

Need another word that means the same as “aphorism”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “aphorism” in this overview.

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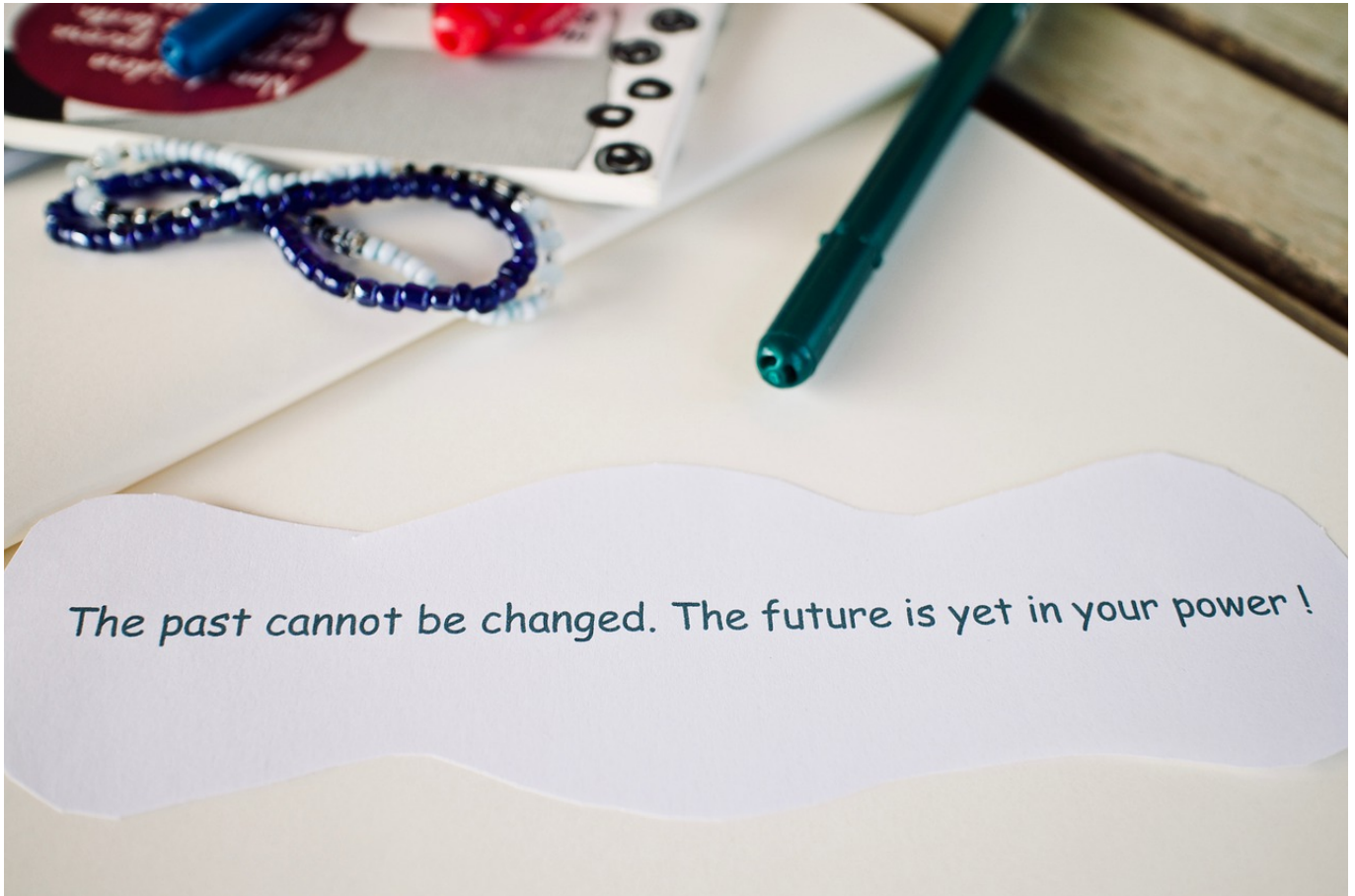
The synonyms of “Aphorism” are: apophthegm, apothegm, proverb, maxim, axiom, adage, saw, tag, motto, precept, epigram, epigraph, dictum, gnome, pearl of wisdom

Aphorism as a Noun

Definitions of "Aphorism" as a noun

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

- *A pithy observation which contains a general truth.*
- *A concise statement of a scientific principle, typically by a classical author.*
- *A short pithy instructive saying.*



Synonyms of "Aphorism" as a noun (15 Words)

