

Need another word that means the same as “vindictive”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “vindictive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Vindictive” are: revengeful, vengeful, spiteful, out for revenge, unforgiving, resentful, implacable, unrelenting, acrimonious, bitter

Vindictive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Vindictive" as an adjective

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

- *Showing malicious ill will and a desire to hurt; motivated by spite.*
- *Having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge.*
- *Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge- Shakespeare- M.R.Cohen.*
- *Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge.*



Synonyms of "Vindictive" as an adjective (11 Words)

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| acrimonious | (typically of speech or discussion) angry and bitter. <i>An acrimonious dispute about wages.</i> |
| <u>bitter</u> | Causing a sharp and acrid taste experience. <i>Bitter about the divorce.</i> |
| despiteful | Malicious. <i>A despiteful fiend.</i> |
| implacable | Unable to be appeased or placated. <i>An implacable enemy.</i> |
| out for revenge | Directed outward or serving to direct something outward. |
| <u>resentful</u> | Full of or marked by resentment or indignant ill will. <i>A sullen resentful attitude.</i> |
| revengeful | Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge. <i>The average Briton is not naturally vindictive and revengeful.</i> |
| spiteful | Showing or caused by malice. <i>The teachers made spiteful little jokes about me.</i> |
| <u>unforgiving</u> | Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i>He was always a proud and unforgiving man.</i> |
| <u>unrelenting</u> | Not giving way to kindness or compassion. <i>The heat was unrelenting.</i> |

vengeful Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge.
A **vengeful** *ex con.*

Usage Examples of "Vindictive" as an adjective

- *More vindictive than jealous love.*
- *The criticism was both vindictive and personalized.*
- *A vindictive man will look for occasions for resentment.*
- *Punishments...essentially vindictive in their nature.*

Associations of "Vindictive" (30 Words)

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| adversary | One's opponent in a contest, conflict, or dispute. <i>The confrontations of adversary politics.</i> |
| aggressor | A person or country that attacks another first. |
| avenge | Take revenge for a perceived wrong. <i>He vowed in silent fervour to avenge their murders.</i> |
| enemy | A personal enemy. <i>The enemy attacked at dawn.</i> |
| faction | Dissenting (especially dissenting with the majority opinion). <i>A faction country.</i> |
| foe | An armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force). <i>His work was praised by friends and foes alike.</i> |
| futilely | In a futile and unproductive manner. |
| gloat | An act of gloating. <i>I would join her for a good gloat.</i> |
| harassment | Aggressive pressure or intimidation. <i>They face daily harassment and assault on the streets.</i> |
| killing | Exhausting or unbearable. <i>The community was shocked by the brutal killings.</i> |
| objector | A person who expresses opposition to or disagreement with something. <i>Objectors claim the motorway will damage the environment.</i> |
| opponent | A person who disagrees with or resists a proposal or practice. <i>The news will delight opponents of GM foods.</i> |
| opposed | Being in opposition or having an opponent. <i>Parties opposed to the ruling party.</i> |
| rancor | A feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will. |

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| reprisal | A retaliatory action against an enemy in wartime. <i>Three youths died in the reprisals which followed.</i> |
| requital | A justly deserved penalty. |
| retaliate | Make an attack in return for a similar attack. <i>The blow stung and she retaliated immediately.</i> |
| <u>retaliation</u> | Action taken in return for an injury or offense. <i>The bombings are believed to be in retaliation for the trial of 15 suspects.</i> |
| retribution | A justly deserved penalty. <i>Divine retribution.</i> |
| revenge | Take revenge for a perceived wrong. <i>Other spurned wives have taken public revenge on their husbands.</i> |
| revengeful | Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge- Shakespeare- M.R.Cohen. <i>The average Briton is not naturally vindictive and revengeful.</i> |
| <u>spite</u> | Malevolence by virtue of being malicious or spiteful or nasty. <i>It seemed as if the wind had a spite at her.</i> |
| spurn | An act of spurning. <i>It is a spurn of God s sovereignty and a slight of his goodness.</i> |
| stern | Of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor forbidding in aspect. <i>The stern demands of parenthood.</i> |
| swear | An offensive word used especially to express anger a swear word. <i>Griffin made contact with the coach which led to him yelling a swear back in his direction.</i> |
| <u>unforgiving</u> | Not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty. <i>A surly unforgiving old woman.</i> |
| vendetta | A feud in which members of the opposing parties murder each other. <i>He has accused the British media of pursuing a vendetta against him.</i> |
| <u>vengeance</u> | Punishment inflicted or retribution exacted for an injury or wrong. <i>Voters are ready to wreak vengeance on all politicians.</i> |
| <u>vengeful</u> | Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge- Shakespeare- M.R.Cohen. <i>A vengeful ex con.</i> |
| wreak | Inflict (vengeance). <i>Torrential rainstorms wreaked havoc yesterday.</i> |