

Need another word that means the same as “adopt”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “adopt” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Adopt” are: dramatise, dramatize, take in, espouse, follow, borrow, take over, take up, acquire, assume, take, take on, embrace, sweep up, affect, appropriate, arrogate, choose, select, pick, pick out, vote for, elect, settle on, decide on, single out, plump for, opt for, name, nominate, designate, appoint

Adopt as a Verb

Definitions of "Adopt" as a verb

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

- *Take into one's family.*
- *Choose (someone) as a candidate for office.*
- *Take on or assume (an attitude or position.*
- *Put into dramatic form.*
- *Take up the cause, ideology, practice, method, of someone and use it as one's own.*
- *Choose and move to (a country or city) as one's permanent place of residence.*
- *Choose to take up, follow, or use.*
- *Choose and follow; as of theories, ideas, policies, strategies or plans.*
- *Take on titles, offices, duties, responsibilities.*
- *(of a local authority) accept responsibility for the maintenance of (a road).*
- *Legally take (another's child) and bring it up as one's own.*
- *Take up and practice as one's own.*
- *Take on a certain form, attribute, or aspect.*
- *Formally approve or accept (a report or suggestion).*



Synonyms of "Adopt" as a verb (32 Words)

acquire	Win something through one's efforts. <i>You must acquire the rudiments of Greek.</i>
affect	Act physically on; have an effect upon. <i>Your attitude will affect how successful you are.</i>
appoint	Assign a duty, responsibility or obligation to. <i>He was appointed deputy manager.</i>
appropriate	Take possession of by force, as after an invasion. <i>The accused had appropriated the property.</i>
arrogate	Take or claim (something) without justification. <i>They arrogate to themselves the ability to divine the nation's true interests.</i>
<u>assume</u>	Take on as one's own the expenses or debts of another person. <i>Topics which assume detailed knowledge of local events.</i>
borrow	Get temporarily. <i>He had borrowed a car from one of his colleagues.</i>

choose	Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives. <i>I ll stay as long as I choose.</i>
decide on	Bring to an end; settle conclusively.
<u>designate</u>	Decree or designate beforehand. <i>He was designated as prime minister.</i>
dramatise	Put into dramatic form.
dramatize	Exaggerate the seriousness or importance of (an incident or situation). <i>His play dramatized the plight of Maureen a pregnant young woman.</i>
<u>elect</u>	Select by a vote for an office or membership. <i>We elected him chairman of the board.</i>
embrace	Accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically. <i>His career embraces a number of activities composing playing and acting.</i>
<u>espouse</u>	Marry. <i>She espoused the causes of justice and freedom for all.</i>
follow	Choose and follow as of theories ideas policies strategies or plans. <i>This argument simply doesn t follow.</i>
<u>name</u>	Give a name to. <i>She decided to name the child Edward.</i>
nominate	Put forward nominate for appointment to an office or for an honor or position. <i>A day was nominated for the exchange of contracts.</i>
opt for	Select as an alternative over another.
<u>pick</u>	Hit lightly with a picking motion. <i>Pick mushrooms.</i>
pick out	Pilfer or rob.
plump for	Make fat or plump.
select	Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives. <i>You can select from a range of quality products.</i>
settle on	Sink down or precipitate.
single out	Hit a single.
sweep up	Force into some kind of situation, condition, or course of action.
take	Take into one s possession. <i>She takes Route 1 to Newark.</i>
take in	Take into consideration for exemplifying purposes.
take on	Take on a certain form attribute or aspect.
take over	To get into a position of having, e.g., safety, comfort.
take up	Be designed to hold or take.

vote for Express one's preference for a candidate or for a measure or resolution; cast a vote.



Usage Examples of "Adopt" as a verb

- *We wouldn't be surprised to see more small businesses adopt this technology.*
- *He adopted a patronizing tone.*
- *They adopted two children from Nicaragua.*
- *This approach has been adopted by many big banks.*
- *There are many people eager to adopt a baby.*
- *The committee voted 5-1 to adopt the proposal.*
- *Adopt a book for a screenplay.*
- *He adopted an air of superiority.*
- *They adopted the Jewish faith.*
- *She was recently adopted as Labour candidate for the constituency.*



Associations of "Adopt" (30 Words)

- adjudicate** Bring to an end; settle conclusively.
*The case was **adjudicated** in the High Court.*
- boy** A youthful male person.
*I was the new **boy** at the office.*
- cognomen** A familiar name for a person (often a shortened version of a person's given name).
- council** Denoting housing provided by a local council at a subsidized rent.
*A ban on school buses using the road was imposed by the county **council**.*
- daughter** A thing personified as a daughter in relation to its origin or source.
*As radon gas decays it produces **daughters** that attach themselves to dust particles.*
- descendants** All of the offspring of a given progenitor.

enact	Take place. <i>She reenacted what had happened earlier that day.</i>
extraterritorial	Outside territorial limits or jurisdiction. <i>Foreign embassies have extraterritorial rights.</i>
father	A male parent also used as a term of address to your father. <i>Pray for me father.</i>
infantile	Indicating a lack of maturity. <i>Infantile behavior.</i>
legislate	Bring about by making or enacting laws. <i>We cannot legislate how people spend their free time.</i>
legislation	The process of making or enacting laws. <i>Housing legislation.</i>
nominate	Put forward nominate for appointment to an office or for an honor or position. <i>A day was nominated for the exchange of contracts.</i>
officially	In an official role. <i>On June 24 the election campaign will officially begin.</i>
offspring	The immediate descendants of a person. <i>German nationalism was the offspring of military ambition.</i>
ordain	Appoint to a clerical posts. <i>He was ordained in the Church.</i>
ordinance	A statute enacted by a city government. <i>They issued an ordinance limiting the length of nets.</i>
orphan	Make a child an orphan. <i>An orphan girl.</i>
patronymic	Of or derived from a personal or family name. <i>A patronymic derived from the name of their original lordship.</i>
penniless	(of a person) having no money; very poor. <i>A penniless young student.</i>
posterity	All of the offspring of a given progenitor. <i>God offered Abraham a posterity like the stars of heaven.</i>
reenact	Enact again. <i>They reenacted the battle of Princeton.</i>
regulation	In accordance with regulations of the correct type. <i>Planning regulations.</i>
sir	Used to address a man at the beginning of a formal or business letter. <i>Excuse me sir.</i>

- son** The divine word of God the second person in the Trinity incarnate in Jesus.
Sons of the church.
- subdivision** An area of land divided into plots for sale.
*Subject **subdivisions**.*
- surname** Give a surname to.
*He changed his **surname** from Kaye to Kasmin.*
- waif** A young person who is thin and looks unhealthy or uncared for.
*A little shop presided over by a Gothic **waif** in purple eyeshadow and lipstick.*
- youngster** A young person of either sex.
*Tiddler is a British term for **youngster**.*