<u>adage</u>	A proverb or short statement expressing a general truth. <i>The old adage out of sight out of mind.</i>
apophthegm	A concise saying or maxim; an aphorism. <i>The apophthegm tomorrow is another day.</i>
apothegm	A short pithy instructive saying.
<u>axiom</u>	(logic) a proposition that is not susceptible of proof or disproof; its truth is assumed to be self-evident. <i>The axiom that sport builds character.</i>
<u>dictum</u>	A formal pronouncement from an authoritative source. <i>The old dictum might is right.</i>
epigram	A pithy saying or remark expressing an idea in a clever and amusing way. <i>A Wildean epigram.</i>

epigraph	A short quotation or saying at the beginning of a book or chapter, intended to suggest its theme.
gnome	A person regarded as having secret or sinister influence in financial matters. <i>A grizzled gnome of a man.</i>
<u>maxim</u>	A saying that is widely accepted on its own merits. <i>The maxim that actions speak louder than words.</i>
motto	A favorite saying of a sect or political group. <i>They were developing the use of leitmotifs or mottoes that appear throughout an opera.</i>
pearl of wisdom	A shade of white the color of bleached bones.
precept	A rate or tax set by a precept. <i>The Commissioner issued precepts requiring the companies to provide information.</i>
proverb	A short, well-known pithy saying, stating a general truth or piece of advice.
<u>saw</u>	A serrated organ or part such as the toothed snout of a sawfish.
<u>tag</u>	The act of touching a player in a game (which changes their status in the game). <i>The car had Texas tags.</i>



Usage Examples of "Aphorism" as a noun

- *The old aphorism 'the child is father to the man.'*
- *The debate begins and ends at the level of aphorism, with commentators saying that something must be done.*
- *The opening sentence of the first aphorism of Hippocrates.*



Associations of "Aphorism" (30 Words)

- adage** A proverb or short statement expressing a general truth.
*The old **adage** out of sight out of mind.*
- advise** Offer suggestions about the best course of action to someone.
*I **advised** him that the rent was due.*
- allegory** A story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.
*Pilgrim's Progress is an **allegory** of the spiritual journey.*
- apologue** A moral fable, especially one with animals as characters.
- art** The products of human creativity works of art collectively.
*The **art** of the Renaissance.*
- aver** Report or maintain.
*He **averred** that he was innocent of the allegations.*

axiom	A statement or proposition on which an abstractly defined structure is based. <i>The axiom that sport builds character.</i>
colloquial	(of language) used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary. <i>Colloquial phrases.</i>
epigram	A pithy saying or remark expressing an idea in a clever and amusing way. <i>A Wildean epigram.</i>
fable	A story about mythical or supernatural beings or events. <i>I do not dream nor fable.</i>
literature	The humanistic study of a body of literature. <i>One aspect of Waterloo has not yet been treated in the literature.</i>
locution	An utterance regarded in terms of its intrinsic meaning or reference, as distinct from its function or purpose in context. <i>His impeccable locution.</i>
maxim	A short, pithy statement expressing a general truth or rule of conduct. <i>The maxim that actions speak louder than words.</i>
mean	Mean or intend to express or convey. <i>The mean annual rainfall.</i>
motto	A short sentence or phrase chosen as encapsulating the beliefs or ideals of an individual, family, or institution. <i>They were developing the use of leitmotifs or mottoes that appear throughout an opera.</i>
ode	A lyric poem, typically one in the form of an address to a particular subject, written in varied or irregular metre.
parable	A short moral story (often with animal characters). <i>The parable of the prodigal son.</i>
poem	A piece of writing in which the expression of feelings and ideas is given intensity by particular attention to diction (sometimes involving rhyme), rhythm, and imagery. <i>Lyric poems.</i>
poetic	Of or relating to poetry. <i>Poetic works.</i>
proverb	A condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people.
quip	Make jokes or quips. <i>Peter ate heartily with a quip about being a condemned man.</i>
quote	Put quote marks around. <i>He quoted the Bible to her.</i>

- raconteur** A person who tells anecdotes in a skilful and amusing way.
*A colourful **raconteur**.*
- reportedly** According to reports or other information.
*He was in El Salvador **reportedly** on his way to Texas.*
- rhyme** Compose rhymes.
*Balloon **rhymes** with moon.*
- say** Communicate or express nonverbally.
*Let us **say** that he did not tell the truth.*
- saying** A short, pithy, commonly known expression which generally offers advice or wisdom.
*This is stated in the **sayings** of the Prophet.*
- sonnet** Praise in a sonnet.
*He **sonneted** his hostess now.*
- spell** Place under a spell.
*A **spell** of good weather.*
- tell** A Swiss patriot who lived in the early 14th century and who was renowned for his skill as an archer; according to legend an Austrian governor compelled him to shoot an apple from his son's head with his crossbow (which he did successfully without mishap).
*Promise you won't **tell**.*