

Need another word that means the same as “compass”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “compass” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Compass” are: grasp, range, reach, ambit, orbit, scope, extent, span, breadth, width, stretch, limits, confines, parameters, extremities, bounds, boundary, border, boundary line, bound, bounding line, partition line, frontier, edge, demarcation line, end point, cut-off point, termination, apprehend, comprehend, dig, get the picture, grok, savvy, circumnavigate, surround, enclose, ring, encircle, circumscribe, skirt, fringe, manage, find a way, engineer a way, arrange**

## Compass as a Noun

### Definitions of "Compass" as a noun

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

- *An area in which something acts or operates or has power or control.*
- *The limit of capability.*
- *The range or scope of something.*
- *The enclosing limits of an area.*
- *Navigational instrument for finding directions.*
- *An instrument containing a magnetized pointer which shows the direction of magnetic north and bearings from it.*

- An instrument for drawing circles and arcs and measuring distances between points, consisting of two arms linked by a movable joint, one arm ending in a point and the other usually carrying a pencil or pen.
- The range of notes that can be produced by a voice or a musical instrument.
- Drafting instrument used for drawing circles.



## Synonyms of "Compass" as a noun (28 Words)

<b>ambit</b>	An area in which something acts or operates or has power or control. <i>The <b>ambit</b> of municipal legislation.</i>
<b>border</b>	A district near the border between two areas. <i>Geraniums are among the best of <b>border</b> perennials.</i>
<b>bound</b>	A leaping movement towards or over something. <i>What he did was beyond the <b>bounds</b> of acceptable behavior.</i>
<b>boundary</b>	A hit crossing the limits of the field, scoring four or six runs. <i>The river marks the <b>boundary</b> between the two regions.</i>

<b>boundary line</b>	The greatest possible degree of something.
<b>bounding line</b>	The greatest possible degree of something.
<b><u>bounds</u></b>	The greatest possible degree of something.
<b><u>breadth</u></b>	Wide range or extent. <i>The minister is not noted for his <b>breadth</b> of vision.</i>
<b>confines</b>	A bounded scope. <i>He stayed within the <b>confines</b> of the city.</i>
<b>cut-off point</b>	The dot at the left of a decimal fraction.
<b>demarcation line</b>	A spatial location defined by a real or imaginary unidimensional extent.
<b>edge</b>	The line along which two surfaces of a solid meet. <i>A flamenco singer brings a primitive <b>edge</b> to the music.</i>
<b>end point</b>	A position on the line of scrimmage.
<b><u>extent</u></b>	The size or scale of something. <i>To a certain <b>extent</b> she was right.</i>
<b>extremities</b>	An external body part that projects from the body. <i>The extremity of despair.</i>
<b><u>frontier</u></b>	An undeveloped field of study; a topic inviting research and development. <i>The success of science in extending the <b>frontiers</b> of knowledge.</i>
<b><u>grasp</u></b>	The act of grasping. <i>A terrible power had her in its <b>grasp</b>.</i>
<b>limits</b>	The mathematical value toward which a function goes as the independent variable approaches infinity. <i>There are <b>limits</b> on the amount you can bet.</i>
<b><u>orbit</u></b>	The state of moving in an orbit. <i>In the political <b>orbit</b> of a world power.</i>
<b><u>parameters</u></b>	A reference or value that is passed to a function, procedure, subroutine, command, or program.
<b>partition line</b>	The part of a hard disk that is dedicated to a particular operating system or application and accessed as a single unit.
<b>range</b>	An open or enclosed area with targets for shooting practice. <i>A mountain <b>range</b>.</i>
<b>reach</b>	A distance traversed in reaching. <i>The programme s daily <b>reach</b> is 400 000.</i>
<b><u>scope</u></b>	A telescope microscope or other device having a name ending in scope. <i>Within the <b>scope</b> of an investigation.</i>



