

Need another word that means the same as “taboo”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “taboo” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Taboo” are: tabu, prohibition, proscription, veto, interdiction, interdict, ban, restriction, boycott, anathema, forbidden, out, prohibited, proscribed, verboten, banned, outlawed, illegal, illicit, unlawful, impermissible, not acceptable, restricted, off limits, out of bounds

Taboo as a Noun

Definitions of "Taboo" as a noun

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

- *A practice that is prohibited or restricted by social or religious custom.*
- *A social or religious custom prohibiting or restricting a particular practice or forbidding association with a particular person, place, or thing.*
- *An inhibition or ban resulting from social custom or emotional aversion.*
- *A prejudice (especially in Polynesia and other South Pacific islands) that prohibits the use or mention of something because of its sacred nature.*



Synonyms of "Taboo" as a noun (10 Words)

<u>anathema</u>	Something or someone that one vehemently dislikes. <i>Racial hatred was anathema to her.</i>
<u>ban</u>	100 bani equal 1 leu in Moldova. <i>The land might be smitten by the ban which once fell upon the Canaanites.</i>
<u>boycott</u>	A group's refusal to have commercial dealings with some organization in protest against its policies. <i>A boycott of the negotiations.</i>
interdict	A court order forbidding an act; a negative injunction. <i>A papal interdict.</i>
interdiction	The action of prohibiting or forbidding something. <i>The interdiction of arms shipments.</i>

prohibition	Refusal to approve or assent to. <i>They argue that prohibition of drugs will always fail.</i>
proscription	A decree that prohibits something. <i>He plays a the priest whose moral proscriptions lead only to catastrophe.</i>
restriction	The act of keeping something within specified bounds (by force if necessary). <i>The restriction of the infection to a focal area.</i>
tabu	An inhibition or ban resulting from social custom or emotional aversion.
veto	A rejection by right of veto. <i>His veto on our drinking after the meal was annoying.</i>



Usage Examples of "Taboo" as a noun

- *The use of violence must remain a taboo in our society.*
- *Speaking about sex is a taboo in his country.*
- *Many taboos have developed around physical exposure.*
- *Freud applies his notion of taboo in three ways.*



Taboo as an Adjective

Definitions of "Taboo" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "taboo" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Excluded from use or mention.*
- *Prohibited or restricted by social custom.*
- *Forbidden to profane use especially in South Pacific islands.*
- *Designated as sacred and prohibited.*



Synonyms of "Taboo" as an adjective (16 Words)

banned	Forbidden by law.
<u>forbidden</u>	Excluded from use or mention. <i>A list of forbidden books.</i>
illegal	Contrary to or forbidden by law, especially criminal law. <i>Illegal drugs.</i>
illicit	Contrary to accepted morality (especially sexual morality) or convention. <i>Illicit drugs.</i>
impermissible	Not permitted. <i>Impermissible behavior.</i>
not acceptable	Judged to be in conformity with approved usage.
off limits	In an unpalatable state.
out	Outside or external. <i>He was tagged out at second on a close play.</i>
out of bounds	Not worth considering as a possibility.

outlawed	Made illegal; banned. <i>An outlawed extremist group.</i>
prohibited	Forbidden by law. <i>They had deliberately fed prohibited material to their herd.</i>
proscribed	Excluded from use or mention.
restricted	Restricted in meaning as e g man in a tall man. <i>Western scientists had only restricted access to the site.</i>
tabu	Excluded from use or mention.
unlawful	Not conforming to legality, moral law, or social convention. <i>They claimed the ban was unlawful.</i>
verboden	Excluded from use or mention. <i>Bank fishing is verboden on Strathbeg.</i>



Usage Examples of "Taboo" as an adjective

- *A taboo subject.*
- *The burial ground was seen as a taboo place.*
- *Sex was a taboo subject.*



Associations of "Taboo" (30 Words)

abstinent	Refraining from an activity or from the consumption of something, especially alcohol. <i>Not totally abstinent but abstemious.</i>
ban	Ban from a place of residence as for punishment. <i>A three year driving ban.</i>
banned	Forbidden by law.
contraband	Relating to traffic in illegal goods. <i>Customs men had searched the carriages for contraband.</i>
defiance	A hostile challenge. <i>The demonstration was held in defiance of official warnings.</i>
disallow	Command against. <i>He was offside and the goal was disallowed.</i>
discouraged	Having lost confidence or enthusiasm; disheartened. <i>He must be feeling pretty discouraged.</i>
forbid	Refuse entry to a place or area. <i>My sense of tact forbids an honest answer.</i>
forbidden	Not allowed; banned. <i>A list of forbidden books.</i>
illegalize	Declare illegal; outlaw.
impermissible	Not permitted. <i>Their refusal to discuss the issue is impermissible.</i>
importation	The bringing of goods or services into a country from abroad for sale. <i>His avid importation of ideas from European and Asian thinkers.</i>
inadmissible	(especially of evidence in court) not accepted as valid. <i>He held that such evidence was inadmissible.</i>
inhibition	The action of inhibiting a process. <i>A medical inhibition of alcoholic beverages.</i>
insufferable	Too extreme to bear; intolerable. <i>The heat would be insufferable by July.</i>
interdict	An ecclesiastical censure by the Roman Catholic Church withdrawing certain sacraments and Christian burial from a person or all persons in a particular district. <i>Society will never interdict sex.</i>
interdiction	The action of prohibiting or forbidding something. <i>The interdiction of arms shipments.</i>

intolerable	Incapable of being tolerated or endured. <i>The intolerable pressures of his work.</i>
outright	Without reservation or exception. <i>The outright abolition of the death penalty.</i>
pessimistic	Tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen. <i>He was pessimistic about the prospects.</i>
prohibit	Formally forbid someone from doing something. <i>He is prohibited from becoming a director.</i>
prohibition	A decree that prohibits something. <i>In 1920 the 18th amendment to the Constitution established prohibition in the US.</i>
prohibitionist	A reformer who opposes the use of intoxicating beverages.
prohibitory	Tending to discourage (especially of prices).
proscribe	Forbid, especially by law. <i>Certain customary practices which the Catholic Church proscribed such as polygyny.</i>
proscription	The action of forbidding something; banning. <i>He plays a the priest whose moral proscriptions lead only to catastrophe.</i>
unauthorized	Not having official permission or approval. <i>An unauthorized strike.</i>
unbearable	Not able to be endured or tolerated. <i>The heat was getting unbearable.</i>
unendurable	Not able to be tolerated or endured. <i>Cries of unendurable suffering.</i>
unsupportable	Not able to be supported or defended.

