

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

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The synonyms of “Compulsory” are: mandatory, required, obligatory, requisite, necessary, essential, statutory, prescribed

Compulsory as an Adjective

Definitions of "Compulsory" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “compulsory” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Required by law or a rule; obligatory.*
- *Involving or exercising compulsion; coercive.*
- *Required by rule.*



Synonyms of "Compulsory" as an adjective (8 Words)

- essential** Defining rights and duties as opposed to giving the rules by which rights and duties are established.
*It is **essential** to keep up to date records.*
- mandatory** Required by law or mandate; compulsory.
*He did not want the guidelines to be **mandatory**.*
- necessary** Unavoidably determined by prior circumstances.
*A **necessary** consequence.*
- obligatory** Required by a legal, moral, or other rule; compulsory.
*It was a quiet little street with the **obligatory** pub at the end.*
- prescribed** Formally laid down or imposed.
*In **prescribed** order.*

- required** Required by rule.
*Eight editions were published each **required** reading for trainees.*
- requisite** Made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations.
*The application will not be processed until the **requisite** fee is paid.*
- statutory** Prescribed or authorized by or punishable under a statute.
*A **statutory** age limit.*



Usage Examples of "Compulsory" as an adjective

- *It was compulsory to attend mass.*
- *In most schools physical education is compulsory.*
- *The abuse of compulsory powers.*
- *Compulsory military service.*



Associations of "Compulsory" (30 Words)

abduction	The movement of a limb or other part away from the midline of the body, or from another part. <i>They organized the abduction of Mr Cordes on his way to the airport.</i>
<u>blackmail</u>	Money demanded by a person or group engaged in blackmail. <i>He had blackmailed her into sailing with him.</i>
coercion	Using force to cause something to occur. <i>They didn't have to use coercion.</i>
compel	Force or oblige (someone) to do something. <i>The water shortage compels conservation.</i>
<u>compelling</u>	Evoking interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way. <i>A compelling film.</i>
<u>compulsion</u>	The action or state of forcing or being forced to do something; constraint. <i>Her compulsion to wash her hands repeatedly.</i>
confinement	The state of being confined. <i>The pros and cons of home versus hospital confinement.</i>

conscription	Compulsory military service. <i>Conscription was extended to married men.</i>
constrain	Confine forcibly; imprison. <i>The walls are high the gates are strong but true love never yet was thus constrained.</i>
demand	The act of demanding. <i>The police demanded that he give them the names.</i>
disarmament	The reduction or withdrawal of military forces and weapons. <i>The disarmament of the aggressor nations must be complete.</i>
dispossess	Deprive (someone) of land, property, or other possessions. <i>A champion of the poor and the dispossessed.</i>
duress	Threats, violence, constraints, or other action used to coerce someone into doing something against their will or better judgement. <i>Confessions extracted under duress.</i>
duty	(of a person) engaged in their regular work. <i>Juliet reported for duty.</i>
enforced	Caused by necessity or force; compulsory. <i>Enforced obedience.</i>
flatly	In an unqualified manner. <i>I applied the paint flatly.</i>
force	Move with force. <i>They forced a way through the crowd.</i>
forced	Forced or compelled. <i>A forced smile.</i>
forcible	Done by force. <i>Forcible entry.</i>
impel	Drive forward; propel. <i>A lack of equality impelled the oppressed to fight.</i>
mandatory	Required by rule. <i>Attendance is mandatory.</i>
must	Grape juice before or during fermentation. <i>You must be tired.</i>
obligate	Bind by an obligation; cause to be indebted. <i>An obligate intracellular parasite.</i>
obligatory	Morally or legally constraining or binding. <i>A sovereign whose laws are obligatory.</i>

oblige	Make (someone) legally or morally bound to do something. <i>If you can give me a few minutes of your time I ll be much obliged.</i>
<u>perfunctory</u>	As a formality only. <i>He gave a perfunctory nod.</i>
required	Required by rule. <i>The corset the garment that ensured the required female shape.</i>
<u>schooling</u>	Education received at school. <i>His parents paid for his schooling.</i>
sequester	Keep away from others. <i>Two more poll tax rebels were sequestered.</i>
unconditionally	In an unqualified manner. <i>To be loved unconditionally is to be loved for who we are.</i>

