

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)

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.

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.*

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>

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>

