

Need another word that means the same as “detect”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “detect” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Detect” are: discover, find, notice, observe, become aware of, perceive, note, discern, make out, spot, become conscious of, recognize, distinguish, mark, remark, identify, diagnose, uncover, find out, turn up, unearth, dig up, dredge up, root out, hunt out, nose out, ferret out, expose, reveal, bring to light, bring into the open, solve, clear up, get to the bottom of, find the perpetrator of, find the person behind, catch, hunt down, unmask, smoke out, track down, apprehend, arrest

Detect as a Verb

Definitions of "Detect" as a verb

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

- *Discover or investigate (a crime or its perpetrators).*
- *Discern (something intangible or barely perceptible).*
- *Discover or determine the existence, presence, or fact of.*
- *Discover or identify the presence or existence of.*



Synonyms of "Detect" as a verb (43 Words)

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| apprehend | Get the meaning of something. <i>A warrant was issued but he has not been apprehended.</i> |
| arrest | Attract the attention of (someone). <i>Two youths aged 16 were arrested.</i> |
| become aware of | Come into existence. |
| become conscious of | Undergo a change or development. |
| bring into the open | Go or come after and bring or take back. |
| bring to light | Cause to happen or to occur as a consequence. |
| catch | Succeed in catching or seizing especially after a chase. <i>Did you catch that allusion.</i> |
| clear up | Remove the occupants of. |
| diagnose | Identify the nature of the medical condition of. <i>She was finally diagnosed as having epilepsy.</i> |

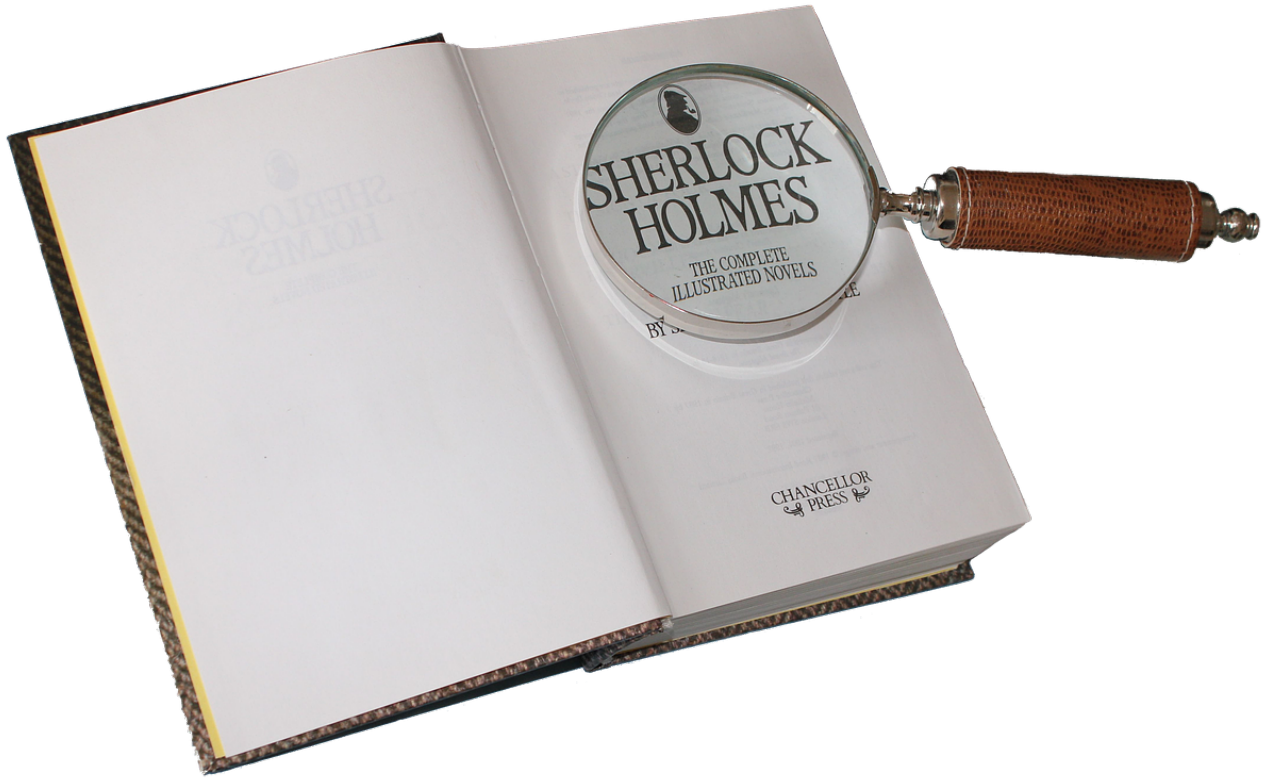
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| dig up | Thrust down or into. |
| discern | Detect with the senses. <i>I can discern no difference between the two policies.</i> |
| discover | Make a discovery make a new finding. <i>Firemen discovered a body in the debris.</i> |
| <u>distinguish</u> | Detect with the senses. <i>What distinguishes sport from games.</i> |
| dredge up | Remove with a power shovel, usually from a bottom of a body of water. |
| <u>expose</u> | Expose or make accessible to some action or influence. <i>Students were exposed to statistics in high school.</i> |
| ferret out | Search and discover through persistent investigation. |
| find | Make a discovery make a new finding. <i>These aspects of civilization do not find expression or receive an interpretation.</i> |
| find out | Decide on and make a declaration about. |
| find the perpetrator of | Make a discovery, make a new finding. |
| find the person behind | Discover or determine the existence, presence, or fact of. |
| get to the bottom of | Go through (mental or physical states or experiences. |
| hunt down | Chase away, with as with force. |
| hunt out | Seek, search for. |
| identify | Give the name or identifying characteristics of refer to by name or some other identifying characteristic property. <i>A system that ensures that the pupil's real needs are identified.</i> |
| make out | Charge with a function; charge to be. |
| mark | Make small marks into the surface of. <i>We have marked the area with red stones.</i> |
| nose out | Search or inquire in a meddlesome way. |
| note | Make a written note of. <i>He noted down her address on a piece of paper.</i> |
| notice | Notice or perceive. <i>He noticed the youths behaving suspiciously.</i> |
| <u>observe</u> | Observe with care or pay close attention to. <i>It s chilly she observed.</i> |
| <u>perceive</u> | To become aware of through the senses. <i>If Guy does not perceive himself as disabled nobody else should.</i> |

