

Need another word that means the same as “curtail”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “curtail” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Curtail” are: clip, cut short, curb, cut back, restrict, reduce, cut, cut down, decrease, lessen, diminish, slim down, tighten up, retrench, pare down, trim, dock, lop, shrink

Curtail as a Verb

Definitions of "Curtail" as a verb

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

- *Deprive someone of (something).*
- *Terminate or abbreviate before its intended or proper end or its full extent.*
- *Place restrictions on.*
- *Reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.*

Synonyms of "Curtail" as a verb (19 Words)

clip	Attach with a clip. <i>She clipped on a pair of diamond earrings.</i>
curb	Keep to the curb. <i>She promised she would curb her temper.</i>
cut	Cut and assemble the components of. <i>The car cut to the left at the intersection.</i>
cut back	Hit (a ball) with a spin so that it turns in the opposite direction.
cut down	Cut down on make a reduction in.

cut short	Move (one's fist).
decrease	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>The aisles were decreased in height.</i>
diminish	Cause to seem less impressive or valuable. <i>The pain will gradually diminish.</i>
dock	Bring a ship or boat into a dock. <i>The ship docked at Southampton.</i>
lessen	Make smaller. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i>
lop	Cut off from a whole. <i>They lopped off more branches to save the tree.</i>
pare down	Remove the edges from and cut down to the desired size.
reduce	Reduce in size reduce physically. <i>He reduced his grandees to due obedience.</i>
restrict	Place under restrictions limit access to by law. <i>Some roads may have to be closed at peak times to restrict the number of visitors.</i>
retrench	(of an organization or individual) reduce costs or spending in response to economic difficulty. <i>As a result of the recession the company retrenched.</i>
shrink	Become withdrawn. <i>Can you shrink this image.</i>
slim down	Take off weight.
tighten up	Narrow or limit.
trim	Adjust the balance of a ship or aircraft by rearranging its cargo or by means of its trim tabs. <i>He was trimming the fat off some pork chops.</i>

Usage Examples of "Curtail" as a verb

- *I that am curtailed of this fair proportion.*
- *Personal freedom is curtailed in many countries.*
- *Civil liberties were further curtailed.*
- *Curtail drinking in school.*

Associations of "Curtail" (30 Words)

abate	Make (something) less intense. <i>Nothing abated his crusading zeal.</i>
abbreviate	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>Network is often abbreviated to net.</i>
abridge	Shorten (a piece of writing) without losing the sense. <i>Even the right to free speech can be abridged.</i>
bowdlerize	Remove material that is considered improper or offensive from (a text or account), especially with the result that the text becomes weaker or less effective. <i>Every edition of his letters and diaries has been bowdlerized.</i>
decrease	The amount by which something decreases. <i>He decreased his staff.</i>
decrement	The ratio of the amplitudes in successive cycles of a damped oscillation. <i>The instruction decrements the accumulator by one.</i>
depletion	The state of being depleted. <i>The depletion of the ozone layer.</i>
dilute	Make (a liquid) thinner or weaker by adding water or another solvent to it. <i>A dilute solution.</i>
diminish	Make or become less. <i>The new law is expected to diminish the government's chances.</i>
diminution	A reduction in the size, extent, or importance of something. <i>The disease shows no signs of diminution.</i>
downgrade	A downward gradient on a railway or road. <i>A steep downgrade for which he had to put the car in second.</i>
dwindle	Become smaller or lose substance. <i>Traffic has dwindled to a trickle.</i>
encapsulate	Put in a short or concise form; reduce in volume. <i>The conclusion is encapsulated in one sentence.</i>
expurgate	Remove matter thought to be objectionable or unsuitable from (a text or account). <i>Editors heavily expurgated the novel before its initial publication.</i>
extenuate	Make (someone) thin. <i>Drawings of extenuated figures.</i>
flinch	An act of flinching. <i>She flinched at the acidity in his voice.</i>

haircut	The style in which hair has been cut. <i>He s always very particular about his haircut.</i>
<u>lower</u>	Move something or somebody to a lower position. <i>The lower levels of the building.</i>
<u>minimize</u>	Reduce (something, especially something undesirable) to the smallest possible amount or degree. <i>The aim is to minimize costs.</i>
palliate	Allay or moderate (fears or suspicions). <i>Pharmaceutical drugs palliate they do not cure.</i>
reduce	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>The number of priority homeless cases has reduced slightly.</i>
retrench	Make (an employee) redundant. <i>Right wing parties which seek to retrench the welfare state.</i>
<u>rundown</u>	A reduction in the productivity or activities of a company or institution. <i>He gave his teammates a rundown on the opposition.</i>
<u>shorten</u>	(with reference to gambling odds) make or become shorter; decrease. <i>Ladbrokes shortened Nashwan s odds from 2 1 to 7 4.</i>
<u>shrink</u>	Move back or away, especially because of fear or disgust. <i>Can you shrink this image.</i>
shrinkage	An allowance made for reduction in the takings of a business due to wastage or theft. <i>The material lost 2 inches per yard in shrinkage.</i>
shrinking	The act of becoming less. <i>The shrinking market has provoked a massive price war.</i>
understate	Represent as less significant or important. <i>The press have understated the extent of the problem.</i>
wane	Grow smaller. <i>Interest in the project waned.</i>
<u>weaken</u>	Become weaker. <i>Fault lines had weakened and shattered the rocks.</i>