

Need another word that means the same as “act”? Find 137 synonyms and 30 related words for “act” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Act” are: act as, play, dissemble, pretend, move, playact, roleplay, work, behave, do, represent, take action, take steps, take measures, take the initiative, make a move, react, do something, proceed, go ahead, function, perform, affect, have an effect on, influence, exert influence on, work on, have an impact on, impact on, alter, change, modify, transform, condition, control, play a part, take part, be an actor, be an actress, be one of the cast, appear, sham, fake, feign, put it on, bluff, pose, posture, masquerade, dissimulate, deed, human action, human activity, enactment, bit, number, routine, turn, action, gesture, feat, exploit, performance, undertaking, manoeuvre, stunt, operation, venture, effort, enterprise, achievement, accomplishment, pretence, false display, show, front, facade, charade, guise, affectation, appearance, comedy sketch, piece, item, law, decree, statute, bill, act of parliament, edict, fiat, dictum, dictate, resolution, ruling, rule, judgement, canon, ordinance, proclamation, command, commandment, mandate, measure, stipulation, direction, requirement, account, accounts, document, documents, documentation, data, file, files, dossier, dossiers, information, evidence, report, reports, division, section, subsection, portion, part, segment, component, sketch, skit, playlet, dance, song**

## **Act as a Noun**

## Definitions of "Act" as a noun

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

- *A legal document codifying the result of deliberations of a committee or society or legislative body.*
- *A performing group.*
- *A manifestation of insincerity.*
- *A main division of a play, ballet, or opera.*
- *A short theatrical performance that is part of a longer program.*
- *A pretence.*
- *A document attesting a legal transaction.*
- *A written law passed by Parliament, Congress, etc.*
- *The recorded decisions or proceedings of a committee or an academic body.*
- *A particular type of behaviour or routine.*
- *A short performance that is part of a longer program.*
- *A New Testament book immediately following the Gospels and relating the history of the early Church.*
- *Something that people do or cause to happen.*
- *A thing done; a deed.*
- *A set performance.*
- *A subdivision of a play or opera or ballet.*



## Synonyms of "Act" as a noun (87 Words)

<b>accomplishment</b>	An activity that a person can do well. <i>The <b>accomplishment</b> of planned objectives.</i>
<b>account</b>	A short account of the news. <i>Send me an <b>account</b> of what I owe.</i>
<b>accounts</b>	The quality of taking advantage. <i>By all <b>accounts</b> they were a happy couple.</i>
<b>achievement</b>	The action of accomplishing something. <i>A sense of <b>achievement</b>.</i>
<b>act of parliament</b>	A subdivision of a play or opera or ballet.
<b>action</b>	The events represented in a story or play. <i>The weapon has a smooth <b>action</b>.</i>
<b>affectation</b>	A deliberate pretense or exaggerated display. <i>An <b>affectation</b> of calm.</i>
<b>appearance</b>	A mental representation. <i>She checked her <b>appearance</b> in the mirror.</i>
<b>bill</b>	A list of particulars as a playbill or bill of fare. <i>A ten dollar <b>bill</b>.</i>

<b>bit</b>	The cutting part of a drill usually pointed and threaded and is replaceable in a brace or bitstock or drill press. <i>Can you move over a <b>bit</b>.</i>
<b>canon</b>	A contrapuntal piece of music in which a melody in one part is imitated exactly in other parts. <i>The neoclassical <b>canon</b>.</i>
<b>charade</b>	A word acted out in an episode of the game of charades. <i>Talk of unity was nothing more than a <b>charade</b>.</i>
<b>comedy sketch</b>	A comic incident or series of incidents.
<b>command</b>	The power or authority to command. <i>The materials at the <b>command</b> of the potters grew.</i>
<b>commandment</b>	A divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments. <i>She had followed her mother's <b>commandments</b> for long enough.</i>
<b>component</b>	Something determined in relation to something that includes it. <i>The smaller <b>component</b> is hard to reach.</i>
<u><a href="#">dance</a></u>	A set of lively movements resembling a dance. <i>She met her husband at a <b>dance</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">data</a></u>	Things known or assumed as facts, making the basis of reasoning or calculation. <i>Statistical <b>data</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">decree</a></u>	The issuing of a decree. <i>Presidential <b>decrees</b>.</i>
<b>deed</b>	An action that is performed intentionally or consciously. <i>He signed the <b>deed</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">dictate</a></u>	A guiding principle. <i>The <b>dictates</b> of reason.</i>
<u><a href="#">dictum</a></u>	A short statement that expresses a general truth or principle. <i>The old <b>dictum</b> might be right.</i>
<b>direction</b>	Something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action. <i>He looked the other <b>direction</b>.</i>
<b>division</b>	A group of organisms forming a subdivision of a larger category. <i>The new clause was agreed without a <b>division</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">document</a></u>	Writing that provides information (especially information of an official nature).
<b>documentation</b>	Documentary validation. <i>His <b>documentation</b> of the results was excellent.</i>