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| recognize | Show approval or appreciation of. <i>They were refusing to recognize the puppet regime.</i> |
| remark | Make or write a comment on. <i>He remarked the man's inflamed eyelids.</i> |
| reveal | Make (something) known to humans by divine or supernatural means. <i>Brenda was forced to reveal Robbie's whereabouts.</i> |
| root out | Dig with the snout. |
| smoke out | Inhale and exhale smoke from cigarettes, cigars, pipes. |
| solve | Settle, as of a debt. <i>Solve an old debt.</i> |
| spot | Mark or become marked with spots. <i>This dress spots quickly.</i> |
| track down | Make tracks upon. |
| turn up | Cause to move along an axis or into a new direction. |
| uncover | Remove all or part of one's clothes to show one's body. <i>Uncover your belly.</i> |
| unearth | Recover through digging. <i>The CIA unearthed a plot to kill the President.</i> |
| unmask | Reveal the true nature of. <i>Unmask the imposter.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Detect" as a verb

- *Paul detected a faint note of weariness in his father's voice.*
- *Cancer may soon be detected in its earliest stages.*
- *She detected high levels of lead in her drinking water.*
- *The public can help the police to detect crime.*



Associations of "Detect" (30 Words)

- ascertain** Learn or discover with certainty.
*Management should **ascertain** whether adequate funding can be provided.*
- breakthrough** A productive insight.
*His big **breakthrough** came in 1988 when he had two paintings accepted by the RSA.*
- detection** The detection that a signal is being received.
*Early **detection** can often lead to a cure.*
- discern** Recognize or find out.
*I can **discern** no difference between the two policies.*
- discover** Make a discovery make a new finding.
*Fleming **discovered** penicillin early in the twentieth century.*
- discovered** Discovered or determined by scientific observation.
*The **discovered** behavior norms.*

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| <u>discovery</u> | (law) compulsory pretrial disclosure of documents relevant to a case; enables one side in a litigation to elicit information from the other side concerning the facts in the case. <i>The discovery of the body.</i> |
| <u>earthquake</u> | A sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing great destruction, as a result of movements within the earth's crust or volcanic action. <i>Selling the company caused an earthquake among the employees.</i> |
| eon | The longest division of geological time. <i>Oh that happened eons ago.</i> |
| espy | Catch sight of. <i>She espied her daughter rounding the corner.</i> |
| <u>eureka</u> | A town in northwest California on an arm of the Pacific Ocean. |
| exploration | A careful systematic search. <i>Onshore oil and gas exploration.</i> |
| explore | Examine or evaluate (an option or possibility). <i>Explore unknown territory in biology.</i> |
| find | Come upon after searching find the location of something that was missed or lost. <i>I cannot find my gloves.</i> |
| finding | The action of finding someone or something. <i>The findings in the gastrointestinal tract indicate that he died several hours after dinner.</i> |
| geologic | Of or relating to or based on geology. <i>Geological formations.</i> |
| <u>hotspot</u> | An area of volcanic activity. <i>While some were caught in the cross fire at various political hotspots most victims were targeted and killed.</i> |
| <u>invention</u> | The creation of something in the mind. <i>The invention of printing in the 15th century.</i> |
| <u>malfunction</u> | A failure to function normally. <i>They were sent back to the manufacturers at the first sign of malfunction.</i> |
| <u>mapping</u> | A mathematical relation such that each element of a given set (the domain of the function) is associated with an element of another set (the range of the function). |
| <u>newfound</u> | Newly discovered. <i>Hudson pointed his ship down the coast of the newfound sea.</i> |
| notice | Notice or perceive. <i>It was only last year that the singer really began to be noticed.</i> |

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| <u>perceive</u> | Interpret or regard (someone or something) in a particular way. <i>She finally perceived the futility of her protest.</i> |
| perception | The neurophysiological processes, including memory, by which an organism becomes aware of and interprets external stimuli. <i>The perception of pain.</i> |
| <u>rummage</u> | (of a customs officer) make a thorough search of (a vessel). <i>Our brief was to rummage as many of the vessels as possible.</i> |
| <u>see</u> | See or watch. <i>You ll see a lot of cheating in this school.</i> |
| seismograph | An instrument that measures and records details of earthquakes, such as force and duration. |
| <u>startling</u> | So remarkably different or sudden as to cause momentary shock or alarm. <i>Startling news.</i> |
| <u>tsunami</u> | A cataclysm resulting from a destructive sea wave caused by an earthquake or volcanic eruption. <i>A colossal tsunami destroyed the Minoan civilization in minutes.</i> |
| volcanic | Relating to or produced by a volcano or volcanoes. <i>A volcanic temper.</i> |

