosed</b>	Eluding diagnosis. <i>Some patients have diseases that go <b>undiagnosed</b> and therefore untreated.</i>
<b><u>veer</u></b>	Turn sharply; change direction abruptly. <i>The motorbike <b>veered</b> to the right.</i>
<b>volley</b>	Make a volley. <i>He unleashed a <b>volley</b> of angry questions.</i>