

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)

<b>adapt</b>	Adapt or conform oneself to new or different conditions. <i>A large organization can be slow to <b>adapt</b> to change.</i>
<b>adjust</b>	Assess (loss or damages) when settling an insurance claim. <i>A single control <b>adjusts</b> the water flow.</i>
<b>amend</b>	Make amendments to. <i>A few things had gone wrong but these had been <b>amended</b>.</i>
<b>become different</b>	Enhance the appearance of.
<b>castrate</b>	Deprive of power, vitality, or vigour. <i>A restrictive classicism would have <b>castrated</b> England's literature.</i>
<b>change</b>	Cause to change make different cause a transformation. <i>We had to <b>change</b> at Rugby.</i>
<b>convert</b>	Transpose the subject and predicate of (a proposition) according to certain rules to form a new proposition by inference. <i>Modernization has <b>converted</b> the country from a primitive society to a near industrial one.</i>
<b>cut</b>	Cut down on make a reduction in. <i>The employer wants to <b>cut</b> back health benefits.</i>
<b>emasculate</b>	Remove the testicles of a male animal. <i>In his mind her success <b>emasculated</b> him.</i>
<b>evolve</b>	Work out. <i>The Gothic style <b>evolved</b> from the Romanesque.</i>
<b>falsify</b>	Falsify knowingly. <i><b>Falsify</b> the data.</i>
<b>geld</b>	Deprive of vitality or vigour. <i>The English version of the book has been <b>gelded</b>.</i>
<b>improve</b>	Achieve or produce something better than. <i>Efforts to <b>improve</b> relations between the countries.</i>
<b>interpolate</b>	Insert (an intermediate value or term) into a series by estimating or calculating it from surrounding known values. <i>Illustrations were <b>interpolated</b> in the text.</i>
<b>make adjustments to</b>	Prepare for eating by applying heat.
<b>make alterations to</b>	Give rise to; cause to happen or occur, not always intentionally.
<b>make changes to</b>	Create or design, often in a certain way.
<b>make different</b>	Reach a goal, e.g.



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

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



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



