

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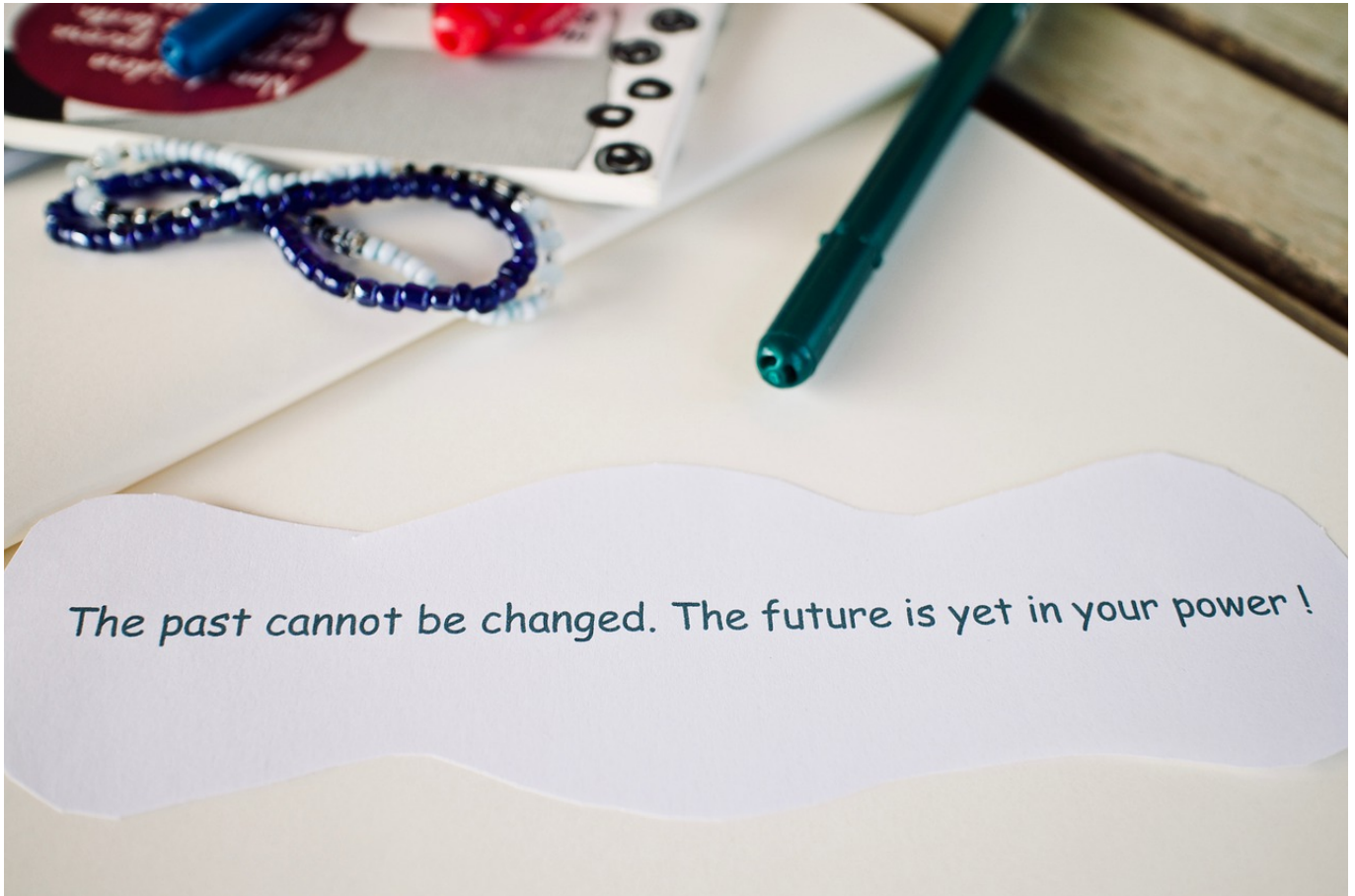
**The synonyms of “Aphorism” are: apophthegm, apothegm, proverb, maxim, axiom, adage, saw, tag, motto, precept, epigram, epigraph, dictum, gnome, pearl of wisdom**

## 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)

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

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

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