

Need another word that means the same as “caress”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “caress” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Caress” are: fondle, stroke, touch, brush, skim, pet, pat, nuzzle, kiss, stroking, touching, fondling

Caress as a Noun

Definitions of "Caress" as a noun

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

- *A gentle or loving touch.*
- *A gentle affectionate stroking (or something resembling it).*



Synonyms of "Caress" as a noun (9 Words)

fondling Affectionate play (or foreplay without contact with the genital organs).

kiss A slight touch of a ball against another ball.
*She sent lots of love and a whole line of **kisses**.*

pat A light touch or stroke.
*Giving him a friendly **pat** on the arm she went off to join the others.*

skim An act of reading something quickly or superficially.
*A **skim** of ice.*

stroking A light touch.

touch An act of touching someone or something.
*There was a **touch** of sarcasm in his tone.*

touching The act of putting two things together with no space between them.



Usage Examples of "Caress" as a noun

- *She felt the caress of his breath on her cheek.*
- *He showered her with caresses.*
- *The caresses of the breeze played over his face.*
- *Soft music was a fond caress.*



Caress as a Verb

Definitions of "Caress" as a verb

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

- *Touch or stroke lightly in a loving or endearing manner.*
- *Touch or stroke gently or lovingly.*



Synonyms of "Caress" as a verb (9 Words)

- brush** Apply a liquid to a surface with a brush.
*Their fingers **brushed** as she took the glass from him.*
- kiss** (of a ball) lightly touch (another ball) in passing.
*She **kissed** the children goodnight.*
- nuzzle** Rub noses.
*The pig **nuzzled** the truffle.*
- pat** Pat or squeeze fondly or playfully especially under the chin.
*He **patted** the bench beside him and I sat down.*
- pet** Treat (someone) with affection or favouritism; pamper.
*I was cosseted and **petted** and never shouted at.*
- skim** Examine hastily.
*He **skimmed** the report.*
- touch** Be in direct physical contact with; make contact.
*I was **touched** by your kind letter of sympathy.*



Usage Examples of "Caress" as a verb

- *She caressed the girl's forehead.*
- *He caressed her face.*
- *A gentle breeze caressed his skin.*



Associations of "Caress" (30 Words)

adore

Love and respect (someone) deeply.
*He just **adored** his wife.*

affection

A positive feeling of liking.
*She felt **affection** for the wise old lady.*

beating

The act of overcoming or outdoing.
*Torture methods included **beating**.*

cherish

Keep (a hope or ambition) in one's mind.
*I **cherish** the letters she wrote.*

congratulatory	Conveying good wishes or praise to someone in response to an achievement or special occasion. <i>As well as a congratulatory message from the Queen Elsie received many cards and flowers.</i>
couple	Two items of the same kind. <i>Clean the stains with a couple squirts dishwashing liquid.</i>
cuddly	Denoting a toy, especially a model of an animal, that is padded or spongy and covered in soft fabric. <i>A cuddly teddybear.</i>
diagonal	A set of entries in a square matrix running diagonally either from the upper left to lower right entry or running from the upper right to lower left entry. <i>Tiles can be laid on the diagonal.</i>
embrace	The state of taking in or encircling. <i>Their eager embrace of foreign influences.</i>
embracement	The act of clasping another person in the arms (as in greeting or affection).
encourage	Persuade (someone) to do or continue to do something by giving support and advice. <i>The intention is to encourage new writing talent.</i>
espouse	(of a woman) be engaged to (a particular man). <i>The candidate espouses Republican ideals.</i>
family	A group of peoples from a common stock. <i>The cabbage family.</i>
fondly	With affection or liking. <i>He talks fondly of his grandfather.</i>
greeting	A polite word or sign of welcome or recognition. <i>Mandy shouted a greeting.</i>
hit	Score a run or point by hitting a ball with a bat racket stick etc. <i>Marius hit him in the mouth.</i>
hug	Fit tightly round. <i>The car hugs the road cornering neatly.</i>
kiss	A slight touch of a ball against another ball. <i>She kissed her grandfather on the forehead when she entered the room.</i>
kissing	Affectionate play (or foreplay without contact with the genital organs).
love	A person or thing that one loves. <i>Don t fret there s a love.</i>

lovingly	With fondness; with love. <i>They smile lovingly at each other.</i>
married	A person who is married. <i>A married man.</i>
pat	Pat or squeeze fondly or playfully especially under the chin. <i>Pat him on the shoulder.</i>
snugly	With comparative ease; comfortably. <i>He motored away to win snugly by three and a half lengths.</i>
soothe	Gently calm (a person or their feelings). <i>To soothe the skin try chamomile or thyme.</i>
tap	Cut a female screw thread with a tap. <i>Tap one's memory.</i>
whisper	A soft or confidential tone of voice a whispered word or phrase. <i>Alison was whispering in his ear.</i>

