

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.*

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



## 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)

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

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

<b>oblige</b>	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 <b>obliged</b>.</i>
<b><u>perfunctory</u></b>	As a formality only. <i>He gave a <b>perfunctory</b> nod.</i>
<b>required</b>	Required by rule. <i>The corset the garment that ensured the <b>required</b> female shape.</i>
<b><u>schooling</u></b>	Education received at school. <i>His parents paid for his <b>schooling</b>.</i>
<b>sequester</b>	Keep away from others. <i>Two more poll tax rebels were <b>sequestered</b>.</i>
<b>unconditionally</b>	In an unqualified manner. <i>To be loved <b>unconditionally</b> is to be loved for who we are.</i>