<b>documents</b>	Anything serving as a representation of a person's thinking by means of symbolic marks.
<b>dossier</b>	A collection of documents about a particular person, event, or subject. <i>A <b>dossier</b> of complaints.</i>
<b>dossiers</b>	A collection of papers containing detailed information about a particular person or subject (usually a person's record).
<b>edict</b>	An official order or proclamation issued by a person in authority. <i>Clovis issued an <b>edict</b> protecting Church property.</i>
<b>effort</b>	Earnest and conscientious activity intended to do or accomplish something. <i>Contributed to the war <b>effort</b>.</i>
<b>enactment</b>	A legal document codifying the result of deliberations of a committee or society or legislative body. <i>The <b>enactment</b> of equal pay legislation.</i>
<b>enterprise</b>	An organization created for business ventures. <i>Local <b>enterprise</b> agencies.</i>
<b>evidence</b>	All the means by which any alleged matter of fact whose truth is investigated at judicial trial is established or disproved. <i>The <b>evidence</b> that smoking causes lung cancer is very compelling.</i>
<b>exploit</b>	A software tool designed to take advantage of a flaw in a computer system, typically for malicious purposes such as installing malware. <i>Despite a series of colourful <b>exploits</b> his agents obtained little intelligence of value.</i>
<b>facade</b>	A showy misrepresentation intended to conceal something unpleasant. <i>Her flawless public <b>facade</b> masked private despair.</i>
<b>false display</b>	A visual representation of something.
<b>feat</b>	An achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength. <i>The new printing presses were considerable <b>feats</b> of engineering.</i>
<b>fiat</b>	A legally binding command or decision entered on the court record (as if issued by a court or judge). <i>The reforms left most prices fixed by government <b>fiat</b>.</i>
<b>file</b>	A set of related records (either written or electronic) kept together. <i>MI5 were keeping a <b>file</b> on him.</i>
<b>files</b>	A steel hand tool with small sharp teeth on some or all of its surfaces; used for smoothing wood or metal.
<b>front</b>	The part of a garment covering a person's front. <i>She rolled over on to her <b>front</b>.</i>

<b>gesture</b>	Something done as an indication of intention. <i>Alex made a <b>gesture</b> of apology.</i>
<b>guise</b>	An external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something. <i>He visited in the <b>guise</b> of an inspector.</i>
<b>human action</b>	Any living or extinct member of the family Hominidae characterized by superior intelligence, articulate speech, and erect carriage.
<b>human activity</b>	Any living or extinct member of the family Hominidae characterized by superior intelligence, articulate speech, and erect carriage.
<b>information</b>	In information theory a mathematical quantity expressing the probability of occurrence of a particular sequence of symbols impulses etc as against that of alternative sequences. <i>Genetically transmitted <b>information</b>.</i>
<b>item</b>	An entry in an account. <i>They reduced the price on many <b>items</b>.</i>
<b>judgement</b>	An opinion or conclusion. <i>That is not in my <b>judgement</b> the end of the matter.</i>
<b>law</b>	The branch of philosophy concerned with the law and the principles that lead courts to make the decisions they do. <i><b>Law</b> enforcement.</i>
<b>mandate</b>	A commission by which a party is entrusted to perform a service, especially without payment and with indemnity against loss by that party. <i>The last <b>mandate</b> of Trudeau from 1980 to 1984 was a remarkable chapter in Canadian history.</i>
<b>manoeuvre</b>	A move made to gain a tactical end. <i>Snowboarders performed daring <b>manoeuvres</b> on precipitous slopes.</i>
<b>masquerade</b>	A costume worn as a disguise at a masquerade party. <i>A beggar s <b>masquerade</b> of wealth.</i>
<b>measure</b>	Measuring instrument having a sequence of marks at regular intervals used as a reference in making measurements. <i>The dimensions were in imperial <b>measure</b>.</i>
<b>move</b>	The act of changing location from one place to another. <i>They say that three <b>moves</b> equal one fire.</i>
<b>number</b>	The number is used in calling a particular telephone. <i>She picked up the phone and dialled his home <b>number</b>.</i>

