

Need another word that means the same as “affirm”? Find 56 synonyms and 30 related words for “affirm” in this overview.

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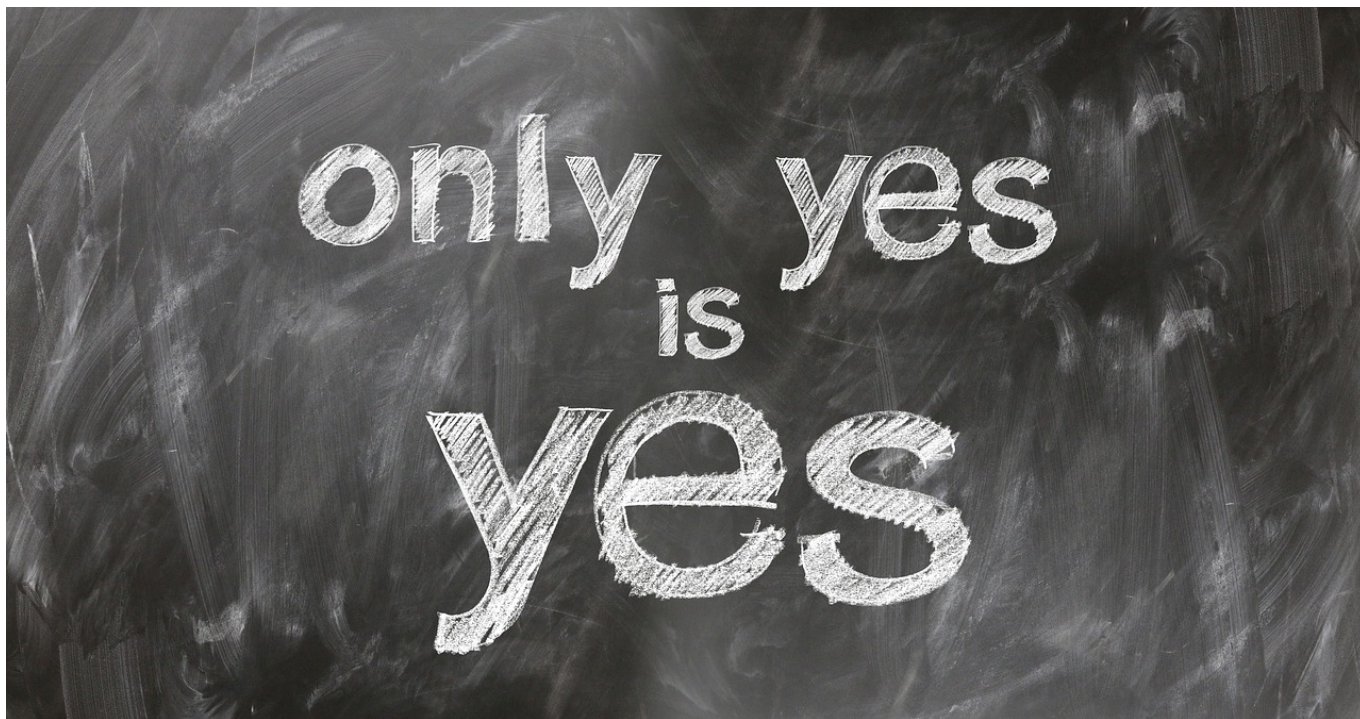
Affirm as a Verb

Definitions of "Affirm" as a verb

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

- *Accept or confirm the validity of (a judgement or agreement); ratify.*
- *To declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true.*
- *Declare one's support for; uphold; defend.*
- *Make a formal declaration rather than taking an oath.*
- *Give (life) a heightened sense of value, typically through the experience of something emotionally or spiritually uplifting.*
- *State emphatically or publicly.*
- *Offer (someone) emotional support or encouragement.*
- *Say yes to.*

- Establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts.



