

Need another word that means the same as “tyrant”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “tyrant” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Tyrant” are: autocrat, despot, dictator, absolute ruler, authoritarian, oppressor, slave driver, martinet, scourge**

## Tyrant as a Noun

### Definitions of "Tyrant" as a noun

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

- *A cruel and oppressive dictator.*
- *A tyrant flycatcher.*
- *A cruel and oppressive ruler.*
- *Any person who exercises power in a cruel way.*
- *(especially in ancient Greece) a ruler who seized absolute power without legal right.*
- *A person exercising power or control in a cruel, unreasonable, or arbitrary way.*
- *In ancient Greece, a ruler who had seized power without legal right to it.*



### Synonyms of "Tyrant" as a noun (9 Words)

- absolute ruler** Something that is conceived or that exists independently and not in relation to other things; something that does not depend on anything else and is beyond human control; something that is not relative.
- authoritarian** An authoritarian person.
- autocrat** An imperious person who insists on complete obedience from others.  
*Eva was an **autocrat** people didn't argue unless they had a lot of courage.*
- despot** A ruler or other person who holds absolute power, typically one who exercises it in a cruel or oppressive way.
- dictator** A speaker who dictates to a secretary or a recording machine.  
*My boss is a **dictator** who makes everyone work overtime.*
- martinet** A person who demands complete obedience; a strict disciplinarian.  
*A **martinet** of a staff officer.*
- oppressor** A person or group that oppresses people.  
*They overthrew their colonial **oppressors**.*

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| <b>scourge</b>      | A whip used as an instrument of punishment.<br><i>The <b>scourge</b> of mass unemployment.</i> |
| <b>slave driver</b> | Someone entirely dominated by some influence or person.  |



## Usage Examples of "Tyrant" as a noun

- *His father was a tyrant.*
- *Her father was a tyrant and a bully.*
- *The tyrant was deposed by popular demonstrations.*



## Associations of "Tyrant" (30 Words)

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| <b>autocrat</b>     | A ruler who has absolute power.<br><i>Like many <b>autocrats</b> Franco found the exercise of absolute power addictive.</i>                             |
| <b>autocratic</b>   | Offensively self-assured or given to exercising usually unwarranted power.<br><i>A man with a reputation for an <b>autocratic</b> management style.</i> |
| <b>bloodthirsty</b> | (of a story or film) containing or depicting much violence.<br><i>A <b>bloodthirsty</b> occult movie.</i>   |
| <b>captor</b>       | A person that catches or confines another.<br><i>He managed to escape from his <b>captors</b> two nights later.</i>                                     |
| <b>conqueror</b>    | Someone who is victorious by force of arms.<br><i>A people ruled over by a foreign <b>conqueror</b>.</i>  |
| <b>cruelty</b>      | A cruel act; a deliberate infliction of pain and suffering.<br><i>He has treated her with extreme <b>cruelty</b>.</i>                                   |
| <b>despot</b>       | A ruler or other person who holds absolute power, typically one who exercises it in a cruel or oppressive way.  |

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| <b>despotism</b>         | Dominance through threat of punishment and violence.<br><i>Some nations are democracies others are <b>despotisms</b>.</i>   |
| <b>dictator</b>          | A ruler who is unconstrained by law.<br><i>My boss is a <b>dictator</b> who makes everyone work overtime.</i>   |
| <b>dictatorship</b>      | Absolute authority in any sphere.<br><i>The effects of forty years of <b>dictatorship</b>.</i>  |
| <b>dominate</b>          | Have power and influence over.<br><i>A picturesque city <b>dominated</b> by the cathedral tower.</i>  |
| <b>fascism</b>           | A political theory advocating an authoritarian hierarchical government (as opposed to democracy or liberalism).<br><i>This is yet another example of health <b>fascism</b> in action.</i> |
| <b>fascist</b>           | An advocate or follower of the political philosophy or system of fascism.<br><i><b>Fascist</b> propaganda.</i>  |
| <b>governor</b>          | A device automatically regulating the supply of fuel, steam, or water to a machine, ensuring uniform motion or limiting speed.<br><i>The <b>governor</b> of the Bank of England.</i>      |
| <b><u>invincible</u></b> | Incapable of being overcome or subdued.<br><i>An <b>invincible</b> warrior.</i>   |
| <b>monocracy</b>         | A system of government by one person only.  |
| <b><u>monopolize</u></b> | Have or take the greatest share of.<br><i>Sophie <b>monopolized</b> the guest of honour for most of the evening.</i>  |
| <b><u>oppression</u></b> | Mental pressure or distress.<br><i>A response to collective poverty and <b>oppression</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>oppressor</u></b>  | A person of authority who subjects others to undue pressures.<br><i>They overthrew their colonial <b>oppressors</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>regime</u></b>     | A coordinated programme for the promotion or restoration of health a regimen.<br><i>A tax <b>regime</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>ruler</u></b>      | A straight strip or cylinder of plastic, wood, metal, or other rigid material, typically marked at regular intervals and used to draw straight lines or measure distances.                |
| <b>ruthlessness</b>      | The quality of lacking pity or compassion for others.<br><i>The real world <b>ruthlessness</b> of business.</i>   |
| <b>satrap</b>            | A provincial governor in the ancient Persian empire.  |
| <b><u>suppress</u></b>   | Come down on or keep down by unjust use of one's authority.<br><i>The rising was savagely <b>suppressed</b>.</i>  |

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| <b>tenure</b>                  | Guaranteed permanent employment especially as a teacher or lecturer after a probationary period security of tenure.<br><i><b>Tenure</b> for university staff has been abolished.</i>                      |
| <b>totalitarianism</b>         | A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.<br><i>Democratic countries were fighting against <b>totalitarianism</b>.</i> |
| <b>trespass</b>                | A wrongful interference with the possession of property (personal property as well as realty), or the action instituted to recover damages.<br><i>A man who had <b>trespassed</b> against Judaic law.</i> |
| <a href="#"><u>tyranny</u></a> | A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.<br><i>The <b>tyranny</b> of the nine to five day.</i>                        |
| <b>vicero</b>                  | Showy American butterfly resembling the monarch but smaller.  |
| <b>victor</b>                  | A person who defeats an enemy or opponent in a battle, game, or other competition.<br><i>There were many dead on the field but no clear <b>victor</b>.</i>  |