<b>operation</b>	The performance of some composite cognitive activity an operation that affects mental contents. <i>The <b>operations</b> of the mind.</i>
<b>ordinance</b>	A municipal by-law. <i>They issued an <b>ordinance</b> limiting the length of nets.</i>
<b>part</b>	That which concerns a person with regard to a particular role or situation. <i>He tried to sing the tenor <b>part</b>.</i>
<b>performance</b>	The extent to which an investment is profitable, especially in relation to other investments. <i>It was a tremendous all round <b>performance</b> by Wigan.</i>
<b>piece</b>	A work of art of some artistic value. <i>A <b>piece</b> of cheese.</i>
<b>playlet</b>	A short play.
<b>portion</b>	Something less than the whole of a human artifact. <i>Burger joints offering huge <b>portions</b>.</i>
<b>pose</b>	A posture assumed by models for photographic or artistic purposes. <i>Photographs of boxers in ferocious <b>poses</b>.</i>
<b>posture</b>	The arrangement of the body and its limbs. <i>Trade unions adopted a more militant <b>posture</b> in wage negotiations.</i>
<b>pretence</b>	An attempt to make something that is not the case appear true. <i>His anger is masked by a <b>pretence</b> that all is well.</i>
<b>proclamation</b>	The formal act of proclaiming; giving public notice. <i>Bold <b>proclamations</b> about their team s hopes for the season.</i>
<b>report</b>	An employee who reports to another employee. <i>The chairman s annual <b>report</b>.</i>
<b>reports</b>	An essay (especially one written as an assignment). <i>He heard <b>reports</b> that they were causing trouble.</i>
<b>requirement</b>	Anything indispensable. <i>Applicants must satisfy the normal entry <b>requirements</b>.</i>
<b>resolution</b>	Computer science the number of pixels per square inch on a computer generated display the greater the resolution the better the picture. <i>Complete remission was defined as <b>resolution</b> of clinical evidence of disease.</i>
<b>routine</b>	A sequence of actions regularly followed. <i>He was trying to persuade her to have a tap <b>routine</b> in the play.</i>

