

Need another word that means the same as “acting”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “acting” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Acting” are: performing, playacting, playing, drama, the stage, the performing arts, dramatics, dramaturgy, stagecraft, theatricals, theatrics, the thespian art, show business, substitute**

## Acting as a Noun

### Definitions of "Acting" as a noun

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

- *The performance of a part or role in a drama.*
- *The art or occupation of performing fictional roles in plays, films, or television.*



## Synonyms of "Acting" as a noun (13 Words)

<b>drama</b>	A dramatic work intended for performance by actors on a stage. <i>Drama school.</i>
<b>dramatics</b>	The study or practice of acting in and producing plays. <i>She is known internationally for her work in creative <b>dramatics</b>.</i>
<b>dramaturgy</b>	The art of writing and producing plays. <i>Studies of Shakespeare s <b>dramaturgy</b>.</i>
<b>performing</b>	The performance of a part or role in a drama.
<b>playacting</b>	The performance of a part or role in a drama.
<b>playing</b>	The act of playing a musical instrument.
<b>show business</b>	Pretending that something is the case in order to make a good impression.
<b>stagecraft</b>	Skill or experience in writing or staging plays.
<b>the performing arts</b>	The performance of a part or role in a drama.
<b>the stage</b>	The theater as a profession usually the stage.
<b>the thespian art</b>	A theatrical performer.

**theatricals**

Dramatic performances.  
*Their love affair ended without **theatricals**.*

**theatrics**

Excessively emotional and dramatic behavior.  
*Stop your **theatrics**.*



### **Usage Examples of "Acting" as a noun**

- *She studied acting in New York.*
- *An acting career.*
- *I'd prefer him not to go into acting as it's such an insecure business.*



## Acting as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Acting" as an adjective

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

- *Serving temporarily especially as a substitute.*
- *Temporarily doing the duties of another person.*



### Synonyms of "Acting" as an adjective (1 Word)

**substitute** Capable of substituting in any of several positions on a team.  
***Substitute*** coffee.



## Usage Examples of "Acting" as an adjective

- *The acting president.*
- *The acting supervisor.*



## Associations of "Acting" (30 Words)

<b>acoustic</b>	Of or relating to the science of acoustics. <i>These German made <b>acoustics</b> are exceptional value and a pleasure to play.</i>
<b>actor</b>	A person whose profession is acting on the stage, in films, or on television. <i>He s a principal <b>actor</b> in this affair.</i>
<b>album</b>	One or more recordings issued together; originally released on 12-inch phonograph records (usually with attractive record covers) and later on cassette audiotape and compact disc. <i>His debut <b>album</b> was very much influenced by the jazz sound.</i>
<b>audition</b>	Assess the suitability of someone for a role by means of an audition. <i>She was <b>auditioning</b> people for her new series.</i>
<b>ballet</b>	A creative work or performance of ballet or the music written for it. <i>The Bolshoi <b>Ballet</b>.</i>
<b>casting</b>	The act of creating something by casting it in a mold. <i>Bronze <b>castings</b>.</i>
<b>choreograph</b>	Compose the sequence of steps and moves for (a ballet or other performance of dance). <i>The committee <b>choreographs</b> the movement of troops.</i>
<b>clown</b>	Act as or like a clown. <i>A circus <b>clown</b>.</i>
<b>dancing</b>	The activity of dancing for pleasure or in order to entertain others. <i>There will be folk music singing and <b>dancing</b>.</i>
<b>disco</b>	Dance to disco music. <i>The music hops from one genre to another electropop and post punk but also <b>disco</b> hip hop and soul.</i>
<b>earshot</b>	The range or distance over which one can hear or be heard. <i>The children were told to stay within <b>earshot</b>.</i>
<b>echo</b>	Ring or echo with sound. <i>Followers <b>echoing</b> the cries of their leaders.</i>
<b>eurhythmics</b>	The interpretation in harmonious bodily movements of the rhythm of musical compositions; used to teach musical understanding.
<b>hearing</b>	The act of hearing attentively. <i>She had moved out of <b>hearing</b>.</i>
<b>histrionic</b>	Characteristic of acting or a stage performance; often affected. <i>A <b>histrionic</b> outburst.</i>



<b>impresario</b>	A person who organizes and often finances concerts, plays, or operas.
<b>kachina</b>	A person who represents a kachina in ceremonial dances.
<b>mime</b>	A theatrical performance using mime. <i>The ceremony was followed by a series of precise <b>mimes</b> dances and songs.</i>
<b><u>mimic</u></b>	An animal or plant that mimics another. <i>He has great ability as a <b>mimic</b>.</i>
<b>performance</b>	The extent to which an investment is profitable, especially in relation to other investments. <i>They compared the cooking <b>performance</b> of each oven.</i>
<b>performing</b>	The performance of a part or role in a drama.
<b>playhouse</b>	Plaything consisting of a small model of a house that children can play inside of. <i>The Oxford <b>Playhouse</b>.</i>
<b>playing</b>	The act of playing a musical instrument.
<b>quadrille</b>	Music for dancing the quadrille. <i>A 32 horse <b>quadrille</b>.</i>
<b>reverberation</b>	Prolongation of a sound; resonance. <i><b>Reverberations</b> of the market crash were felt years later.</i>
<b>role</b>	Normal or customary activity of a person in a particular social setting. <i>What is your <b>role</b> on the team.</i>
<b><u>singer</u></b>	United States inventor of an improved chain-stitch sewing machine (1811-1875). <i>A pop <b>singer</b>.</i>
<b>theatrical</b>	Of or relating to the theater. <i>One of the most <b>theatrical</b> figures in public life.</i>
<b>troupe</b>	Organization of performers and associated personnel (especially theatrical). <i>A dance <b>troupe</b>.</i>
<b>understudy</b>	Be an understudy or alternate for a role. <i>He has played as <b>understudy</b> to Celtic s usual goalkeeper.</i>

