

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)

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

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)

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.

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>
retaliation	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>
spite	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>
unforgiving	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>
vengeance	Punishment inflicted or retribution exacted for an injury or wrong. <i>Voters are ready to wreak vengeance on all politicians.</i>
vengeful	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>