<b><u>span</u></b>	The wingspan of an aircraft or a bird. <i>A short concentration <b>span</b>.</i>
<b>stretch</b>	A stretch limo. <i>By no <b>stretch</b> of the imagination.</i>
<b>termination</b>	An ending or result of a specified kind. <i>The <b>termination</b> of the agreement.</i>
<b><u>width</u></b>	The extent of something from side to side. <i>A single <b>width</b> of hardboard.</i>



### Usage Examples of "Compass" as a noun

- *Goods and services which fall within the compass of the free market.*
- *A regular heptagon cannot be constructed accurately with only ruler and compass.*
- *Within the compass of this article.*
- *The event had political repercussions which are beyond the compass of this book.*
- *Crewe was ideally placed on the rail network, with connections running to all points of the compass.*

- *A magnetic compass.*
- *Walkers should be equipped with a map and compass.*
- *The cellos were playing in a rather sombre part of their compass.*
- *This region had within its compass many types of agriculture.*
- *Within the compass of education.*



## Compass as a Verb

### Definitions of "Compass" as a verb

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

- *Contrive to accomplish (something).*
- *Bring about; accomplish.*
- *Surround or hem in on all sides.*
- *Go round (something) in a circular course.*
- *Get the meaning of something.*

- *Travel around, either by plane or ship.*



## Synonyms of "Compass" as a verb (21 Words)

<b>apprehend</b>	Get the meaning of something. <i>A warrant was issued but he has not been <b>apprehended</b>.</i>
<b><u>arrange</u></b>	Arrange attractively. <i>My aunt <b>arranged</b> for the furniture to be stored.</i>
<b><u>border</u></b>	Provide with a border or edge. <i>The walls were <b>bordered</b> with carved scrolls and cornices.</i>
<b><u>bound</u></b>	Of an object rebound from a surface. <i>Shares <b>bounded</b> ahead in early dealing.</i>
<b>circumnavigate</b>	Sail or travel all the way around (something, especially the world). <i>They <b>circumnavigated</b> the issue.</i>
<b>circumscribe</b>	Draw a line around. <i>If a hexagon is <b>circumscribed</b> about a circle the lines joining opposite vertices meet in one point.</i>



<b>comprehend</b>	To become aware of through the senses. <i>He couldn't <b>comprehend</b> her reasons for marrying Lovat.</i>
<b>dig</b>	Create by digging. <i><b>Dig</b> salt.</i>
<b>encircle</b>	Bind with something round or circular. <i>The town is <b>encircled</b> by fortified walls.</i>
<b>enclose</b>	Enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering. <i>The open fields in the parish were <b>enclosed</b> in 1808.</i>
<b>engineer a way</b>	Plan and direct (a complex undertaking).
<b>find a way</b>	Get or find back; recover the use of.
<b>fringe</b>	Decorate clothing or material with a fringe. <i>A rich robe of gold <b>fringed</b> with black velvet.</i>
<b>get the picture</b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to.
<b>grasp</b>	Take (an opportunity) eagerly. <i>She <b>grasped</b> the bottle.</i>
<b>grok</b>	Get the meaning of something. <i>Nestling earth couple would like to find water brothers to <b>grok</b> with in peace.</i>
<b>manage</b>	Be the manager of a sports team or a performer. <i>He <b>managed</b> five or six bands in his career.</i>
<b>ring</b>	Ring or echo with sound. <i>My uncle <b>rings</b> every Sunday at the local church.</i>
<b>savvy</b>	Get the meaning of something. <i>Charley would <b>savvy</b> what to do.</i>
<b>skirt</b>	Go round or past the edge of. <i>She <b>skirted</b> the problem.</i>
<b>surround</b>	Surround with a wall in order to fortify. <i>He loves to <b>surround</b> himself with family and friends.</i>



### Usage Examples of "Compass" as a verb

- *He compassed his end only by the exercise of violence.*
- *The ship wherein Magellan compassed the world.*
- *We were compassed round by a thick fog.*
- *This writer attempts more than his talents can compass.*
- *We compassed the earth.*





