

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.*

blackball	Reject (a candidate applying to become a member of a private club), typically by means of a secret ballot. <i>Her husband was blackballed when he tried to join the Country Club.</i>
cast out	Put or send forth.
eschew	Avoid and stay away from deliberately; stay clear of. <i>He appealed to the crowd to eschew violence.</i>
<u>evade</u>	Avoid giving a direct answer to (a question). <i>Suppliers can evade or manipulate regulations.</i>
fight shy of	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.
give a wide berth to	Inflict as a punishment.
have nothing to do with	Organize or be responsible for.
keep away from	Maintain for use and service.
keep one's distance from	Retain possession of.
leave alone	Move out of or depart from.
not touch	Consume.
ostracise	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 ostracized.</i>
<u>ostracize</u>	
recoil from	Draw back, as with fear or pain.
shy away from	Start suddenly, as from fright.
steer clear of	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.

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

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