

Need another word that means the same as “depict”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “depict” in this overview.

Table Of Contents:

- [Depict as a Verb](#)
- [Definitions of "Depict" as a verb](#)
- [Synonyms of "Depict" as a verb \(17 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Depict" as a verb](#)
- [Associations of "Depict" \(30 Words\)](#)

**The synonyms of “Depict” are: describe, draw, picture, render, show, limn, portray, represent, illustrate, delineate, outline, reproduce, detail, relate, narrate, recount, unfold**

## Depict as a Verb

### Definitions of "Depict" as a verb

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

- *Portray in words; describe.*
- *Show in, or as in, a picture.*
- *Give a description of.*
- *Represent by a drawing, painting, or other art form.*
- *Make a portrait of.*



## Synonyms of "Depict" as a verb (17 Words)

- delineate** Trace the shape of.  
*The law should **delineate** and prohibit behaviour which is socially abhorrent.*
- describe** Give a description of.  
*He **described** his experiences in a letter to his parents.*
- detail** Provide details for.  
*The ships were **detailed** to keep watch.*
- draw** Represent by making a drawing of as with a pencil chalk etc on a surface.  
*Do you want me to **draw** the curtains.*
- illustrate** Supply with illustrations.  
*The guide is **illustrated** with full colour photographs.*

<b>limn</b>	Trace the shape of. <i>Miss Read <b>limns</b> a gentler world in her novels.</i>
<b><u>narrate</u></b>	Narrate or give a detailed account of. <i>The story is <b>narrated</b> by the heroine.</i>
<b>outline</b>	Draw up an outline or sketch for something. <i>Her eyes were darkly <b>outlined</b> with kohl.</i>
<b>picture</b>	Show in or as in a picture. <i>She <b>pictured</b> Benjamin waiting.</i>
<b>portray</b>	Portray in words. <i>The actor <b>portrays</b> an elderly lonely man.</i>
<b><u>recount</u></b>	Count again. <i>He <b>recounts</b> how they often talked of politics.</i>
<b><u>relate</u></b>	Have reference to; concern. <i>She <b>relates</b> well to her peers.</i>
<b>render</b>	To surrender someone or something to another. <i>They had to <b>render</b> the estate.</i>
<b>represent</b>	Be a delegate or spokesperson for represent somebody's interest or be a proxy or substitute for as of politicians and office holders representing their constituents or of a tenant representing other tenants in a housing dispute. <i>This period is <b>represented</b> by Beethoven.</i>
<b>reproduce</b>	Repeat after memorization. <i>You'll be amazed to see how well half tones <b>reproduce</b>.</i>
<b>show</b>	Show in or as in a picture. <i>Greenough was the only other rider clear in round one but she failed to <b>show</b> for the tiebreaker.</i>
<b><u>unfold</u></b>	(of events or information) gradually develop or be revealed. <i>He <b>unfolded</b> the map and laid it out on the table.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Depict" as a verb

- *These equations may be depicted on a graph.*
- *Paintings depicting Old Testament scenes.*
- *Youth is depicted as a time of vitality and good health.*
- *This scene depicts country life.*

## Associations of "Depict" (30 Words)

### characterization

The act of describing distinctive characteristics or essential features.  
*He preferred to emphasize **characterization** and human conflict.*

### clarification

An interpretation that removes obstacles to understanding.  
*The professor's **clarification** helped her to understand the textbook.*

<b><u>construe</u></b>	Make sense of; assign a meaning to. <i>Both verbs can be <b>construed</b> with either infinitive.</i>
<b>crabbed</b>	Annoyed and irritable. <i>His handwriting is <b>crabbed</b> and hideous.</i>
<b>define</b>	Give the meaning of (a word or phrase), especially in a dictionary. <i>The tree was clearly <b>defined</b> by the light.</i>
<b>definition</b>	The capacity of a device to make images distinct in outline. <i>The clarity and <b>definition</b> of pictures can be aided by using computer graphics.</i>
<b>delineation</b>	The action of indicating the exact position of a border or boundary. <i>The eventual <b>delineation</b> of the border between the two states.</i>
<b><u>depiction</u></b>	Representation by drawing or painting etc. <i>Michelangelo's <b>depictions</b> of the male nude.</i>
<b>describe</b>	Mark out or draw (a geometrical figure). <i>A single light is seen to <b>describe</b> a circle.</i>
<b><u>elucidate</u></b>	Make clear and (more) comprehensible. <i>In what follows I shall try to <b>elucidate</b> what I believe the problems to be.</i>
<b>english</b>	Of or relating to the English language.
<b>expatiate</b>	Add details, as to an account or idea; clarify the meaning of and discourse in a learned way, usually in writing. <i>She <b>expatiated</b> on working class novelists.</i>
<b>explain</b>	Serve as a reason or cause or justification of. <i>Cassie found it necessary to <b>explain</b> her blackened eye.</i>
<b>explanation</b>	A statement that makes something comprehensible by describing the relevant structure or operation or circumstances etc. <i>My application was rejected without <b>explanation</b>.</i>
<b>explicate</b>	Analyse and develop (an idea or principle) in detail. <i>An attempt to <b>explicate</b> the relationship between crime and economic forces.</i>
<b><u>exposition</u></b>	An account that sets forth the meaning or intent of a writing or discourse. <i>The <b>exposition</b> will feature exhibits by 165 companies.</i>
<b>expository</b>	Serving to expound or set forth. <i>Clean <b>expository</b> writing.</i>
<b>expound</b>	Add details, as to an account or idea; clarify the meaning of and discourse in a learned way, usually in writing. <i>The abbess <b>expounded</b> the scriptures to her nuns.</i>

<b>express</b>	Serve as a means for expressing something. <i>Many of the laboratory animals <b>express</b> the trait.</i>
<b>figuratively</b>	Used to indicate a departure from a literal use of words; metaphorically. <i>Chinese art influenced her to paint <b>figuratively</b>.</i>
<b>instructions</b>	A manual usually accompanying a technical device and explaining how to install or operate it.
<u><b>interpret</b></u>	Give an interpretation or explanation to. <i>Can you <b>interpret</b> the speech of the visiting dignitaries.</i>
<u><b>interpretation</b></u>	A stylistic representation of a creative work or dramatic role. <i>The report included his <b>interpretation</b> of the forensic evidence.</i>
<u><b>narrative</b></u>	A representation of a particular situation or process in such a way as to reflect or conform to an overarching set of aims or values. <i>A <b>narrative</b> poem.</i>
<b>portray</b>	Portray in words. <i>The book <b>portrays</b> the actor as a selfish person.</i>
<b>portrayal</b>	Any likeness of a person, in any medium. <i>His <b>portrayal</b> of the title character.</i>
<b>signification</b>	The representation or conveying of meaning. <i>The <b>signification</b> of Chinese characters.</i>
<u><b>snapshot</b></u>	An informal photograph; usually made with a small hand-held camera. <i>Morris had to make a good save from a <b>snapshot</b> by a defender.</i>
<b>translate</b>	Convert (a sequence of nucleotides in messenger RNA) to an amino acid sequence in a protein or polypeptide during synthesis. <i>Few of Shakespeare's other works have been <b>translated</b> into ballets.</i>
<b>transliterate</b>	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 <b>transliterated</b>.</i>