

Need another word that means the same as “detective”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “detective” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Detective” are: investigator, police detective, tec, private detective, private investigator, operative**

## Detective as a Noun

### Definitions of "Detective" as a noun

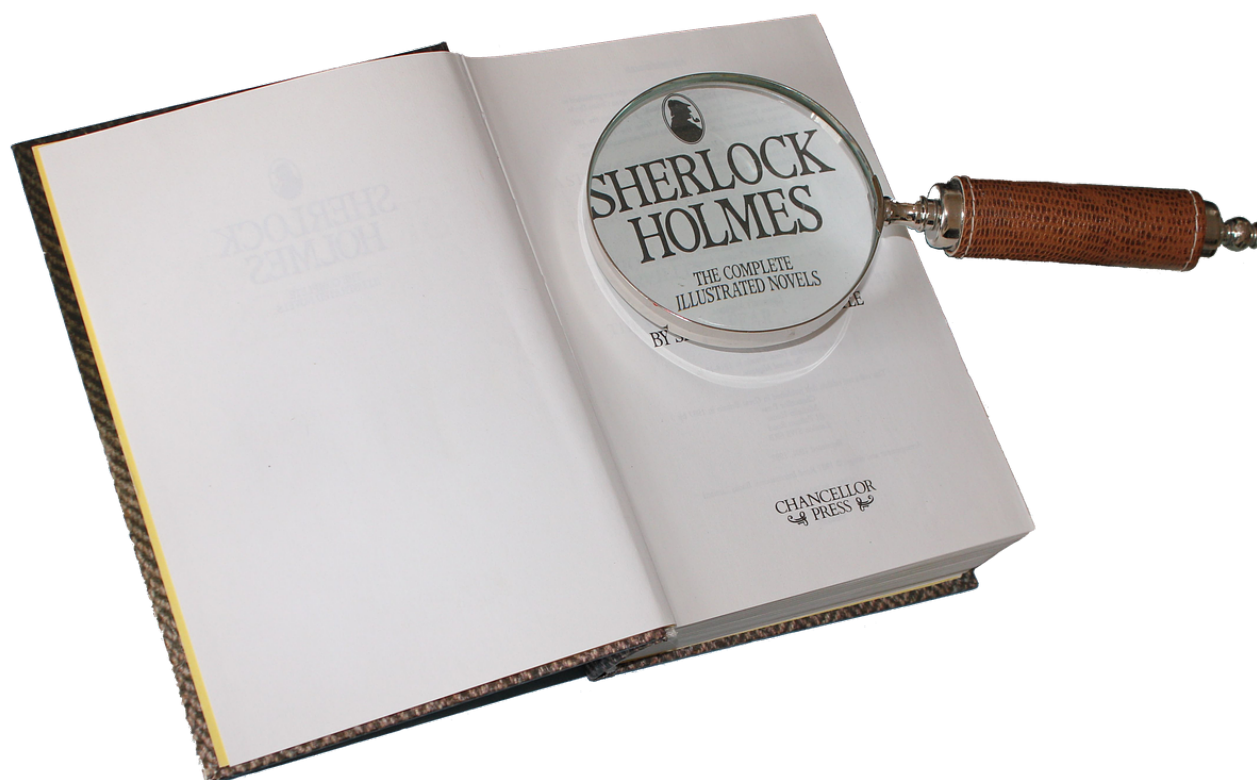
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “detective” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *An investigator engaged or employed in obtaining information not easily available to the public.*
- *Concerning crime and its investigation.*
- *Denoting a rank of police officer with investigative duties.*
- *A police officer who investigates crimes.*
- *A person, especially a police officer, whose occupation is to investigate and solve crimes.*



## Synonyms of "Detective" as a noun (6 Words)

<b><u>investigator</u></b>	Someone who investigates. <i>Accident <b>investigators</b> are at the crash site.</i>
<b>operative</b>	A secret agent or private detective. <i>A CIA <b>operative</b>.</i>
<b>police detective</b>	The force of policemen and officers.
<b>private detective</b>	An enlisted man of the lowest rank in the Army or Marines.
<b>private investigator</b>	An enlisted man of the lowest rank in the Army or Marines.
<b>tec</b>	A detective.



