

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)

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

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

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

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

