

Need another word that means the same as “counterbalance”? Find 42 synonyms and 30 related words for “counterbalance” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Counterbalance” are: balance, counterpoise, counterweight, equaliser, equalizer, equilibrium, equipoise, offset, stabilizer, compensation, recompense, ballast, makeweight, oppose, compensate, correct, even off, even out, even up, make up, counteract, countervail, neutralize, cancel out, make up for, pay back, pay, pay for, be enough for, fund, finance, have enough money for, provide for, compensate for, balance out, equalize, nullify, negate, undo

Counterbalance as a Noun

Definitions of "Counterbalance" as a noun

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

- *A compensating equivalent.*
- *Equality of distribution.*
- *A weight that balances another weight.*
- *A factor having the opposite effect to that of another and so preventing it from exercising a disproportionate influence.*

Synonyms of "Counterbalance" as a noun (13 Words)

balance	A weight that balances another weight. <i>The balance of opinion was that work was more important than leisure.</i>
ballast	Coarse gravel laid to form a bed for streets and railroads. <i>A forty kilo sandbag was used as ballast.</i>
compensation	The action or process of awarding compensation. <i>Getting older has some compensations.</i>
counterpoise	A weight that balances another weight. <i>The organization sees the power of Brussels as a counterpoise to that of London.</i>
counterweight	A weight that balances another weight. <i>The scales have a series of counterweights that slide along a calibrated beam.</i>
equaliser	Electronic equipment that reduces frequency distortion.
equalizer	A weapon, especially a gun. <i>Education is the great equalizer.</i>
equilibrium	A state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced. <i>The market is in equilibrium.</i>
equipoise	Equality of distribution. <i>This temporary equipoise of power.</i>
makeweight	Anything added to fill out a whole. <i>He has waited a long time to establish himself after two years as squad makeweight.</i>
offset	A bend in a pipe to carry it past an obstacle. <i>Offset adjustment circuits.</i>
recompense	Payment or reward (as for service rendered). <i>Substantial damages were paid in recompense.</i>
stabilizer	A device for making something stable. <i>The role of taxes and public spending as automatic stabilizers in modern economies.</i>

Usage Examples of "Counterbalance" as a noun

- *The trolley used a counterbalance and leverage action to reduce the effort of lifting loads.*
- *His restoration to power was intended as a counterbalance to his rival's influence.*

Counterbalance as a Verb

Definitions of "Counterbalance" as a verb

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

- *Contrast with equal weight or force.*
- *(of a weight) balance (another weight).*
- *Neutralize or cancel by exerting an opposite influence.*
- *Adjust for.*
- *Oppose and mitigate the effects of by contrary actions.*

Synonyms of "Counterbalance" as a verb (29 Words)

balance	Bring into balance or equilibrium. <i>The cost of obtaining such information needs to be balanced against its benefits.</i>
balance out	Bring into balance or equilibrium.
be enough for	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
cancel out	Declare null and void; make ineffective.
compensate	Make payment to compensate. <i>They put on grandiose airs to compensate for their feelings of worthlessness.</i>
compensate for	Do or give something to somebody in return.
correct	Make right or correct. <i>He corrected Dixon s writing for publication.</i>
counteract	Oppose or check by a counteraction. <i>This will counteract the foolish actions of my colleagues.</i>
counterpoise	Bring into contrast. <i>They make a delightful couple his gentle intellectuality counterpoised by her firm practicality.</i>
countervail	Oppose and mitigate the effects of by contrary actions. <i>Stereotypes are countervailed by more realistic assessments.</i>
equalize	Make the same in quantity, size, or degree throughout a place or group. <i>Let s equalize the duties among all employees in this office.</i>

