

Need another word that means the same as “cease”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “cease” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Cease” are: discontinue, give up, lay off, quit, stop, end, finish, terminate, come to an end, come to a halt, come to a stop, halt, conclude, wind up, draw to a close, be over, come to a standstill, bring to an end, bring to a halt, bring to a stop, desist from, refrain from, leave off, shut down, suspend, break off, cut short

Cease as a Verb

Definitions of "Cease" as a verb

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

- *Come or bring to an end.*
- *Have an end, in a temporal, spatial, or quantitative sense; either spatial or metaphorical.*
- *Put an end to a state or an activity.*



Synonyms of "Cease" as a verb (27 Words)

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| be over | Spend or use time. |
| break off | Curl over and fall apart in surf or foam, of waves. |
| bring to a halt | Advance or set forth in court. |
| bring to a stop | Advance or set forth in court. |
| bring to an end | Bring into a different state. |
| come to a halt | Reach or enter a state, relation, condition, use, or position. |
| come to a standstill | Proceed or get along. |
| come to a stop | Come forth. |
| come to an end | Happen as a result. |
| <u>conclude</u> | Bring to a close. <i>An attempt to conclude a ceasefire.</i> |
| cut short | Cause to stop operating by disengaging a switch. |
| desist from | Choose not to consume. |
| <u>discontinue</u> | Cease taking (a newspaper or periodical) or paying (a subscription). <i>The support from our sponsoring agency will discontinue after March 31.</i> |
| draw to a close | Bring or lead someone to a certain action or condition. |

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| end | Have an end in a temporal spatial or quantitative sense either spatial or metaphorical. <i>I ended up in Eritrea.</i> |
| finish | Cause to finish a relationship with somebody. <i>We finished eating our meal.</i> |
| give up | Give food to. |
| halt | Come to a halt stop moving. <i>Company halt.</i> |
| lay off | Put into a certain place or abstract location. |
| leave off | Go and leave behind, either intentionally or by neglect or forgetfulness. |
| quit | Leave (a place), usually permanently. <i>Quit moaning.</i> |
| refrain from | Resist doing something. |
| shut down | Prevent from entering; shut out. |
| stop | Stop and wait as if awaiting further instructions or developments. <i>His laughter stopped as quickly as it had begun.</i> |
| suspend | Hang (something) from somewhere. <i>The sentence was suspended for six months.</i> |
| terminate | Terminate the employment of discharge from an office or position. <i>He was terminated by persons unknown.</i> |
| wind up | Raise or haul up with or as if with mechanical help. |



Usage Examples of "Cease" as a verb

- *The hostilities ceased and normal life was resumed.*
- *On his retirement the job will cease to exist.*
- *They were asked to cease all military activity.*



Associations of "Cease" (30 Words)

- abeyance** Temporary cessation or suspension.
*Matters were held in **abeyance** pending further enquiries.*
- begrudge** Be envious of; set one's heart on.
*She **begrudged** Martin his affluence.*
- busybody** A meddling or prying person.
*Others considered him an interfering **busybody**.*
- deadlock** Secure a door with a deadlock.
*You can **deadlock** any exit door from the outside.*
- desist** Choose not to consume.
*Each pledged to **desist** from acts of sabotage.*
- disrupt** Throw into disorder.
*Flooding **disrupted** rail services.*

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| disruption | The act of causing disorder. <i>He gave hints on what industry today he believes may be ripe for disruption.</i> |
| <u>disturbance</u> | A disorderly outburst or tumult. <i>There was a disturbance of neural function.</i> |
| <u>halt</u> | Come to a halt stop moving. <i>During the halt he got some lunch.</i> |
| <u>hiatus</u> | A pause or break in continuity in a sequence or activity. <i>There was a brief hiatus in the war with France.</i> |
| hinderance | Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome. |
| <u>hindrance</u> | Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome. <i>A hindrance to the development process.</i> |
| <u>impasse</u> | A situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock. <i>The current political impasse.</i> |
| interfere | Of light or other electromagnetic waveforms interact to produce interference. <i>The rotors are widely separated and do not interfere with one another.</i> |
| interference | (in ice hockey and other sports) the illegal hindering of an opponent not in possession of the puck or ball. <i>Concerns about government interference in church life.</i> |
| interposition | The action of interposing someone or something. <i>The interposition of members between tiers of management.</i> |
| interrupt | Make a break in. <i>Of course Shepherd began but his son interrupted him.</i> |
| interruption | An act, utterance, or period that interrupts someone or something. <i>Students returning to education after an interruption in their career.</i> |
| <u>intervene</u> | Become involved in a lawsuit as a third party. <i>This interludes intervenes between the two movements.</i> |
| <u>intervention</u> | Action taken to improve a medical disorder. <i>Repeated interventions by central banks.</i> |
| meddlesome | Fond of meddling; interfering. <i>Heaven rid him of meddlesome politicians.</i> |
| <u>nosy</u> | Showing too much curiosity about other people's affairs. <i>Nosy neighbours.</i> |

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| obstacle | Something immaterial that stands in the way and must be circumvented or surmounted. <i>The major obstacle to achieving that goal is money.</i> |
| obtrude | Impose or force (something) on someone in an unwelcome or intrusive way. <i>I felt unable to obtrude my private sorrow upon anyone.</i> |
| <u>pause</u> | Temporary inactivity. <i>She dropped me outside during a brief pause in the rain.</i> |
| <u>stalemate</u> | Bring to or cause to reach stalemate. <i>Last time I played him it ended up in stalemate.</i> |
| stanch | Stop the flow of a liquid. |
| standstill | A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible. <i>The traffic came to a standstill.</i> |
| stop | Stop and wait as if awaiting further instructions or developments. <i>Police were given powers to stop and search suspects.</i> |
| suspension | Temporary cessation or suspension. <i>The agitator in the vat keeps the slurry in suspension.</i> |

