

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

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The synonyms of “Befriend” are: make friends with, make a friend of, look after, protect, keep an eye on, support, back, stand by, side with, encourage, sustain, uphold, succour, advise, guide

Befriend as a Verb

Definitions of "Befriend" as a verb

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

- *Act as or become a friend to (someone), especially when they are in need of help or support.*
- *Become friends with.*

Synonyms of "Befriend" as a verb (15 Words)

advise

Make a proposal, declare a plan for something.

*The lawyer **advised** the court that his client wished to give evidence.*

back

Put a sail aback in order to slow the vessel down or assist in turning through the wind.

***Back** this enterprise.*

encourage

Persuade (someone) to do or continue to do something by giving support and advice.

*Pupils are **encouraged** to be creative.*

guide	Use as a guide. <i>He guided her to the front row and sat beside her.</i>
keep an eye on	Continue a certain state, condition, or activity.
look after	Have a certain outward or facial expression.
make a friend of	Give rise to; cause to happen or occur, not always intentionally.
make friends with	Engage in.
protect	Keep safe from harm or injury. <i>The wetlands have been protected since 1998.</i>
side with	Take sides for or against siding against the current candidate.
stand by	Put into an upright position.
succour	Help in a difficult situation. <i>Prisoners of war were liberated and succoured.</i>
support	Support with evidence or authority or make more certain or confirm. <i>My main concern was to support my family.</i>
sustain	Be the physical support of; carry the weight of. <i>He sustained severe head injuries.</i>
uphold	Stand up for; stick up for; of causes, principles, or ideals. <i>They uphold a tradition of not causing distress to living creatures.</i>

Usage Examples of "Befriend" as a verb

- *He makes a point of befriending newcomers to Parliament.*

Associations of "Befriend" (30 Words)

absence	Failure to be present. <i>He visited during my absence.</i>
amicability	Having a disposition characterized by warmth and friendliness.
brother	A black man (often used as a term of address by other black people). <i>He recognized her from her strong resemblance to her brother.</i>
buddy	A working companion with whom close cooperation is required. <i>I m working on it buddy.</i>
classmate	A fellow member of a class at school, college, or university.
comrade	A fellow socialist or communist (often as a form of address). <i>Comrades in arms.</i>

<u>confidant</u>	A person with whom one shares a secret or private matter, trusting them not to repeat it to others. <i>A close confidante of the princess.</i>
<u>crony</u>	A close friend who accompanies his buddies in their activities. <i>He went gambling with his cronies.</i>
<u>dear</u>	Dearly loved. <i>They buy property cheaply and sell dear.</i>
folk	Relating to folk music. <i>A mixture of folk and reggae.</i>
freshman	Used of a person in the first year of an experience (especially in United States high school or college). <i>A freshman senator.</i>
friend	Add someone to a list of friends or contacts on a social networking website. <i>He settled for that old friend the compensation grant.</i>
friendly	(of troops or equipment) of, belonging to, or allied with one's own forces. <i>Friendly rivalry between the two schools.</i>
<u>friendship</u>	The emotions or conduct of friends; the state of being friends. <i>Old ties of love and friendship.</i>
grader	A person or thing that grades. <i>A first grader.</i>
mate	South American tea like drink made from leaves of a South American holly called mate. <i>The four cylinder engine is mated to a five speed gearbox.</i>
<u>neighbor</u>	Live or be located as a neighbor. <i>What is the closest neighbor to the Earth.</i>
orphan	Make a child an orphan. <i>He was left an orphan as a small boy.</i>
<u>pal</u>	Form a friendship. <i>We got acquainted but we never really palled around.</i>
<u>partner</u>	Associate or work together as partners. <i>Make sure that you or your partner are using an effective method of contraception.</i>
playground	An area where many people go for recreation. <i>Playground games.</i>
<u>reunion</u>	A social gathering attended by members of a group of people who have not seen each other for some time. <i>She had a tearful reunion with her parents.</i>

- school** Educate in or as if in a school.
*Ryder s children did not go to **school** at all.*
- sisterhood** The relationship between sisters.
*Canadian feminists acknowledge their **sisterhood** with women around the globe.*
- slender** Being of delicate or slender build.
*She was **slender** as a willow shoot is **slender**.*
- slim** Of a garment cut on slender lines designed to make the wearer appear slim.
*A **slim** majority of sixteen.*
- sociality** The tendency to associate with others and to form social groups.
*Mammals as a class are not strong on **sociality**.*
- thin** Relatively thin in consistency or low in density not viscous.
*If the soup is too thick add a little water to **thin** it down.*
- uncle** A source of help and advice and encouragement.
*He visited his **uncle**.*
- waif** A homeless child especially one forsaken or orphaned.
*She is foster mother to various **waifs** and strays.*