even off	Make even or more even.
even out	Make level or straight.
even up	Make even or more even.
finance	Obtain or provide money for. <i>The health service is financed almost entirely by the taxpayer.</i>
fund	Place or store up in a fund for accumulation. <i>The government funds basic research in many areas.</i>
have enough money for	Suffer from; be ill with.
make up	Form by assembling individuals or constituents.
make up for	Charge with a function; charge to be.
negate	Prove negative; show to be false. <i>Alcohol negates the effects of the drug.</i>
<u>neutralize</u>	Get rid of (someone who may be a threat) by killing. <i>Splashes on skin should be neutralized immediately.</i>
<u>nullify</u>	Make of no use or value; cancel out. <i>Judges were unwilling to nullify government decisions.</i>
<u>offset</u>	Create an offset in. <i>Several places where the ridge was offset at right angles to its length.</i>
oppose	Set into opposition or rivalry. <i>The board opposed his motion.</i>
pay	Give what is due or deserved to. <i>It pays to choose varieties carefully.</i>
pay back	Dedicate.
pay for	Do or give something to somebody in return.
provide for	Mount or put up.
<u>undo</u>	Deprive of certain characteristics. <i>You can frequently undo the error if you notice it in time.</i>

Usage Examples of "Counterbalance" as a verb

- *The extra cost of mail order may be counterbalanced by its convenience.*
- *The sitter's weight counterbalances the tilting pressure on the backrest.*

Associations of "Counterbalance" (30 Words)

atone	Make amends or reparation. <i>A human sacrifice to atone for the sin.</i>
balance	A weight that balances another weight. <i>In all perfectly beautiful objects there is found the opposition of one part to another and a reciprocal balance.</i>
cancel	A notation cancelling a previous sharp or flat. <i>Cancel cheques or tickets.</i>
compensate	Make payment to compensate. <i>She was compensated for the loss of her arm in the accident.</i>
delete	Wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information. <i>The passage was deleted.</i>
disinterest	The state of not being influenced by personal involvement in something; impartiality. <i>I do not claim any scholarly disinterest with this book.</i>
dispassion	Lack of strong emotion or personal feelings. <i>Try to look upon the war with dispassion and detachment.</i>
dispassionate	Unaffected by strong emotion or prejudice. <i>A journalist should be a dispassionate reporter of fact.</i>
equilibrium	A stable situation in which forces cancel one another. <i>Ice is in equilibrium with water.</i>
equipoise	Equality of distribution. <i>Capital flows act as an equipoise to international imbalances in savings.</i>
equity	The quality of being fair and impartial. <i>Equity of treatment.</i>
even	Make or become even. <i>He knows even less about it than I do.</i>
fair	Without favoring one party in a fair evenhanded manner. <i>He believes he has a fair chance of success.</i>
impartial	Free from undue bias or preconceived opinions. <i>The impartial eye of a scientist.</i>
impartiality	Equal treatment of all rivals or disputants; fairness. <i>Entries had to be submitted under a pseudonym to ensure impartiality in the judging process.</i>

<u>justice</u>	A public official authorized to decide questions brought before a court of justice. <i>A tragic miscarriage of justice.</i>
lithograph	A print produced by lithography. <i>He lithographed the diploma leaving only two blanks one for the name of the recipient and the other for the date.</i>
negate	Be in contradiction with. <i>This action will negate the effect of my efforts.</i>
<u>neutral</u>	An electrically neutral point terminal conductor or wire. <i>Neutral soil conditions.</i>
neutrality	PH value of 7. <i>The structure has overall electrical neutrality.</i>
<u>neutralize</u>	(in military or espionage contexts) used euphemistically to refer to killing or destruction. <i>Impatience at his frailty began to neutralize her fear.</i>
<u>nullify</u>	Declare invalid. <i>Insulin can block the release of the hormone and thereby nullify the effects of training.</i>
<u>objectivity</u>	Judgment based on observable phenomena and uninfluenced by emotions or personal prejudices. <i>The piece lacked any objectivity.</i>
<u>offset</u>	Produce by offset printing. <i>Offset adjustment circuits.</i>
<u>override</u>	Travel or move over. <i>The House vote in favour of the bill was 10 votes short of the requisite majority for an override.</i>
rationalism	The practice of treating reason as the ultimate authority in religion. <i>Scientific rationalism.</i>
rescind	Cancel officially. <i>The government eventually rescinded the directive.</i>
same	Same in identity. <i>The very same people who practised all the rules are now the most sceptical.</i>
<u>symmetry</u>	A law or operation where a physical property or process has an equivalence in two or more directions. <i>The political symmetry between the two debates.</i>
withdrawal	The action of ceasing to participate in an activity. <i>The withdrawal of French troops from Vietnam.</i>