<b>rule</b>	Linguistics a rule describing or prescribing a linguistic practice. <i>During the <b>rule</b> of Elizabeth.</i>
<b>ruling</b>	The reason for a court's judgment (as opposed to the decision itself). <i>The <b>ruling</b> was reversed in the appeal court.</i>
<u><a href="#">section</a></u>	The area created by a plane cutting through a solid. <i>She got a job in the historical <b>section</b> of the Treasury.</i>
<b>segment</b>	A portion of time allocated to a particular broadcast item on radio or television. <i>A large <b>segment</b> of the local population.</i>
<b>show</b>	An outward appearance or display of a quality or feeling. <i>Drew made a <b>show</b> of looking around for firewood.</i>
<u><a href="#">sketch</a></u>	A humorous or satirical drawing published in a newspaper or magazine. <i>A charcoal <b>sketch</b>.</i>
<b>skit</b>	A short theatrical episode. <i>Students will create <b>skits</b> about bullying and go to each elementary school to perform them.</i>
<b>song</b>	A musical composition suggestive of a song. <i>The wheels sang their <b>song</b> as the train rocketed ahead.</i>
<u><a href="#">statute</a></u>	An act passed by a legislative body. <i>Immunities granted to trade unions by <b>statute</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">stipulation</a></u>	(law) an agreement or concession made by parties in a judicial proceeding (or by their attorneys) relating to the business before the court; must be in writing unless they are part of the court record. <i>They donated their collection of prints with the <b>stipulation</b> that they never be publicly exhibited.</i>
<b>stunt</b>	A creature (especially a whale) that has been prevented from attaining full growth.
<u><a href="#">subsection</a></u>	A section of a section; a part of a part; i.e., a part of something already divided. <i>Each chapter has a different theme and numerous <b>subsections</b>.</i>
<b>turn</b>	A place where a road meets or branches off another a turning. <i>You gave us quite a <b>turn</b>.</i>
<b>undertaking</b>	The action of undertaking to do something. <i>I give an <b>undertaking</b> that we shall proceed with the legislation.</i>
<b>venture</b>	Any venturesome undertaking especially one with an uncertain outcome. <i>Pioneering <b>ventures</b> into little known waters.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Act" as a noun

- *He put on quite an act for her benefit.*
- *She was putting on an act and laughing a lot.*
- *The 1989 Children Act.*
- *He did his act three times every evening.*
- *An act called the Apple Blossom Sisters.*
- *An act of heroism.*
- *The act of writing down one's thoughts.*
- *A criminal act.*
- *He did his Sir Galahad act.*
- *Her one-woman poetry act.*
- *The first act.*



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# Act as a Verb

## Definitions of "Act" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "act" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Be engaged in an activity, often for no particular purpose other than pleasure.*
- *Perform on a stage or theater.*
- *Perform a role in a play, film, or television.*
- *Play a role or part.*
- *Discharge one's duties.*
- *Take action; do something.*
- *Behave in the way specified.*
- *Pretend to have certain qualities or state of mind.*
- *Behave in a certain manner; show a certain behavior; conduct or comport oneself.*
- *Be suitable for theatrical performance.*
- *Take effect; have a particular effect.*
- *Behave unnaturally or affectedly.*
- *Perform an action, or work out or perform (an action).*
- *Behave so as to appear to be; pretend to be.*
- *Have an effect or outcome; often the one desired or expected.*



## Synonyms of "Act" as a verb (50 Words)

<b>act as</b>	Be engaged in an activity, often for no particular purpose other than pleasure.
<b>affect</b>	Make believe with the intent to deceive. <i>The dampness began to <b>affect</b> my health.</i>
<b><u>alter</u></b>	Make an alteration to. <i>This dress needs to be <b>altered</b>.</i>
<b>appear</b>	Come into being or existence or appear on the scene. <i>This <b>appears</b> to be a very difficult problem.</i>
<b>be an actor</b>	Represent, as of a character on stage.
<b>be an actress</b>	Represent, as of a character on stage.
<b>be one of the cast</b>	Spend or use time.
<b><u>behave</u></b>	Behave in a certain manner show a certain behavior conduct or comport oneself. <i>Each car <b>behaves</b> differently.</i>
<b>bluff</b>	Try to deceive someone as to one's abilities or intentions. <i>They <b>bluffed</b> their way past the sentries.</i>
<b>change</b>	Change clothes put on different clothes. <i>Filters <b>change</b> the ammonia into nitrate.</i>
<b>condition</b>	Apply conditioner to in order to make smooth and shiny. <i>A product for <b>conditioning</b> leather.</i>
<b>control</b>	Exercise authoritative control or power over. <i>Are you <b>controlling</b> for the temperature.</i>
<b>dissemble</b>	Make believe with the intent to deceive. <i>An honest sincere person with no need to <b>dissemble</b>.</i>
<b>dissimulate</b>	Hide (feelings) from other people. <i>Now that they have power they no longer need to <b>dissimulate</b>.</i>
<b>do</b>	Get something done. <i>Peter has <b>done</b> thirteen years in the RAF.</i>
<b>do something</b>	Create or design, often in a certain way.
<b>exert influence on</b>	Make a great effort at a mental or physical task.
<b>fake</b>	Forge or counterfeit (something). <i>Rob <b>faked</b> suspicion a jealous concern.</i>
<b>feign</b>	Invent (a story or excuse). <i>He <b>feigned</b> that he was ill.</i>

