

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)

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

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