

Need another word that means the same as “construe”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “construe” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Construe” are: interpret, see, understand, read, take, take to mean, parse, render, analyse, explain, elucidate, gloss, decode

Construe as a Verb

Definitions of "Construe" as a verb

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

- *Interpret (a word or action) in a particular way.*
- *Translate (a passage or author) word for word, typically aloud.*
- *Analyse the syntax of (a text, sentence, or word).*
- *Make sense of; assign a meaning to.*

Synonyms of "Construe" as a verb (13 Words)

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| analyse | Psychoanalyse someone. <i>This DNA can be analysed by various methods including full base sequencing.</i> |
| decode | Convert (a coded message) into intelligible language. <i>A handbook to help parents decode street language.</i> |
| elucidate | Make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear. <i>Work such as theirs will help to elucidate this matter.</i> |
| explain | Be the cause of or motivating factor for. <i>Cassie found it necessary to explain her blackened eye.</i> |

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| gloss | Give a shine or gloss to usually by rubbing. <i>The pebble dash of the walls was glossed white.</i> |
| <u>interpret</u> | Give an interpretation or explanation to. <i>I agreed to interpret for Jean Claude.</i> |
| <u>parse</u> | Analyse (a string or text) into logical syntactic components. <i>A user question input is parsed into an internal conceptual representation.</i> |
| read | Habitually read a particular newspaper or periodical. <i>Only three of the girls could read and none could write.</i> |
| render | Give up surrender. <i>Render a verdict.</i> |
| <u>see</u> | Imagine conceive of see in one's mind. <i>Could you see about lunch.</i> |
| take | Of a plant or seed take root or begin to grow germinate. <i>How should I take this message.</i> |
| take to mean | Assume, as of positions or roles. |
| understand | Be understanding of. <i>I understand what she means.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Construe" as a verb

- Both verbs can be construed with either infinitive.
- She was construing straight-faced a suggestive passage of Ovid.
- His words could hardly be construed as an apology.

Associations of "Construe" (30 Words)

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| <u>bilingual</u> | Speaking two languages fluently. <i>Bilingual dictionaries.</i> |
| <u>decipher</u> | Succeed in understanding, interpreting, or identifying (something). <i>Visual signals help us decipher what is being communicated.</i> |
| <u>depict</u> | Portray in words; describe. <i>These equations may be depicted on a graph.</i> |
| english | The people of England. |
| explain | Give a reason so as to justify or excuse (an action or event). <i>I explained about Maureen calling round.</i> |
| figuratively | In a style representing forms that are recognizably derived from life. <i>I did bump into figuratively speaking quite a few interesting people.</i> |

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| fluency | Skillfulness in speaking or writing. <i>Fluency in Spanish is essential.</i> |
| fluently | With an ability to express oneself easily and articulately. <i>He writes fluently and authoritatively.</i> |
| grammarian | A person who studies and writes about grammar. |
| <u>interpret</u> | Give an interpretation or explanation to. <i>Can you interpret the speech of the visiting dignitaries.</i> |
| interpreter | Someone who uses art to represent something. <i>She was famous as an interpreter of Shakespearean roles.</i> |
| interpretive | That provides interpretation. |
| language | Coarse or offensive language. <i>He explained the procedure in simple everyday language.</i> |
| learning | Knowledge acquired through study, experience, or being taught. <i>These children experienced difficulties in learning.</i> |
| lexicographer | A person who compiles dictionaries. |
| linguist | A specialist in linguistics. |
| multilingual | In or using several languages. <i>A multilingual translator.</i> |
| <u>paraphrase</u> | Rewording for the purpose of clarification. <i>It is characteristic of poetic metaphors that they are not susceptible to paraphrase.</i> |
| philologist | A humanist specializing in classical scholarship. |
| polyglot | A person who speaks more than one language. <i>A polyglot traveler.</i> |
| read | Having a readership of a specified extent. <i>The brief note read like a cry for help.</i> |
| <u>spoken</u> | Uttered through the medium of speech or characterized by speech; sometimes used in combination. <i>Sharp spoken.</i> |
| subjectively | In a subjective way. <i>Artistic creation is judged subjectively.</i> |
| subtitle | Supply a movie with subtitles. <i>Much of the film is subtitled.</i> |
| translate | Be expressed or be capable of being expressed in another language. <i>She had been translated from familiar surroundings to a foreign court.</i> |
| translation | Rewording something in less technical terminology. <i>A Spanish translation of Calvin's great work.</i> |

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| translator | A person who translates from one language into another, especially as a profession. <i>The translator of Hardy's poems into Icelandic.</i> |
| transliterate | Rewrite in a different script. <i>Names from one language are often transliterated into another.</i> |
| understand | Be understanding of. <i>I understand what she means.</i> |
| word | Express something spoken or written in particular words. <i>We had a word or two about it.</i> |