

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)

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

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	Become withdrawn.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

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

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