## Usage Examples of "Detective" as a noun

- *Detectives are anxious to interview anyone who saw the car.*
- *Detective work.*
- *A detective inspector.*



## Associations of "Detective" (30 Words)

<b>allegation</b>	A formal accusation against somebody (often in a court of law). <i>He made <b>allegations</b> of corruption against the administration.</i>
<b>analytic</b>	Using or subjected to a methodology using algebra and calculus. <i>All spinsters are unmarried is an <b>analytic</b> proposition.</i>
<u><b>checkpoint</b></u>	A barrier or manned entrance, typically at a border, where security checks are carried out on travellers.
<b>cop</b>	Uncomplimentary terms for a policeman. <i>He had the <b>cop</b> on to stay clear of Hugh Thornley.</i>
<u><b>deduction</b></u>	The inference of particular instances by reference to a general law or principle. <i>The dividend will be paid without <b>deduction</b> of tax.</i>

<b>deductive</b>	<p>Characterized by or based on the inference of particular instances from a general law.</p> <p><i>I used my <b>deductive</b> powers.</i></p>
<b>delve</b>	<p>Dig; excavate.</p> <p><i>The approach from the surface above had awed her so hugely <b>delved</b> were the tunnels.</i></p>
<b>enquire</b>	<p>Have a wish or desire to know something.</p>
<b>examine</b>	<p>Question or examine thoroughly and closely.</p> <p><i>The customs agent <b>examined</b> the baggage.</i></p>
<b>extrapolation</b>	<p>Calculation of the value of a function outside the range of known values.</p> <p><i>Caution is advised in the interpretation and <b>extrapolation</b> of results.</i></p>
<b>feasibility</b>	<p>The state or degree of being easily or conveniently done.</p> <p><i>The <b>feasibility</b> of screening athletes for cardiac disease.</i></p>
<b>forensic</b>	<p>A laboratory or department responsible for forensic tests.</p> <p><i><b>Forensic</b> photograph.</i></p>
<b>guess</b>	<p>Form a correct conclusion about something by guessing.</p> <p><i>She s <b>guessed</b> where we re going.</i></p>
<b>infiltrate</b>	<p>Enter a group or organization in order to spy on the members.</p> <p><i>Virtually no water <b>infiltrates</b> deserts such as the Sahara.</i></p>
<b>inquest</b>	<p>A coroner's jury.</p> <p><i>An <b>inquest</b> by New York newspapers into a subway fire.</i></p>
<b>investigate</b>	<p>Investigate scientifically.</p> <p><i>The district attorney s office <b>investigated</b> reports of possible irregularities.</i></p>
<b>investigation</b>	<p>The action of investigating something or someone; formal or systematic examination or research.</p> <p><i>He is under <b>investigation</b> for receiving illicit funds.</i></p>
<b>investigator</b>	<p>A police officer who investigates crimes.</p> <p><i><b>Investigators</b> found no signs of forced entry.</i></p>
<b>logical</b>	<p>Marked by an orderly logical and aesthetically consistent relation of parts.</p> <p><i>The polar expedition is a <b>logical</b> extension of his Arctic travels.</i></p>
<b>police</b>	<p>Of a police force have the duty of maintaining law and order in or at an area or event.</p> <p><i>The regulations will be <b>policed</b> by factory inspectors.</i></p>
<b>probe</b>	<p>Examine physically with or as if with a probe.</p> <p><i>A <b>probe</b> into city hall corruption.</i></p>
<b>pry</b>	<p>Inquire too closely into a person's private affairs.</p> <p><i>Sorry I didn t mean to <b>pry</b>.</i></p>

<b>rationate</b>	Reason methodologically and logically. <i>A tendency to <b>rationate</b> in isolation.</i>
<b>rationation</b>	The proposition arrived at by logical reasoning (such as the proposition that must follow from the major and minor premises of a syllogism).
<u><b>reasoning</b></u>	Thinking that is coherent and logical. <i>He explained the <b>reasoning</b> behind his decision at a media conference.</i>
<b>reconnoiter</b>	Explore, often with the goal of finding something or somebody.
<b>researcher</b>	A person whose job involves discovering or verifying information for use in a book, programme, etc. <i>Radio and TV <b>researchers</b>.</i>
<u><b>scan</b></u>	A medical examination using a scanner. <i>Their brains are <b>scanned</b> so that researchers can monitor the progress of the disease.</i>
<u><b>scrutinize</b></u>	To look at critically or searchingly, or in minute detail. <i>Customers were warned to <b>scrutinize</b> the small print.</i>
<b>whodunit</b>	A story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie.