<b>function</b>	Serve a purpose role or function. <i>The museum intends to <b>function</b> as an educational and study centre.</i>
<b>go ahead</b>	Be awarded; be allotted.
<b>have an effect on</b>	Have as a feature.
<b>have an impact on</b>	Achieve a point or goal.
<b>impact on</b>	Have an effect upon.
<b>influence</b>	Shape or influence give direction to. <i>The artist s work <b>influenced</b> the young painter.</i>
<b>make a move</b>	Cause to be enjoyable or pleasurable.
<b>masquerade</b>	Take part in a masquerade. <i>Idle gossip that <b>masquerades</b> as news.</i>
<b>modify</b>	(especially of an adjective) restrict or add to the sense of (a noun). <i>She may be prepared to <b>modify</b> her views.</i>
<b>move</b>	Have a turn make one s move in a game. <i>We <b>moved</b> from Idaho to Nebraska.</i>
<b>perform</b>	Perform a function. <i>I have my duties to <b>perform</b>.</i>
<b>play</b>	Play on an instrument. <i>He <b>played</b> with the idea of running for the Senate.</i>
<b>play a part</b>	Make bets.
<b>playact</b>	Perform on a stage or theater.
<b>pose</b>	Assume a posture as for artistic purposes. <i>We don t know the woman who <b>posed</b> for Leonardo so often.</i>
<b><u>posture</u></b>	Assume a posture as for artistic purposes. <i>She <b>postured</b> and made a total fool of herself.</i>
<b><u>pretend</u></b>	Represent fictitiously as in a play or pretend to be or act like. <i>He cannot <b>pretend</b> to sophistication.</i>
<b><u>proceed</u></b>	Follow a procedure or take a course. <i>His claim that all power <b>proceeded</b> from God.</i>
<b>put it on</b>	Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.
<b><u>react</u></b>	Undergo a chemical reaction react with another substance under certain conditions. <i>He <b>reacted</b> angrily to the news of his dismissal.</i>
<b>represent</b>	Be representative or typical for. <i>This figure <b>represents</b> eleven per cent of the company s total sales.</i>
<b>roleplay</b>	Perform on a stage or theater.

<b>sham</b>	Falsely present something as the truth. <i>The opossum escapes danger by <b>shamming</b> dead.</i>
<b>take action</b>	Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.
<b>take measures</b>	Have with oneself; have on one's person.
<b>take part</b>	Proceed along in a vehicle.
<b>take steps</b>	Take something or somebody with oneself somewhere.
<b>take the initiative</b>	Take into one's possession.
<b>transform</b>	Change a mathematical entity by transformation. <i><b>Transform</b> energy to light.</i>
<b>work</b>	Set to or keep at work. <i>Look for small parts that might <b>work</b> loose.</i>
<b>work on</b>	Cause to happen or to occur as a consequence.



## Usage Examples of "Act" as a verb

- *How does your idea work in practice?*

- *The governor should act on the new energy bill.*
- *He denied the charges, claiming that he had acted in self-defence.*
- *They should remove taxes that act to suppress demand.*
- *She acted in her first professional role at the age of six.*
- *She wants to act Lady Macbeth, but she is too young for the role.*
- *The dog acts ferocious, but he is really afraid of people.*
- *The breaks of my new car act quickly.*
- *Governments must act to reduce pollution.*
- *They urged Washington to act.*
- *She acts in this play.*
- *I acted dumb at first.*
- *He acted the idiot.*
- *The nanny acted quickly by grabbing the toddler and covering him with a wet towel.*
- *She acts as the chair.*
- *He acted in `Julius Caesar.*
- *This scene acts well.*
- *Try to act like civilized adults.*
- *She's just acting.*
- *He acted the role of the king.*
- *Blood samples are analysed to find out how the drug acts in the body.*
- *You should act like an adult.*
- *Think before you act.*
- *He acts as if he owned the place.*
- *They challenged a man who was seen acting suspiciously.*
- *In what capacity are you acting?*





