

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)

be different	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
branch off	Divide into two or more branches so as to form a fork.
change	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 changed.</i>
depart	Wander from a direct or straight course. <i>They departed for Germany.</i>
differ	Be different. <i>The second set of data differed from the first.</i>
digress	Lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking. <i>She always digresses when telling a story.</i>
diverge	Develop in a different direction. <i>Their ways had diverged at university.</i>
divert	Cause (someone or something) to change course or turn from one direction to another. <i>An aircraft has diverted and will be with you shortly.</i>
drift	Be in motion due to some air or water current. <i>Fallen leaves were starting to drift in the gutters.</i>
get sidetracked	Perceive by hearing.
slew	Of an electronic device undergo slewing. <i>He slew the aircraft round before it settled on the runway.</i>
stray	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 strays.</i>
swerve	Change or cause to change direction abruptly. <i>A lorry swerved across her path.</i>
turn aside	Move around an axis or a center.
turn away	Direct at someone.
vary	Make something more diverse and varied. <i>He tried to vary his diet.</i>
veer	(of the wind) change direction clockwise around the points of the compass. <i>The motorbike veered 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.*

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