

Need another word that means the same as “alter”? Find 48 synonyms and 30 related words for “alter” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Alter” are: falsify, interpolate, change, modify, vary, castrate, neuter, spay, make changes to, make different, make alterations to, adjust, make adjustments to, adapt, amend, improve, convert, revise, recast, reform, reshape, refashion, redesign, restyle, revamp, rework, remake, remodel, remould, redo, reconstruct, reorganize, reorder, refine, reorient, reorientate, transform, transfigure, transmute, evolve, become different, undergo a change, undergo a sea change, turn, metamorphose, geld, cut, emasculate

Alter as a Verb

Definitions of "Alter" as a verb

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

- *Cause to change; make different; cause a transformation.*
- *Make structural changes to (a building).*
- *Make an alteration to.*
- *Insert words into texts, often falsifying it thereby.*
- *Change in character or composition, typically in a comparatively small but significant way.*
- *Remove the ovaries of.*
- *Become different in some particular way, without permanently losing one's or its former characteristics or essence.*
- *Castrate or spay (a domestic animal).*



Synonyms of "Alter" as a verb (48 Words)

adapt

Adapt or conform oneself to new or different conditions.

*A large organization can be slow to **adapt** to change.*

adjust

Assess (loss or damages) when settling an insurance claim.

*A single control **adjusts** the water flow.*

amend

Make amendments to.

*A few things had gone wrong but these had been **amended**.*

become different

Enhance the appearance of.

castrate

Deprive of power, vitality, or vigour.

*A restrictive classicism would have **castrated** England's literature.*

change

Cause to change make different cause a transformation.

*We had to **change** at Rugby.*

convert

Transpose the subject and predicate of (a proposition) according to certain rules to form a new proposition by inference.

*Modernization has **converted** the country from a primitive society to a near industrial one.*

cut

Cut down on make a reduction in.

*The employer wants to **cut** back health benefits.*

emasculate

Remove the testicles of a male animal.

*In his mind her success **emasculated** him.*

evolve

Work out.

*The Gothic style **evolved** from the Romanesque.*

falsify

Falsify knowingly.

***Falsify** the data.*

geld

Deprive of vitality or vigour.

*The English version of the book has been **gelded**.*

improve

Achieve or produce something better than.

*Efforts to **improve** relations between the countries.*

interpolate

Insert (an intermediate value or term) into a series by estimating or calculating it from surrounding known values.

*Illustrations were **interpolated** in the text.*

make adjustments to

Prepare for eating by applying heat.

make alterations to

Give rise to; cause to happen or occur, not always intentionally.

make changes to

Create or design, often in a certain way.

make different

Reach a goal, e.g.

metamorphose	Change completely the nature or appearance of. <i>The salesman metamorphosed into an ugly beetle.</i>
modify	Cause to change; make different; cause a transformation. <i>She may be prepared to modify her views.</i>
neuter	Make ineffective. <i>Disarmament negotiations that will neuter their military power.</i>
recast	Present or organize in a different form or style. <i>There were moves to recast the play.</i>
<u>reconstruct</u>	Return to its original or usable and functioning condition. <i>From copies of correspondence it is possible to reconstruct the broad sequence of events.</i>
redesign	Design anew, make a new design for. <i>The front seats have been redesigned.</i>
<u>redo</u>	Make new. <i>The house is being redone exactly to suit his taste.</i>
refashion	Fashion (something) again or differently. <i>The industry reshaped and refashioned itself.</i>
<u>refine</u>	Make more complex, intricate, or richer. <i>Many valuable nutrients are refined out of the foods in our modern diet.</i>
<u>reform</u>	Bring, lead, or force to abandon a wrong or evil course of life, conduct, and adopt a right one. <i>Reform oil.</i>
<u>remake</u>	Make new. <i>The bed would be more comfortable if it were remade.</i>
remodel	Change the structure or form of (something, especially a building). <i>The station was remodelled and enlarged in 1927.</i>
remould	Give new treads to (a tire). <i>Did the welfare state remould capitalism to give it a more human face.</i>
reorder	Request (something) to be made, supplied, or served again. <i>The store had to reorder the popular CD several times.</i>
reorganize	Change the way in which (something) is organized. <i>The company reorganized into fewer key areas.</i>
reorient	Change the focus or direction of. <i>Slowly they advanced stopping every so often and then reorienting themselves.</i>