## Associations of "Act" (30 Words)

<b>assigned</b>	Appointed to a post or duty. <i><b>Assigned</b> duties.</i>
<b>attitude</b>	A settled way of thinking or feeling about something. <i>He assumed an <b>attitude</b> of surrender.</i>
<b><a href="#">behave</a></b>	Behave in a certain manner. <i>He always <b>behaved</b> like a gentleman.</i>
<b>behavioral</b>	Of or relating to behavior. <i><b>Behavioral</b> sciences.</i>
<b>behaviour</b>	(psychology) the aggregate of the responses or reactions or movements made by an organism in any situation. <i>His insulting <b>behaviour</b> towards me.</i>
<b>comport</b>	Conduct oneself; behave. <i>Articulate students who <b>comported</b> themselves well in interviews.</i>
<b>conduct</b>	Transmit a form of energy such as heat or electricity by conduction. <i>A code of <b>conduct</b> for directors of listed companies.</i>
<b>conscious</b>	Showing realization or recognition of something- Thomas Hardy. <i>The careful tread of one <b>conscious</b> of his alcoholic load.</i>
<b>deed</b>	Convey or transfer property or rights by legal deed. <i>They <b>deeded</b> their property to their children.</i>

<b>demeanor</b>	The way a person behaves toward other people.
<b>dissemble</b>	Hide under a false appearance. <i>An honest sincere person with no need to <b>dissemble</b>.</i>
<b>do</b>	Doctor's degree in osteopathy. <i>We could <b>do</b> with a little more help around here.</i>
<b>equipped</b>	Carrying weapons. <i>A ship <b>equipped</b> with every mechanical aid to navigation.</i>
<b>ethology</b>	The branch of zoology that studies the behavior of animals in their natural habitats.
<b>inclined</b>	(often followed by `to') having a preference, disposition, or tendency. <i>An <b>inclined</b> ramp.</i>
<b>inconsiderate</b>	Without proper consideration or reflection. <i>Slovenly <b>inconsiderate</b> reasoning.</i>
<b>moralistic</b>	Narrowly and conventionally moral. <i>A <b>moralistic</b> stance on advertising.</i>
<b>participation</b>	The action of taking part in something. <i><b>Participation</b> in chapel activities.</i>
<b>prepared</b>	Equipped or prepared with necessary intellectual resources. <i>She was <b>prepared</b> and professional.</i>
<b>pretend</b>	Represent fictitiously as in a play or pretend to be or act like. <i>Dangling their legs in the water to catch <b>pretend</b> fish.</i>
<b>pretension</b>	A claim or assertion of a claim to something. <i>All that we cannot tolerate is <b>pretension</b> to infallibility.</i>
<b>prosecute</b>	Carry out or participate in an activity; be involved in. <i>A serious threat to the government's ability to <b>prosecute</b> the war.</i>
<b>reluctantly</b>	In an unwilling and hesitant way. <i>He <b>reluctantly</b> agrees to do his duty.</i>
<b>smatter</b>	Work with in an amateurish manner. <i>She <b>smatters</b> Russian.</i>
<b>standby</b>	Something that can be relied on when needed. <i><b>Standbys</b> are allowed to board when all the passengers with confirmed reservations are seated.</i>
<b>unforced</b>	Not resulting from undue effort; not forced. <i>An <b>unforced</b> cheerfulness.</i>
<b>volitional</b>	Relating to the use of one's will. <i>Acceptance is a <b>volitional</b> act.</i>

**voluntary** (of a conveyance or disposition) made without return in money or other consideration.

**Voluntary** contraction of the calf muscles.

**willful** Done by design.

**Willful** disobedience.

**willing** Ready, eager, or prepared to do something.

**Willing** and prompt obedience.

