

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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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)

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

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

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

