

Need another word that means the same as “deserve”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “deserve” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Deserve” are: merit, earn, warrant, rate, justify, be worthy of, be entitled to, have a right to, have a claim on, be qualified for, be good enough for, well earned, well deserved, warranted

Deserve as a Verb

Definitions of "Deserve" as a verb

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

- *Be worthy or deserving.*
- *Do something or have or show qualities worthy of (a reaction which rewards or punishes as appropriate).*



Synonyms of "Deserve" as a verb (14 Words)

be entitled to	Form or compose.
be good enough for	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
be qualified for	Represent, as of a character on stage.
be worthy of	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
<u>earn</u>	Earn on some commercial or business transaction earn as salary or wages. <i>Through the years she has earned affection and esteem.</i>
have a claim on	Achieve a point or goal.
have a right to	Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.
<u>justify</u>	Adjust the spaces between words. <i>Justify the margins.</i>
merit	Be worthy or deserving. <i>The results have been encouraging enough to merit further investigation.</i>
rate	Assign a standard or value to (something) according to a particular scale. <i>They were asked to rate their ability at different driving manoeuvres.</i>

warrant	Provide adequate grounds to justify (a certain course of action). <i>The vendor warrants the accuracy of the report.</i>
warranted	Show to be reasonable or provide adequate ground for.
well deserved	Come up, as of a liquid.
well earned	Come up, as of a liquid.

Usage Examples of "Deserve" as a verb

- *We didn't deserve to win.*
- *You deserve a promotion after all the hard work you have done.*
- *The referee deserves a pat on the back.*

Associations of "Deserve" (30 Words)

<u>acclaim</u>	Praise enthusiastically and publicly. <i>She has won acclaim for her commitment to democracy.</i>
admire	Look at (something impressive or attractive) with pleasure. <i>I admire your courage.</i>
<u>applaud</u>	Clap one's hands or shout after performances to indicate approval. <i>His speech was loudly applauded.</i>
<u>award</u>	An amount of money given as an official payment, compensation, or grant. <i>He criticized the awarding of compensation by the court.</i>
blame	Put or pin the blame on. <i>The police laid the blame on the driver.</i>
comeuppance	An outcome (good or bad) that is well deserved. <i>He got his comeuppance in the end.</i>
commend	Present as suitable for approval or acceptance recommend. <i>Most one roomed flats have little to commend them.</i>
<u>commendable</u>	Deserving praise. <i>He showed commendable restraint.</i>
<u>compliment</u>	Say something to someone that expresses praise. <i>She paid me an enormous compliment.</i>
deservedly	In the way that is deserved; rightfully. <i>They are top of the league and deservedly so.</i>
<u>deserving</u>	(often used ironically) worthy of being treated in a particular way. <i>A deserving cause.</i>

<u>desirable</u>	A desirable person or thing. A desirable job.
exalt	Praise, glorify, or honor. <i>This naturally exalts the peasant above his brethren in the same rank of society.</i>
<u>extol</u>	Praise, glorify, or honor. Extol the virtues of one's children.
glorify	Praise glorify or honor. <i>A football video glorifying violence.</i>
justly	In accordance with moral or social standards. <i>We can justly be proud of our achievements.</i>
kudos	Compliments or congratulations. Kudos to everyone who put the event together.
laud	Praise (a person or their achievements) highly. <i>All glory laud and honour to Thee Redeemer King.</i>
laudable	Worthy of high praise. Laudable motives of improving housing conditions.
merit	Be worthy or deserving. <i>Composers of outstanding merit.</i>
merited	Properly deserved. A merited success.
meritorious	(of an action or claim) likely to succeed on the merits of the case. Meritorious conduct.
praise	The expression of approval or admiration for someone or something. <i>He always appreciated praise for his work.</i>
praiseworthy	Deserving approval and admiration. <i>A significant and praiseworthy increase in computer intelligence.</i>
precious	Obviously contrived to charm. <i>There is precious little time left.</i>
<u>priceless</u>	So precious that its value cannot be determined. <i>Darling you're priceless.</i>
<u>respectable</u>	Regarded by society to be good, proper, or correct. <i>A perfectly respectable pair of pyjamas.</i>
rightly	In accordance with justice or what is morally right. <i>He was rightly considered the greatest singer of his time.</i>
valued	Considered to be important or beneficial; cherished. <i>Triple valued.</i>

worthy

Worthy of being chosen especially as a spouse.
*Behavior **worthy** of reprobation.*