## Associations of "Compass" (30 Words)

<b>adventure</b>	An unusual and exciting or daring experience. <i>Her recent <b>adventures</b> in Italy.</i>
<b>ambit</b>	The scope, extent, or bounds of something. <i>The <b>ambit</b> of municipal legislation.</i>
<b>astrolabe</b>	An instrument used to make astronomical measurements, typically of the altitudes of celestial bodies, and in navigation for calculating latitude, before the development of the sextant.
<u><a href="#">captain</a></u>	Be the captain of a sports team. <i>A <b>captain</b> of industry.</i>
<b>cartographic</b>	Of or relating to the making of maps or charts. <i>He started his own <b>cartographic</b> printing company.</i>
<b>circumnavigate</b>	Avoid dealing with (something difficult or unpleasant). <i>He helped her to <b>circumnavigate</b> a frozen puddle.</i>

<b>cruise</b>	(of a motor vehicle or aircraft) travel smoothly at a moderate or economical speed. <i>A <b>cruise</b> down the Nile.</i>
<b>direction</b>	Something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action. <i>He had a terrible sense of <b>direction</b>.</i>
<b>echolocation</b>	Determining the location of something by measuring the time it takes for an echo to return from it.
<b>encircle</b>	Form or draw a circle around. <i>The town is <b>encircled</b> by fortified walls.</i>
<b>environ</b>	Surround; enclose. <i>The stone circle was <b>enviored</b> by an expanse of peat soil.</i>
<u><b>expedition</b></u>	The people involved in an expedition. <i>A shopping <b>expedition</b>.</i>
<b>hemisphere</b>	A half of a sphere. <i>The left <b>hemisphere</b> plays a dominant role in the comprehension of language.</i>
<b>jupiter</b>	The largest planet and the 5th from the sun; has many satellites and is one of the brightest objects in the night sky.
<u><b>labyrinth</b></u>	A complex structure in the inner ear which contains the organs of hearing and balance. It consists of bony cavities the bony labyrinth filled with fluid and lined with sensitive membranes the membranous labyrinth. <i>You lose yourself in a <b>labyrinth</b> of little streets.</i>
<b>latitude</b>	Freedom from normal restraints in conduct. <i>Journalists have considerable <b>latitude</b> in criticizing public figures.</i>
<b>mars</b>	(Roman mythology) Roman god of war and agriculture; father of Romulus and Remus; counterpart of Greek Ares.
<u><b>maze</b></u>	A network of paths and hedges designed as a puzzle through which one has to find a way. <i>She was still <b>mazed</b> with the drug she had taken.</i>
<b>navigate</b>	(of a passenger in a vehicle) assist the driver by planning a route and map reading. <i>The drivers skilfully <b>navigated</b> a muddy course.</i>
<b>navigation</b>	The passage of ships. <i>Transporter bridges to span rivers without hindering <b>navigation</b>.</i>
<u><b>orbit</b></u>	Put a satellite into orbit. <i>The Earth s <b>orbit</b> around the sun.</i>

<b>photoelectric</b>	Of or pertaining to photoelectricity. <i>The <b>photoelectric</b> effect.</i>
<b>rudder</b>	Application of a rudder in steering a boat ship or aircraft. <i>Bring the aircraft to a stall and apply full <b>rudder</b>.</i>
<b>sail</b>	The use of sailing ships as a means of transport. <i><b>Sail</b> ahoy.</i>
<b>sailing</b>	The action of sailing in a ship or boat. <i>A <b>sailing</b> club.</i>
<b>steamboat</b>	A boat propelled by a steam engine.
<u><b>surround</b></u>	The area encircling something surroundings. <i>An oak fireplace <b>surround</b>.</i>
<u><b>tour</b></u>	Make a tour of a certain place. <i>He <b>toured</b> in America and Europe.</i>
<b>venus</b>	Goddess of love; counterpart of Greek Aphrodite.
<u><b>voyage</b></u>	Go on a voyage. <i>His <b>voyage</b> to America.</i>



