

Need another word that means the same as “deviate”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “deviate” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Deviate” are: depart, diverge, vary, divert, digress, drift, stray, slew, veer, swerve, turn away, turn aside, get sidetracked, branch off, differ, change, be different, aberrant, deviant, degenerate, pervert**

## Deviate as a Noun

### Definitions of "Deviate" as a noun

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

- *A person whose behavior deviates from what is acceptable especially in sexual behavior.*



### Synonyms of "Deviate" as a noun (3 Words)

- degenerate** An immoral or corrupt person.  
*Get out of my house you **degenerate**.*
- deviant** A deviant person or thing.  
*Killers **deviants** and those whose actions are beyond most human comprehension.*
- [pervert](#)** A person whose behavior deviates from what is acceptable especially in sexual behavior.



## Usage Examples of "Deviate" as a noun

- *The whole affair offers revealing insights into attitudes towards 'sexual deviates.*



## Deviate as a Verb

### Definitions of "Deviate" as a verb

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

- *Depart from an established course.*
- *Depart from usual or accepted standards.*
- *Cause to turn away from a previous or expected course.*
- *Be at variance with; be out of line with.*
- *Turn aside; turn away from.*

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

<b>be different</b>	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
<b>branch off</b>	Divide into two or more branches so as to form a fork.
<b>change</b>	Undergo a change become different in essence losing one's or its original nature. <i>I've had time to think and my opinion hasn't <b>changed</b>.</i>
<b>depart</b>	Wander from a direct or straight course. <i>They <b>departed</b> for Germany.</i>
<b>differ</b>	Be different. <i>The second set of data <b>differed</b> from the first.</i>
<b>digress</b>	Lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking. <i>She always <b>digresses</b> when telling a story.</i>
<b>diverge</b>	Develop in a different direction. <i>Their ways had <b>diverged</b> at university.</i>
<b>divert</b>	Cause (someone or something) to change course or turn from one direction to another. <i>An aircraft has <b>diverted</b> and will be with you shortly.</i>
<b>drift</b>	Be in motion due to some air or water current. <i>Fallen leaves were starting to <b>drift</b> in the gutters.</i>
<b>get sidetracked</b>	Perceive by hearing.
<b>slew</b>	Of an electronic device undergo slewing. <i>He <b>slew</b> the aircraft round before it settled on the runway.</i>
<b>stray</b>	Lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking. <i>Over these mounds the shepherd <b>strays</b>.</i>
<b>swerve</b>	Change or cause to change direction abruptly. <i>A lorry <b>swerved</b> across her path.</i>
<b>turn aside</b>	Move around an axis or a center.
<b>turn away</b>	Direct at someone.
<b>vary</b>	Make something more diverse and varied. <i>He tried to <b>vary</b> his diet.</i>
<b>veer</b>	(of the wind) change direction clockwise around the points of the compass. <i>The motorbike <b>veered</b> to the right.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Deviate" as a verb

- *Those who deviate from society's values.*
- *The river was deviated to prevent flooding.*
- *You must not deviate from the agreed route.*

## Deviate as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Deviate" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "deviate" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Departing from usual or accepted standards; deviant.*
- *Markedly different from an accepted norm.*

### Synonyms of "Deviate" as an adjective (2 Words)

**aberrant** Markedly different from an accepted norm.  
**Aberrant** chromosomes.

**deviant** Homosexual (typically used of a man).  
**Deviant** behaviour.

### Usage Examples of "Deviate" as an adjective

- *Their deviate behaviour.*

### Associations of "Deviate" (30 Words)

**aberrant** Markedly different from an accepted norm.  
*This somewhat **aberrant** behaviour requires an explanation.*

**debauch** Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.  
*His life had been spent in **debauch**.*

**deflect** Cause (something) to change direction; turn aside from a straight course.  
*The ball **deflected** off Knight s body.*

- degenerate** A person whose behavior deviates from what is acceptable especially in sexual behavior.  
*Get out of my house you **degenerate**.*
- derail** (of a train or tram) accidentally leave the tracks.  
*A train was **derailed** after it collided with a herd of cattle.*
- derailment** The obstruction of a process by diverting it from its intended course.  
*An investigation into the **derailment** of a freight train.*
- deviant** A deviant person or thing.  
*Killers **deviants** and those whose actions are beyond most human comprehension.*
- digress** Leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing.  
*Don't **digress** when you give a lecture.*
- dislodge** Remove from a position of power or authority.  
*The hoofs of their horses **dislodged** loose stones.*
- distort** Give a misleading or false account or impression of.  
*A grimace **distorted** her mouth.*
- excursive** (of e.g. speech and writing) tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects.  
*His **excursive** remarks.*
- meander** (of a river or road) follow a winding course.  
*The river flows in sweeping **meanders**.*
- misdirect** Aim (something) in the wrong direction.  
***Misdirect** the letter.*
- misguide** Give bad advice to.  
*A long survey that can only baffle and **misguide** the general reader.*
- perverse** Marked by a disposition to oppose and contradict.  
*In two general elections the outcome was quite **perverse**.*
- pervert** Lead (someone) away from what is considered natural or acceptable.  
*Hector is a man who is simply **perverted** by his time.*
- ramble** (of a plant) put out long shoots and grow over walls or other plants.  
*Roses climbed **rambled** hung over walls.*
- rambling** (of a plant) putting out long shoots and growing over walls or other plants.  
*A **rambling** discursive book.*
- resonate** Produce electrical or mechanical resonance.  
*The sound of the siren **resonated** across the harbour.*

<b>roam</b>	Move about or travel aimlessly or unsystematically, especially over a wide area. <i>He let his eyes <b>roam</b> her face.</i>
<b>scrappy</b>	Consisting of disorganized, untidy, or incomplete parts. <i>A <b>scrappy</b> admiral.</i>
<b>sidetrack</b>	Divert (a well or borehole) to reach a productive deposit or to avoid an obstruction. <i>A <b>sidetrack</b> to the original discovery well.</i>
<b>slew</b>	Of an electronic device undergo slewing. <i>The Renault <b>slewed</b> from side to side in the snow.</i>
<b>stray</b>	An animal that has strayed especially a domestic animal. <i>The child <b>strayed</b> from the path and her parents lost sight of her.</i>
<b>swerve</b>	Change or cause to change direction abruptly. <i>A lorry <b>swerved</b> across her path.</i>
<b>twist</b>	An act of twisting something around a stationary point. <i>With a sudden <b>twist</b> she got away from him.</i>
<b>veer</b>	Change direction suddenly. <i>The motorbike <b>veered</b> to the right.</i>
<b>wagon</b>	A child's four-wheeled toy cart sometimes used for coasting. <i>A hay <b>wagon</b>.</i>
<b>wandering</b>	Having no fixed course. <i>The river followed its <b>wandering</b> course.</i>