

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)

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

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

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

