

Need another word that means the same as “collude”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “collude” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Collude” are: conspire, connive, intrigue, be hand in glove, plot, participate in a conspiracy, collaborate, scheme

Collude as a Verb

Definitions of "Collude" as a verb

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

- *Act in unison or agreement and in secret towards a deceitful or illegal purpose.*
- *Cooperate in a secret or unlawful way in order to deceive or gain an advantage over others.*



Synonyms of "Collude" as a verb (8 Words)

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| be hand in glove | To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form. |
| collaborate | Cooperate traitorously with an enemy. <i>He collaborated with the Nazis when they occupied Paris.</i> |
| connive | Encourage or assent to illegally or criminally. <i>She connived with a senior official to rig the results of last year's election.</i> |
| <u>conspire</u> | Make secret plans jointly to commit an unlawful or harmful act. <i>Everything conspires to exacerbate the situation.</i> |
| intrigue | Form intrigues for in an underhand manner. <i>Henry and Louis intrigued with the local nobles.</i> |
| participate in a conspiracy | Share in something. |

plot

Mark (a route or position) on a chart.
*A cooling curve is **plotted** and the freezing point determined.*

scheme

Devise a system or form a scheme for.
*I **scheme** it could work.*



Usage Examples of "Collude" as a verb

- *Certain officials were colluding in the avoidance of drugs tests.*
- *The president accused his opponents of colluding with foreigners.*

Associations of "Collude" (30 Words)

abet

Encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong, in particular to commit a crime.
*He was not guilty of murder but was guilty of aiding and **abetting** others.*

accomplice

A person who joins with another in carrying out some plan (especially an unethical or illegal plan).
*An **accomplice** in the murder.*

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| allegedly | Used to convey that something is claimed to be the case or have taken place, although there is no proof. <i>Allegedly obscene material.</i> |
| bribery | The giving or offering of a bribe. <i>His opponent had been guilty of bribery and corruption.</i> |
| cabal | A clique (often secret) that seeks power usually through intrigue. <i>A cabal of dissidents.</i> |
| cheat | An act of cheating a fraud or deception. <i>She cheated death in a spectacular crash.</i> |
| collusion | Collusion between ostensible opponents in a lawsuit. <i>The armed forces were working in collusion with drug traffickers.</i> |
| complicity | Guilt as an accomplice in a crime or offense. <i>They were accused of complicity in the attempt to overthrow the government.</i> |
| connivance | (law) tacit approval of someone's wrongdoing. <i>This infringement of the law had taken place with the connivance of officials.</i> |
| connive | Conspire to do something immoral, illegal, or harmful. <i>She connived with a senior official to rig the results of last year's election.</i> |
| conspiracy | The action of plotting or conspiring. <i>They were cleared of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.</i> |
| conspire | (of events or circumstances) seem to be working together to bring about a particular negative result. <i>They conspired against him.</i> |
| covered | Overlaid or spread or topped with or enclosed within something; sometimes used as a combining form. <i>Women with covered faces.</i> |
| embezzlement | Theft or misappropriation of funds placed in one's trust or belonging to one's employer. <i>Charges of fraud and embezzlement.</i> |
| fraud | Intentional deception resulting in injury to another person. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and frauds.</i> |
| gossip | A conversation about other people an instance of gossiping. <i>He became the subject of much local gossip.</i> |
| intrigue | Form intrigues for in an underhand manner. <i>Within the region's borders is a wealth of interest and intrigue.</i> |
| involved | Emotionally involved. <i>I don't want to get involved.</i> |

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| <u>involvement</u> | The act of sharing in the activities of a group. <i>She knew that involvement with Adam would only complicate her life.</i> |
| junto | A political grouping or faction, especially in 17th- and 18th-century Britain. |
| maliciously | In a manner characterized by malice or ill will; with intent to do harm. <i>A maliciously constructed website.</i> |
| patsy | A person who is easily taken advantage of, especially by being cheated or blamed for something. <i>There is a mischievous sparkle in his eyes that suggests he is no patsy.</i> |
| peculation | The fraudulent appropriation of funds or property entrusted to your care but actually owned by someone else. |
| <u>perpetrate</u> | Perform an act, usually with a negative connotation. <i>A crime has been perpetrated against a sovereign state.</i> |
| purposely | On purpose; intentionally. <i>She had purposely made it difficult.</i> |
| scandal | The outrage or anger caused by a scandalous action or event. <i>I know that you would want no scandal attached to her name.</i> |
| secretly | In a secret way; without others knowing. <i>The two were secretly married in 1751.</i> |
| story | A plot or storyline. <i>What s the story on this man Is he from around here.</i> |
| <u>suspicion</u> | A feeling or thought that something is possible, likely, or true. <i>A suspicion of a smile.</i> |
| willfully | In a willful manner. <i>She had willfully deceived me.</i> |