

Need another word that means the same as “adage”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “adage” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Adage” are: byword, proverb, saw, saying, maxim, axiom, aphorism, dictum, precept, epigram, epigraph, motto, truism, platitude, cliché, commonplace**

## Adage as a Noun

### Definitions of "Adage" as a noun

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

- *A condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people.*
- *A proverb or short statement expressing a general truth.*

### Synonyms of "Adage" as a noun (16 Words)

#### [aphorism](#)

A concise statement of a scientific principle, typically by a classical author.  
*The old **aphorism** the child is father to the man.*

#### [axiom](#)

A saying that is widely accepted on its own merits.  
*The **axiom** that sport builds character.*

#### **byword**

A condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people.  
*His name became a **byword** for luxury.*

#### **cliché**

A trite or obvious remark.

<b>commonplace</b>	A notable passage in a work copied into a commonplace book. <i>Bombing has become almost a <b>commonplace</b> of public life there.</i>
<b><u>dictum</u></b>	An opinion voiced by a judge on a point of law not directly bearing on the case in question and therefore not binding. <i>The old <b>dictum</b> might is right.</i>
<b>epigram</b>	A short poem, especially a satirical one, with a witty or ingenious ending. <i>A Wildean <b>epigram</b>.</i>
<b>epigraph</b>	An engraved inscription.
<b><u>maxim</u></b>	A short, pithy statement expressing a general truth or rule of conduct. <i>The <b>maxim</b> that actions speak louder than words.</i>
<b>motto</b>	A favorite saying of a sect or political group. <i>The family <b>motto</b> is Faithful though Unfortunate.</i>
<b><u>platitude</u></b>	A trite or obvious remark. <i>She began uttering liberal <b>platitudes</b>.</i>
<b>precept</b>	A rate or tax set by a precept. <i>Children learn far more by example than by <b>precept</b>.</i>
<b>proverb</b>	A short, well-known pithy saying, stating a general truth or piece of advice.
<b><u>saw</u></b>	A serrated organ or part such as the toothed snout of a sawfish.
<b>saying</b>	A short, pithy, commonly known expression which generally offers advice or wisdom. <i>This is stated in the <b>sayings</b> of the Prophet.</i>
<b>truism</b>	An obvious truth. <i>The <b>truism</b> that you get what you pay for.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Adage" as a noun

- *The old adage 'out of sight out of mind.'*

## Associations of "Adage" (30 Words)

<b>advise</b>	Give advice to. <i>You will be <b>advised</b> of the requirements.</i>
<b>agreeably</b>	In an enjoyable manner. <i>An <b>agreeably</b> warm day.</i>
<b><u>allegory</u></b>	A visible symbol representing an abstract idea. <i>Pilgrim s Progress is an <b>allegory</b> of the spiritual journey.</i>

<b><u>aphorism</u></b>	A pithy observation which contains a general truth. <i>The opening sentence of the first <b>aphorism</b> of Hippocrates.</i>
<b>apologue</b>	A moral fable, especially one with animals as characters.
<b><u>aver</u></b>	Report or maintain. <i>I don't have to do anything it's his problem he <b>averred</b>.</i>
<b><u>axiom</u></b>	(logic) a proposition that is not susceptible of proof or disproof; its truth is assumed to be self-evident. <i>The <b>axiom</b> that sport builds character.</i>
<b>colloquial</b>	(of language) used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary. <i><b>Colloquial</b> and everyday language.</i>
<b>conversationalist</b>	Someone skilled at conversation. <i>An entertaining <b>conversationalist</b>.</i>
<b>epigram</b>	A pithy saying or remark expressing an idea in a clever and amusing way. <i>A Wildean <b>epigram</b>.</i>
<b>fable</b>	A short story, typically with animals as characters, conveying a moral. <i>I do not dream nor <b>fable</b>.</i>
<b>iterate</b>	Run or be performed again. <i>The bird's call is a monotonously <b>iterated</b> single note.</i>
<b>locution</b>	An utterance regarded in terms of its intrinsic meaning or reference, as distinct from its function or purpose in context. <i>His impeccable <b>locution</b>.</i>
<b><u>maxim</u></b>	English inventor (born in the United States) who invented the Maxim gun that was used in World War I (1840-1916). <i>The <b>maxim</b> that actions speak louder than words.</i>
<b>mean</b>	Mean or intend to express or convey. <i>An example sentence would show what this word <b>means</b>.</i>
<b>motto</b>	A favorite saying of a sect or political group. <i>The family <b>motto</b> is Faithful though Unfortunate.</i>
<b><u>ode</u></b>	A lyric poem with complex stanza forms.
<b>parable</b>	Any of the stories told by Jesus to convey his religious message. <i>A modern day <b>parable</b>.</i>
<b><u>poem</u></b>	A composition written in metrical feet forming rhythmical lines. <i>Lyric <b>poems</b>.</i>
<b>proverb</b>	A short, well-known pithy saying, stating a general truth or piece of advice.

<b>quip</b>	Make jokes or quips. <i>Peter ate heartily with a <b>quip</b> about being a condemned man.</i>
<b>quote</b>	A passage or expression that is quoted or cited. <i>Heavy teaching loads are often <b>quoted</b> as a bad influence on research.</i>
<b>raconteur</b>	A person who tells anecdotes in a skilful and amusing way. <i>A colourful <b>raconteur</b>.</i>
<b>reportedly</b>	According to reports or other information. <i>He was in El Salvador <b>reportedly</b> on his way to Texas.</i>
<b>say</b>	Indicate. <i>The clock <b>says</b> noon.</i>
<b>saying</b>	A short, pithy, commonly known expression which generally offers advice or wisdom. <i>This is stated in the <b>sayings</b> of the Prophet.</i>
<b>sonnet</b>	Celebrate in a sonnet. <i>He <b>sonneted</b> his hostess now.</i>
<b>spell</b>	Place under a spell. <i>Dolly <b>spelled</b> her name.</i>
<b>talk</b>	The act of giving a talk to an audience. <i>Keep on walking and <b>talk</b> your way out of it.</i>
<b>tell</b>	A Swiss patriot who lived in the early 14th century and who was renowned for his skill as an archer; according to legend an Austrian governor compelled him to shoot an apple from his son's head with his crossbow (which he did successfully without mishap). <i>I <b>tell</b> you that man is a crook.</i>