Synonyms of "Affirm" as a verb (56 Words)

agree to	Consent or assent to a condition or agree to do something.
approve	Judge to be right or commendable; think well of. <i>They would not approve.</i>
approve of	Give sanction to.
assent to	To agree or express agreement.
<u>assert</u>	Assert to be true. <i>The letter asserts a free society.</i>
<u>attest</u>	Provide or serve as clear evidence of. <i>His status is attested by his becoming an alderman.</i> (of a user or process) have one's identity verified.
authenticate	<i>They were invited to authenticate artefacts from the Italian Renaissance.</i>
<u>aver</u>	Allege as a fact in support of a plea. <i>The defendant does not aver any performance by himself.</i>
avow	Admit openly and bluntly; make no bones about. <i>He avowed his change of faith.</i>

back up	Strengthen by providing with a back or backing.
bear out	Support or hold in a certain manner.
certify	Declare legally insane. <i>The Law Society will certify that the sum charged is fair and reasonable.</i>
<u>commit</u>	Refer a parliamentary or legislative bill to a committee. <i>She committed herself to the work of God.</i>
commit oneself	Make an investment.
confirm	Administer the rite of confirmation to. <i>The Senate confirmed the President's candidate for Secretary of Defense.</i>
consent to	Give an affirmative reply to; respond favorably to.
<u>corroborate</u>	Give evidence for. <i>The witness had corroborated the boy's account of the attack.</i>
<u>declare</u>	Declare to be. <i>He declared last April.</i>
<u>defend</u>	(in sport) protect one's goal or wicket rather than attempt to score against one's opponents. <i>They were forced to defend for long periods.</i>
endorse	Be behind; approve of. <i>She's had her licence endorsed.</i>
<u>engage</u>	Keep engaged. <i>Engaged the gears.</i>
give an assurance	Endure the loss of.
give an undertaking	Give (as medicine).
give credence to	Proffer (a body part).
give one's word	Proffer (a body part).
give one's word of honour	Emit or utter.
give substance to	Give food to.
guarantee	Provide a guarantee for. <i>No one can guarantee a profit on stocks and shares.</i>
<u>justify</u>	Declare or make righteous in the sight of God. <i>The situation was grave enough to justify further investigation.</i>
maintain	Maintain by writing regular records. <i>The need to maintain close links between industry and schools.</i>

make a commitment	Develop into.
<u>pledge</u>	Bind or secure by a pledge. <i>The creditor to whom the land is pledged.</i>
<u>proclaim</u>	Affirm or declare as an attribute or quality of. <i>He proclaimed King James II as King of England.</i>
promise	Promise to undertake or give. <i>We re promised more winter weather tonight.</i>
pronounce	Speak pronounce or utter in a certain way. <i>A company whose name no one could pronounce.</i>
prove	Prove formally demonstrate by a mathematical formal proof. <i>If they are proved guilty we won t trade with them.</i>
ratify	Approve and express assent, responsibility, or obligation. <i>Both countries were due to ratify the treaty by the end of the year.</i>
sanction	Give religious sanction to such as through on oath. <i>The scheme was sanctioned by the court.</i>
show the truth of	Provide evidence for.
state	Specify the facts of (a case) for consideration. <i>State your name.</i>
state under oath	Indicate through a symbol, formula, etc.
<u>substantiate</u>	Make real or concrete; give reality or substance to. <i>They had found nothing to substantiate the allegations.</i>
support	Support materially or financially. <i>He supported me with one hand while I balanced on the beam.</i>
<u>sustain</u>	Establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts. <i>The allegations of discrimination were sustained.</i>
swan	To declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true. <i>Swanning around Europe nowadays are we.</i>
swear	Utter obscenities or profanities. <i>Maria made me swear I would never tell anyone.</i>
swear on the bible	Promise solemnly; take an oath.
swear under oath	Make a deposition; declare under oath.
take an oath	Take by force.
<u>undertake</u>	Commit oneself to and begin (an enterprise or responsibility); take on. <i>A lorry driver implicitly undertakes that he is reasonably skilled as a driver.</i>

uphold

Keep or maintain in unaltered condition; cause to remain or last.

*They **uphold** a tradition of not causing distress to living creatures.*

validate

Recognize or affirm the validity or worth of (a person or their feelings or opinions); cause (a person) to feel valued or worthwhile.

*He seems to need other women s attention to **validate** him as a man.*

verify

Make sure or demonstrate that (something) is true, accurate, or justified.

