

Need another word that means the same as “decipher”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “decipher” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Decipher” are: decode, decrypt, trace, break, work out, solve, interpret, translate, construe, explain, make out, discern, perceive, see, read, follow, fathom, penetrate, make sense of, understand, comprehend, apprehend, grasp

Decipher as a Verb

Definitions of "Decipher" as a verb

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

- *Convert (a text written in code, or a coded signal) into normal language.*
- *Read with difficulty.*
- *Succeed in understanding, interpreting, or identifying (something).*
- *Convert code into ordinary language.*



Synonyms of "Decipher" as a verb (23 Words)

apprehend	Anticipate with dread or anxiety. <i>He is a man that apprehends death no more dreadfully but as a drunken sleep.</i>
break	Do a break dance. <i>The management are out to break the union.</i>
comprehend	Include, comprise, or encompass. <i>A divine order comprehending all men.</i>
<u>construe</u>	Make sense of; assign a meaning to. <i>His words could hardly be construed as an apology.</i>
<u>decode</u>	Analyse and interpret (a communication or image). <i>A handbook to help parents decode street language.</i>
decrypt	Make (a coded or unclear message) intelligible. <i>The computer can be used to encrypt and decrypt sensitive transmissions.</i>
discern	Detect with the senses. <i>I can discern no difference between the two policies.</i>
explain	Give a reason so as to justify or excuse (an action or event). <i>It s a device of great age the professor explained.</i>
<u>fathom</u>	Come to understand. <i>He couldn t fathom why she was being so anxious.</i>
follow	Come as a logical consequence follow logically. <i>They follow their March show with four UK dates next month.</i>
<u>grasp</u>	Take (an opportunity) eagerly. <i>Many companies grasped the opportunity to expand.</i>
<u>interpret</u>	Give an interpretation or explanation to. <i>Interpreting the music well takes hours of listening and experimentation.</i>
make out	Prepare for eating by applying heat.
make sense of	Reach a destination, either real or abstract.
<u>perceive</u>	Interpret or regard (someone or something) in a particular way. <i>He perceived the faintest of flushes creeping up her neck.</i>
read	Discover information by reading it in a written or printed source. <i>Can you read Greek.</i>
<u>see</u>	See or watch. <i>I can see a risk in this strategy.</i>

- solve** Find an answer to, explanation for, or means of effectively dealing with (a problem or mystery).
*The policy could **solve** the town s housing crisis.*
- trace** Discover traces of.
***Trace** a design.*
- translate** Determine the amino-acid sequence of a protein during its synthesis by using information on the messenger RNA.
*Few of Shakespeare s other works have been **translated** into ballets.*
- understand** Be understanding of.
*She didn t really **understand** the situation.*
- work out** Make uniform.



Usage Examples of "Decipher" as a verb

- *Visual signals help us decipher what is being communicated.*
- *Authorized government agencies can decipher encrypted telecommunications.*
- *Can you decipher this letter?*



Associations of "Decipher" (30 Words)

cipher	A person of no influence. <i>He left two as yet uncracked ciphered messages for posthumous decoding.</i>
code	Be the genetic code for an amino acid or protein. <i>I was given the number but not the code for Guildford.</i>
coding	The process or activity of writing computer programs. <i>A coding region in human DNA.</i>
cryptic	Having a puzzling terseness. <i>A cryptic note.</i>
cryptogram	A text written in code.
cryptography	The science of analyzing and deciphering codes and ciphers and cryptograms.
decode	Analyse and interpret (a communication or image). <i>A handbook to help parents decode street language.</i>

egyptian	The ancient and now extinct language of Egypt under the Pharaohs; written records date back to 3000 BC.
encode	Convert information into code. <i>Using this technique makes it possible to encode and transmit recorded video information.</i>
encrypt	Convert (information or data) into a code, especially to prevent unauthorized access. <i>All calls will be digitally encrypted to make eavesdropping impossible.</i>
encryption	The process of converting information or data into a code, especially to prevent unauthorized access. <i>I use encryption to protect sensitive information transmitted online.</i>
enigmatic	Resembling an oracle in obscurity of thought. <i>An enigmatic smile.</i>
factorize	Resolve (a polynomial) into factors. <i>All matrices can be factorized.</i>
glyph	A hieroglyphic character or symbol. <i>Flanges painted with esoteric glyphs.</i>
hash	Make meat or other food into a hash. <i>A hash of raw tomatoes chillies and coriander.</i>
hieroglyph	Writing that resembles hieroglyphics usually by being illegible. <i>Hieroglyphs describing the Mayan calendar.</i>
hieroglyphic	Writing that resembles hieroglyphics usually by being illegible. <i>Without the Rosetta Stone it is likely that Egyptian hieroglyphics would still be a mystery.</i>
ideogram	A character symbolizing the idea of a thing without indicating the sounds used to say it. Examples include numerals and Chinese characters. <i>Chinese characters are ideograms.</i>
inexplicable	Incapable of being explained or accounted for. <i>Inexplicable errors.</i>
inscription	A thing inscribed, as on a monument or in a book. <i>The inscription on her headstone.</i>
interpret	Give an interpretation or rendition of. <i>Interpreting the music well takes hours of listening and experimentation.</i>
meaning	The idea that is intended. <i>A meaning look.</i>
mnemonic	Aiding or designed to aid the memory. <i>Mnemonic device.</i>

oracular	(of an utterance, advice, etc.) hard to interpret; enigmatic. <i>The oracular shrine.</i>
palimpsest	A manuscript (usually written on papyrus or parchment) on which more than one text has been written with the earlier writing incompletely erased and still visible. <i>Sutton Place is a palimpsest of the taste of successive owners.</i>
password	A secret word or phrase known only to a restricted group. <i>Each user has a password in order to log on to the network.</i>
syllabic	Having lines based on number of syllables rather than on rhythmical arrangement of stresses or quantities. <i>Syllabic singing.</i>
text	Send someone a text message. <i>The pictures are clear and relate well to the text.</i>
transliterate	Write or print (a letter or word) using the closest corresponding letters of a different alphabet or script. <i>The Sanskrit text had to be transliterated.</i>
word	The divine word of God the second person in the Trinity incarnate in Jesus. <i>I don't like the word unofficial.</i>

