

Need another word that means the same as “behave”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “behave” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Behave” are: comport, act, do, acquit, bear, carry, conduct, deport, conduct oneself, acquit oneself, bear oneself, carry oneself, function, go, run, operate, perform, act correctly, act properly, conduct oneself well, act in a polite way, show good manners, mind one's manners, mind one's ps and qs

Behave as a Verb

Definitions of "Behave" as a verb

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

- *Act or conduct oneself in a specified way, especially towards others.*
- *Behave in a certain manner; show a certain behavior; conduct or comport oneself.*
- *Behave well or properly.*
- *(of a machine or natural phenomenon) work or function in a specified way.*
- *Conduct oneself in accordance with the accepted norms of a society or group.*
- *Behave in a certain manner.*



Synonyms of "Behave" as a verb (24 Words)

acquit	Conduct oneself or perform in a specified way. <i>The jury acquitted Bream of murder.</i>
acquit oneself	Behave in a certain manner.
act	Perform an action or work out or perform an action. <i>The breaks of my new car act quickly.</i>
act correctly	Play a role or part.
act in a polite way	Play a role or part.
act properly	Perform an action, or work out or perform (an action.
bear	Carry the weight of; support. <i>She could hardly bear his sarcasm.</i>
bear oneself	Have rightfully; of rights, titles, and offices.
carry	Propel. <i>These bonds carry warrants.</i>
carry oneself	Take further or advance.
comport	Behave well or properly. <i>Articulate students who comported themselves well in interviews.</i>
conduct	Transmit a form of energy such as heat or electricity by conduction. <i>He conducted himself with the utmost propriety.</i>
conduct oneself	Behave in a certain manner.
conduct oneself well	Direct the course of; manage or control.
deport	Conduct oneself in a specified manner. <i>He has deported himself with great dignity.</i>
do	Get something done. <i>Peter has done thirteen years in the RAF.</i>
function	Serve a purpose role or function. <i>The museum intends to function as an educational and study centre.</i>
go	Go through in search of something search through someone s belongings in an unauthorized way. <i>How did your interview go.</i>
mind one's manners	Be on one's guard; be cautious or wary about; be alert to.
mind one's ps and qs	Keep in mind.
operate	Be in effect. <i>Neither company had operated within the terms of its constitution.</i>

perform	Carry out or perform an action. <i>Horowitz is performing at Carnegie Hall tonight.</i>
run	Flee take to one's heels cut and run. <i>The car runs on unleaded fuel.</i>
show good manners	Establish the validity of something, as by an example, explanation or experiment.



Usage Examples of "Behave" as a verb

- *The children must learn to behave.*
- *Each car behaves differently.*
- *He always behaved like a gentleman.*
- *'Just behave, Tom,' he said.*
- *It is not acceptable for a student to behave like that towards a teacher.*
- *Don't behave like a fool.*
- *They were expected to behave themselves.*



Associations of "Behave" (30 Words)

act	Take action do something. <i>She acts in this play.</i>
action	Take action on deal with. <i>The action is set in a country house.</i>
become	(in questions) happen to. <i>She wanted to become a doctor.</i>
comport	Accord or agree with. <i>Articulate students who comported themselves well in interviews.</i>
conduct	Transmit a form of energy such as heat or electricity by conduction. <i>A code of conduct for directors of listed companies.</i>
courteously	In a polite manner.
deed	Convey or transfer property or rights by legal deed. <i>Their deeds will live on in song.</i>

deign	Do something that one considers to be below one's dignity. <i>She did not deign to answer the maid's question.</i>
demeanor	(behavioral attributes) the way a person behaves toward other people.
dissemble	Conceal or disguise one's true feelings or beliefs. <i>An honest sincere person with no need to dissemble.</i>
do	Doctor's degree in osteopathy. <i>The dog acts ferocious but he is really afraid of people.</i>
ethology	The study of human behaviour and social organization from a biological perspective.
feign	Make believe with the intent to deceive. <i>He feigned that he was ill.</i>
hasty	Done with very great haste and without due deliberation. <i>A hasty attempt to defuse the situation.</i>
headlong	In a rush; with reckless haste. <i>A headlong rush to sell.</i>
hurried	Done in a hurry; rushed. <i>A hurried job.</i>
ideally	Preferably; in an ideal world. <i>Ideally you should exercise for 30 minutes every day.</i>
modestly	So as to avoid impropriety or indecency. <i>He lived modestly in a small house.</i>
moralistic	Narrowly and conventionally moral. <i>Modernized fairy tales are often moralistic and cleaned up.</i>
politely	In a respectful and considerate manner. <i>I politely thanked him for the suggestion.</i>
pretend	Represent fictitiously as in a play or pretend to be or act like. <i>I closed my eyes and pretended I was asleep.</i>
pretension	The advancing of a claim. <i>His pretension to the crown.</i>
pretext	Something serving to conceal plans; a fictitious reason that is concocted in order to conceal the real reason. <i>The rebels had the perfect pretext for making their move.</i>
prudery	Excessive or affected modesty.
prudish	Exaggeratedly proper. <i>The prudish moral climate of the late 19th century.</i>
rashly	Without careful consideration of the possible consequences; impetuously. <i>Rashly Theresa accepts a second date with Tony.</i>

- sham** A thing that is not what it is purported to be.
*The opossum escapes danger by **shamming** dead.*
- simulate** Produce a computer model of.
*Future population changes were **simulated** by computer.*
- smatter** Speak with spotty or superficial knowledge.
*She **smatters** Russian.*

