

Need another word that means the same as “clue”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “clue” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Clue” are: hint, clew, cue, indication, sign, signal, pointer, guide, suggestion, intimation, trace, indicator, question, problem, puzzle, riddle, poser, conundrum, inform, let know, notify, make aware, give information, prime

Clue as a Noun

Definitions of "Clue" as a noun

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

- *A slight indication.*
- *A piece of evidence or information used in the detection of a crime.*
- *A fact or idea that serves to reveal something or solve a problem.*
- *A word or words giving an indication as to what is to be inserted in a particular space in a crossword.*
- *Evidence that helps to solve a problem.*



Synonyms of "Clue" as a noun (18 Words)

clew A ball of thread.

conundrum A confusing and difficult problem or question.
*One of the most difficult **conundrums** for the experts.*

cue Sports implement consisting of a tapering rod used to strike a cue ball in pool or billiards.
*My teacher joked about such attitudes and I followed her **cue**.*

guide A thing that helps someone to form an opinion or make a decision or calculation.
*The **guides** for the bolt needed straightening.*

hint A just detectable amount.
*He has given no **hint** of his views.*

indication Something that serves to indicate or suggest.
*The barometer gave clear **indications** of an approaching storm.*

indicator	A flashing light or (formerly) other device on a vehicle to show that it is about to change lanes or turn. <i>A speed indicator.</i>
intimation	A slight suggestion or vague understanding. <i>No one gave any intimation that there had been any problems.</i>
pointer	A small piece of advice; a tip. <i>Another computer word holds a descriptor or pointer to an individual character.</i>
poser	A person who poses; a poseur.
problem	A thing that is difficult to achieve. <i>Practitioners help families develop strategies for managing problem behaviour in teens.</i>
<u>puzzle</u>	A jigsaw puzzle. <i>Those who solve this puzzle in the shortest time are eligible for awards.</i>
question	An instance of questioning. <i>He asked a direct question.</i>
riddle	A difficult problem. <i>The riddle of her death.</i>
sign	A gesture that is part of a sign language. <i>The signs are that counterfeiting is growing at an alarming rate.</i>
signal	An event or statement that provides the impulse for an occurrence. <i>The firing of the gun was the signal for a chain of beacons to be lit.</i>
suggestion	Persuasion formulated as a suggestion. <i>There is no suggestion that he was involved in any wrongdoing.</i>
<u>trace</u>	A barely discernible indication of something. <i>He speaks French with a trace of an accent.</i>



Usage Examples of "Clue" as a noun

- *Archaeological evidence can give clues about the past.*
- *Police officers are still searching for clues.*
- *A long-pondered clue in a half-completed crossword.*



Clue as a Verb

Definitions of "Clue" as a verb

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

- *Roll into a ball.*
- *Inform someone about a particular matter.*



Synonyms of "Clue" as a verb (7 Words)

clew Raise or lower a square sail by the clews when furling or unfurling.
give information Break down, literally or metaphorically.

inform

Give incriminating information about someone to the police or other authority.

*They were **informed** that no risk was involved.*

let know

Cause to move; cause to be in a certain position or condition.

make aware

Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.

notify

Inform (somebody) of something.

They were notified that John had been taken prisoner.

prime

Insert a primer into a gun mine or charge preparatory to detonation or firing.

Prime a car engine.



Usage Examples of "Clue" as a verb

- *Stella had **clued** her in about Peter.*



Associations of "Clue" (30 Words)

advice	Information; news. <i>The want of fresh advices from Europe.</i>
allude	(of an artist or a work of art) recall (an earlier work or style) in such a way as to suggest a relationship with it. <i>The photographs allude to Italian Baroque painting.</i>
antimony	The chemical element of atomic number 51, a brittle silvery-white metalloid.
charge	Enter a certain amount as a charge. <i>I don't advise anyone to charge that barricade.</i>
cue	Give a cue to or for. <i>There was a pause while she cued up the next tape.</i>
deduce	Trace the course or derivation of. <i>Little can be safely deduced from these figures.</i>
derive	Come from; be connected by a relationship of blood, for example. <i>The present name derives from an older form.</i>
elude	(of an achievement or something desired) fail to be attained by (someone). <i>Sleep still eluded her.</i>
entree	Something that provides access (to get in or get out). <i>She made a graceful entree into the ballroom.</i>
fee	A fixed charge for a privilege or for professional services. <i>Fee the steward.</i>
fluke	Flat bladelike projection on the arm of an anchor. <i>Their victory was a bit of a fluke.</i>
gratuity	A tip given to a waiter, taxi driver, etc. <i>An end of contract gratuity of 20 of the total pay received.</i>
guiding	Showing the way by conducting or leading; imposing direction on. <i>A guiding principle.</i>
hint	Drop a hint intimate by a hint. <i>A hint mockery in her manner.</i>
implication	The action or state of being involved in something. <i>His resignation had political implications.</i>
imply	Indicate the truth or existence of (something) by suggestion rather than explicit reference. <i>Salesmen who use jargon to imply superior knowledge.</i>
indication	A symptom that suggests certain medical treatment is necessary. <i>An indication of foul play.</i>

lead	A position of being the initiator of something and an example that others will follow especially in the phrase take the lead. <i>They didn't follow our lead.</i>
mark	Mark with a scar. <i>We have marked the area with red stones.</i>
pay	Convey, as of a compliment, regards, attention, etc.; bestow. <i>Pay attention.</i>
remind	Cause (someone) to fulfil an obligation or to take note of something. <i>She reminded me to be respectful.</i>
sign	A fundamental linguistic unit linking a signifier to that which is signified de Saussure. <i>He signed his disapproval with a dismissive hand gesture.</i>
signal	Be a signal for or a symptom of. <i>She signalled Charlotte to be silent.</i>
snitch	Steal. <i>They thought he was a plant or a snitch.</i>
solder	Join with solder. <i>The Roman silversmith did indeed use several different solders.</i>
suggest	Suggest the necessity of an intervention in medicine. <i>The theatrical interpretation of weather and water almost suggests El Greco.</i>
suggestion	Persuasion formulated as a suggestion. <i>It was a suggestion we couldn't refuse.</i>
taxable	Subject to taxation. <i>Taxable income.</i>
tip	Remove the tip from. <i>Tip the screen upward.</i>
weld	Forge an article by welding. <i>The truck had spikes welded to the back.</i>