reorientate	Orient once again, after a disorientation.
reshape	Shape anew or differently. <i>The decrees will thoroughly reshape Poland's economy.</i>
restyle	Give a new designation to. <i>Nick restyled Rebecca's hair.</i>
revamp	Give new and improved form, structure, or appearance to. <i>Revamp my old boots.</i>
revise	Revise or reorganize especially for the purpose of updating and improving. <i>Revise a thesis.</i>
rework	Make changes to the original version of (something). <i>He reworked the orchestral score for two pianos.</i>
spay	Remove the ovaries of. <i>The animals must be spayed or neutered before they are given up for adoption.</i>
transfigure	Elevate or idealize, in allusion to Christ's transfiguration. <i>The world is made luminous and is transfigured.</i>
transform	Change a mathematical entity by transformation. <i>He wanted to transform himself into a successful businessman.</i>
transmute	Alter the nature of (elements). <i>The raw material of his experience was transmuted into stories.</i>
turn	Cause to change or turn into something different assume new characteristics. <i>He turned traitor.</i>
undergo a change	Pass through.
undergo a sea change	Pass through.
vary	Differ in size, amount, degree, or nature from something else of the same general class. <i>Prices vary.</i>



Usage Examples of "Alter" as a verb

- *Eliot was persuaded to alter the passage.*
- *The advent of the automobile may have altered the growth pattern of the city.*
- *This dress needs to be altered.*
- *Plans to alter the dining hall.*
- *Our outward appearance alters as we get older.*



Associations of "Alter" (30 Words)

adapt

Adapt or conform oneself to new or different conditions.

*The film was **adapted** from a Turgenev short story.*

adaptation

The process of adapting to something (such as environmental conditions).

*The play is an **adaptation** of a short novel.*

adaption

The process of adapting to something (such as environmental conditions).

adjustment

The act of making something different (as e.g. the size of a garment).

*For many couples there may need to be a period of **adjustment**.*

change

Undergo a change become different in essence losing one's or its original nature.

*It is a refreshing **change** to meet a woman mechanic.*

changed	Changed in constitution or structure or composition by metamorphism. Changed attitudes.
compatibility	A feeling of sympathy and friendship; like-mindedness. <i>He argues for the compatibility of science and religion.</i>
<u>conversion</u>	Interchange of subject and predicate of a proposition. <i>Keeping things simple will improve conversion.</i>
convert	A person who has been converted to another religious or political belief. Convert centimeters into inches.
defection	Withdrawing support or help despite allegiance or responsibility. <i>A number of defections by leading ballet dancers.</i>
disabuse	Persuade (someone) that an idea or belief is mistaken. <i>He quickly disabused me of my fanciful notions.</i>
dramatically	In a way intended to create an effect; theatrically. <i>His health has improved dramatically.</i>
<u>edit</u>	A change or correction made as a result of editing. <i>The film s sexually explicit scenes have been edited out.</i>
<u>flux</u>	Treat a metal object with a flux to promote melting. <i>Since the fall of the wall Berlin has been a city in flux.</i>
metamorphose	Subject (rock) to metamorphism. <i>Overnight family houses metamorphose into bed and breakfast as 7 000 visitors roll into town.</i>
<u>modification</u>	The act of making something different (as e.g. the size of a garment). <i>The parts supplied should fit with little or no modification.</i>
modify	Add a modifier to a constituent. <i>She may be prepared to modify her views.</i>
<u>mutant</u>	A mutant form. <i>A mutant gene.</i>
proselyte	A new convert; especially a gentile converted to Judaism.
remold	Cast again.
retouch	Give retouches to hair. Retouch the roots.
transfigure	Change completely the nature or appearance of. <i>The treatment and diet transfigured her into a beautiful young woman.</i>
<u>transform</u>	Subject to a mathematical transformation. <i>She transformed the clay into a beautiful sculpture.</i>
transformation	A qualitative change. <i>British society underwent a radical transformation.</i>

transformed	Given a completely different form or appearance. <i>Shocked to see the transformed landscape.</i>
transmogrify	Transform in a surprising or magical manner. <i>His home was transmogrified into a hippy crash pad.</i>
<u>transmute</u>	Change in form, nature, or substance. <i>The raw material of his experience was transmuted into stories.</i>
<u>variance</u>	An event that departs from expectations. <i>The stylistic variances of classical dance.</i>
<u>variant</u>	Differing from a norm or standard. <i>Letters variant in size.</i>
<u>vary</u>	Be subject to change in accordance with a variable. <i>Prices vary.</i>