*Can you **verify** that the guns are licensed.*

vindicate

Show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified.

*You must **vindicate** yourself and fight this libel.*

vouch for

Give supporting evidence.

vow

Make a vow promise.

*Never again he **vowed**.*



Usage Examples of "Affirm" as a verb

- *It is a rich and challenging motion picture that both affirms life and emphasizes its fragility.*
- *The referendum affirmed the republic's right to secede.*
- *Good teachers know that students need to be both affirmed and challenged.*
- *They affirmed that policies were to be judged by their contribution to social justice.*
- *He refused to take the oath but chose simply to affirm on being admitted to the Privy Council.*
- *There are five common ways parents fail to affirm their children.*
- *The Court of Appeal affirmed a decision of the High Court.*
- *He affirmed the country's commitment to peace.*



Associations of "Affirm" (30 Words)

<u>affidavit</u>	Written declaration made under oath; a written statement sworn to be true before someone legally authorized to administer an oath. <i>A former employee swore an affidavit relating to his claim for unfair dismissal.</i>
<u>assert</u>	Postulate positively and assertively. <i>The letter asserts a free society.</i>
asserting	Relating to the use of or having the nature of a declaration.
assertion	The act of affirming or asserting or stating something. <i>The assertion of his legal rights.</i>
assurance	Insurance, specifically life insurance. <i>His assurance in his superiority did not make him popular.</i>
<u>assure</u>	Assure somebody of the truth of something with the intention of giving the listener confidence. <i>Victory was now assured.</i>
<u>aver</u>	To declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true. <i>The defendant does not aver any performance by himself.</i>
avow	To declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true. <i>He avowed that he had voted Labour in every election.</i>
<u>certain</u>	Having or feeling no doubt or uncertainty confident and assured. <i>Are you absolutely certain about this.</i>
claim	Ask for legally or make a legal claim to as of debts for example. <i>He claimed that he killed the burglar.</i>
confidently	In a way that expresses little or no doubt about something. <i>I strode confidently up to the rope.</i>
confirm	Administer the rite of confirmation to. <i>If these fears are confirmed the outlook for the economy will be dire.</i>
<u>conjunction</u>	The grammatical relation between linguistic units words or phrases or clauses that are connected by a conjunction. <i>A conjunction of favourable political and economic circumstances.</i>
declarative	A declarative sentence or phrase. <i>Declarative statements.</i>
declaratory	Having the function of declaring or explaining something. <i>A declaratory ruling in favour of the applicants.</i>
<u>declare</u>	Declare to be. <i>She was declared incompetent.</i>

exaction	The action of demanding and obtaining something from someone, especially a payment. <i>Exaction of various dues and fees.</i>
faithfully	In a faithful manner. <i>It always came on faithfully like the radio.</i>
<u>indicative</u>	A verb in the indicative mood. <i>Indicative mood.</i>
noun	A word other than a pronoun used to identify any of a class of people places or things common noun or to name a particular one of these proper noun.
<u>predicate</u>	What is predicated of the subject of a proposition the second term in a proposition is predicated of the first term by means of the copula. <i>A word which predicates something about its subject.</i>
<u>proclaim</u>	Indicate clearly. <i>Army commanders proclaimed a state of emergency.</i>
<u>purport</u>	The meaning or sense of something, typically a document or speech. <i>The purport of existence.</i>
say	An opportunity to influence developments and policy. <i>The film s title says it all.</i>
statement	A message that is stated or declared; a communication (oral or written) setting forth particulars or facts etc. <i>You ll have your own account with a monthly statement.</i>
<u>substantiate</u>	Solidify, firm, or strengthen. <i>The president s trip will substantiate good relations with the former enemy country.</i>
swear	An offensive word used especially to express anger a swear word. <i>They were reluctant to swear allegiance.</i>
verb	Use a word that is not conventionally used as a verb typically a noun as a verb. <i>Any English noun can be verbed but some are more resistant than others.</i>
verify	Confirm the truth of. <i>Verify a claim.</i>
<u>vow</u>	Make a vow promise. <i>The rebels vowed to continue fighting.</i>