

Need another word that means the same as “bow”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “bow” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Bow” are: bowknot, bowing, obeisance, curtain call, arc, fore, prow, stem, loop, knot, longbow, crossbow, recurve, accede, defer, give in, submit, bend, crouch, stoop, bow down

Bow as a Noun

Definitions of "Bow" as a noun

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

- *A weapon for shooting arrows, typically made of a curved piece of wood joined at both ends by a taut string.*
- *A knot tied with two loops and two loose ends, used especially for tying shoelaces and decorative ribbons.*
- *A knot with two loops and loose ends; used to tie shoelaces.*
- *A single passage of a bow over the strings of an instrument.*
- *A long, partially curved rod with horsehair stretched along its length, used for playing the violin and other stringed instruments.*
- *Something curved in shape.*
- *A stroke with a curved piece of wood with taut horsehair strands that is used in playing stringed instruments.*

- *A curved stroke forming part of a letter (e.g. b, p).*
- *A decorative interlacing of ribbons.*
- *Front part of a vessel or aircraft.*
- *An appearance by actors or performers at the end of the concert or play in order to acknowledge the applause of the audience.*
- *Bending the head or body or knee as a sign of reverence or submission or shame or greeting.*
- *A slightly curved piece of resilient wood with taut horsehair strands; used in playing certain stringed instruments.*
- *A metal ring forming the handle of a key or pair of scissors.*
- *A decorative ribbon tied in a bow.*
- *A side piece or lens frame of a pair of glasses.*
- *A weapon for shooting arrows, composed of a curved piece of resilient wood with a taut cord to propel the arrow.*



Synonyms of "Bow" as a noun (13 Words)

arc	A shape or structure resembling an arc. <i>He swung his torch in a wide arc.</i>
bowing	A decorative interlacing of ribbons. <i>The violinist s bowing was excellent.</i>
bowknot	A double-looped ornamental knot in a ribbon, tie, or other fastening.
crossbow	A bow fixed transversely on a wooden stock grooved to direct the arrow (quarrel).
curtain call	Hanging cloth used as a blind (especially for a window).
fore	Front part of a vessel or aircraft.
knot	A particular method of making a knot. <i>The bird had a knot of feathers forming a crest.</i>
longbow	A large bow drawn by hand and shooting a long feathered arrow. It was the chief weapon of English armies from the 14th century until the introduction of firearms.
loop	An intrauterine device in the shape of a loop. <i>He s no longer in the loop.</i>
obeisance	A gesture expressing deferential respect, such as a bow or curtsy. <i>She made a deep obeisance.</i>
proW	The pointed front part of a ship; the bow. <i>The commanding proW of the Jaguar.</i>
recurve	A bow that curves forward at the ends, which straighten out under tension when the bow is drawn.
stem	A rod or cylinder in a mechanism, for example the sliding shaft of a bolt or the winding pin of a watch. <i>The main stem of the wing feathers.</i>



Usage Examples of "Bow" as a noun

- *He pointed the bow of the boat toward the finish line.*
- *A girl with long hair tied back in a bow.*



Bow as a Verb

Definitions of "Bow" as a verb

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

- *Bend the head or the upper part of the body in a gesture of respect or greeting.*
- *Play on a string instrument with a bow.*
- *Play on a stringed instrument with a bow.*
- *Yield to another's wish or opinion.*
- *Bend one's knee or body, or lower one's head.*
- *Play (a stringed instrument or music) using a bow.*
- *Bend one's back forward from the waist on down.*



Synonyms of "Bow" as a verb (8 Words)

- accede** Agree to a demand, request, or treaty.
*By now John had died and Henry III had **acceded**.*
- bend** Bend one's back forward from the waist on down.
***Bend** your knees.*
- bow down** Play on a string instrument with a bow.
- crouch** Bend one's back forward from the waist on down.
*We **crouched** down in the trench.*
- defer** Postpone the conscription of (someone).
*He was no longer **deferred** from the draft.*
- give in** Emit or utter.
- stoop** Descend swiftly, as if on prey.
*He tends to **stoop** when he walks.*

submit

Accept or undergo, often unwillingly.

The panel's report was **submitted** to a parliamentary committee.



Usage Examples of "Bow" as a verb

- *The techniques by which the pieces were bowed.*
- *She bowed before the Queen.*
- *She bowed her head in shame.*

- *He bowed before the King.*
- *The government bowed to the military pressure.*



Associations of "Bow" (30 Words)

adieu	A farewell remark. <i>He whispered a fond adieu.</i>
aloha	An acknowledgment that can be used to say hello or goodbye aloha is Hawaiian and ciao is Italian. <i>What a great way to spread the aloha.</i>
arc	A shape or structure resembling an arc. <i>His transformation provides the emotional arc of the story.</i>
archer	A person who is born while the sun is in Sagittarius.
archery	The sport of shooting arrows with a bow.
bend	A kind of knot used to join two ropes together or to tie a rope to another object e g a carrick bend. <i>We cannot bend the rules even for Darren.</i>
bending	The act of bending something.

<u>bent</u>	A special way of doing something. <i>A mob bent on violence.</i>
bowstring	Strangle with a bowstring a former Turkish method of execution.
<u>brandish</u>	Exhibit aggressively. Brandish a sword.
bye	An automatic advance to the next round in a tournament without playing an opponent. <i>He had a bye in the first round.</i>
condescend	Treat condescendingly. <i>Take care not to condescend to your reader.</i>
<u>crooked</u>	Bent or twisted out of shape or out of place. <i>A dress with a crooked hemline.</i>
crouch	A crouching stance or posture. <i>We crouched down in the trench.</i>
cudgel	Strike with a cudgel. <i>They would lie in wait and cudgel her to death.</i>
<u>curve</u>	A pitch of a baseball that is thrown with spin so that its path curves as it approaches the batter. <i>Her hips curve nicely.</i>
ductile	Able to be deformed without losing toughness; pliable, not brittle. Ductile copper.
<u>fold</u>	A folded part as in skin or muscle. <i>The deckchair folds flat.</i>
goodbye	An instance of saying goodbye a parting. <i>We said our goodbyes and set off.</i>
greeting	The action of giving a sign of welcome. <i>She raised her hand in greeting.</i>
hi	A state in the United States in the central Pacific on the Hawaiian Islands.
hunch	A feeling or guess based on intuition rather than fact. <i>Eliot hunched his shoulders against a gust of snow.</i>
later	Comparative of the adverb `late. <i>A later symptom of the disease.</i>
<u>lean</u>	Cause to lean or incline. <i>The vehicle has a definite lean to the left.</i>
pucker	Draw together into folds or puckers. <i>The child s face puckered ready to cry.</i>

- salutation** An act of honor or courteous recognition.
*We would not expect a love letter to include a formal address and **salutation**.*
- shield** A sporting trophy shaped like a shield consisting of an engraved metal plate mounted on a piece of wood.
*These people have been completely **shielded** from economic forces.*
- stoop** Small porch or set of steps at the front entrance of a house.
*The man **stoops** his head.*
- sword** A weapon with a long metal blade and a hilt with a hand guard, used for thrusting or striking and now typically worn as part of ceremonial dress.
*Not many perished by the **sword**.*
- winding** The act of winding or twisting.
*A **winding** country road.*

