

Need another word that means the same as “dictate”? Find 56 synonyms and 30 related words for “dictate” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Dictate” are: order, prescribe, give orders to, order about, order around, boss, boss about, boss around, impose one's will on, lord it over, bully, domineer, dominate, tyrannize, oppress, ride roughshod over, control, pressurize, browbeat, lay down, impose, set down, set out, say aloud, utter, speak, read out, read aloud, recite, command, decree, edict, rule, ruling, ordinance, dictum, directive, direction, instruction, pronouncement, mandate, requirement, stipulation, injunction, ultimatum, demand, exhortation, principle, code, canon, law, regulation, precept, axiom, maxim

Dictate as a Noun

Definitions of "Dictate" as a noun

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

- *An order or principle that must be obeyed.*
- *An authoritative rule.*
- *A guiding principle.*



Synonyms of "Dictate" as a noun (27 Words)

axiom

A saying that is widely accepted on its own merits.

*The **axiom** that sport builds character.*

canon

(in the Roman Catholic Church) the part of the Mass containing the words of consecration.

*Two quartets sing in close **canon** throughout.*

code

A series of letters, numbers, or symbols assigned to something for the purposes of classification or identification.

*The Americans cracked their diplomatic **code**.*

command

The power or authority to command.

*A good **command** of French.*

decree

The issuing of a decree.

*The king ruled by **decree**.*

demand

The act of demanding.

*His **demands** for attention were unceasing.*

dictum

An authoritative declaration.

*The old **dictum** might be right.*

direction

Something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action.

*Preston gave him **directions** to a restaurant not far from the studio.*

directive

An official or authoritative instruction.

*The boss loves to send us **directives**.*

edict

A formal or authoritative proclamation.

*Clovis issued an **edict** protecting Church property.*

exhortation

An address or communication emphatically urging someone to do something.

*No amount of **exhortation** had any effect.*

injunction

A judicial order restraining a person from beginning or continuing an action threatening or invading the legal right of another, or compelling a person to carry out a certain act, e.g. to make restitution to an injured party.

***Injunction** were formerly obtained by writ but now by a judicial order.*

instruction

Teaching; education.

*He issued **instructions** to the sheriff.*

law

The learned profession that is mastered by graduate study in a law school and that is responsible for the judicial system.

*A **law** firm.*

mandate	<p>A commission by which a party is entrusted to perform a service, especially without payment and with indemnity against loss by that party. <i>The last mandate of Trudeau from 1980 to 1984 was a remarkable chapter in Canadian history.</i></p>
<u>maxim</u>	<p>A short, pithy statement expressing a general truth or rule of conduct. <i>The maxim that actions speak louder than words.</i></p>
order	<p>An institution founded by a monarch along the lines of a medieval crusading monastic order for the purpose of honouring meritorious conduct. <i>There were mistakes in the ordering of items on the list.</i></p>
ordinance	<p>An authoritative order. <i>They issued an ordinance limiting the length of nets.</i></p>
precept	<p>A rate or tax set by a precept. <i>He believed all the Christian precepts.</i></p>
principle	<p>Morally correct behaviour and attitudes. <i>The first principle of all things was water.</i></p>
pronouncement	<p>A formal or authoritative announcement or declaration. <i>Distrust of the pronouncements of politicians was endemic.</i></p>
regulation	<p>In accordance with regulations of the correct type. <i>Regulation army footwear.</i></p>
requirement	<p>A thing that is needed or wanted. <i>Allow farmers to buy their requirements under favorable conditions.</i></p>
rule	<p>A rule or law concerning a natural phenomenon or the function of a complex system. <i>Violence is the rule not the exception.</i></p>
ruling	<p>An authoritative decision or pronouncement, especially one made by a judge. <i>The ruling was reversed in the appeal court.</i></p>
<u>stipulation</u>	<p>(law) an agreement or concession made by parties in a judicial proceeding (or by their attorneys) relating to the business before the court; must be in writing unless they are part of the court record. <i>They donated their collection of prints with the stipulation that they never be publicly exhibited.</i></p>
<u>ultimatum</u>	<p>A final demand or statement of terms, the rejection of which will result in retaliation or a breakdown in relations. <i>Their employers issued an ultimatum demanding an immediate return to work.</i></p>



Usage Examples of "Dictate" as a noun

- *The dictates of fashion.*
- *The dictates of reason.*



Dictate as a Verb

Definitions of "Dictate" as a verb

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

- *Say or read aloud (words to be typed, written down, or recorded on tape).*
- *Issue commands or orders for.*
- *Control or decisively affect; determine.*
- *Rule as a dictator.*

- *State or order authoritatively.*
- *Say out loud for the purpose of recording.*



Synonyms of "Dictate" as a verb (29 Words)

boss

Give (someone) orders in a domineering manner.
*You re always **bossing** us about.*

boss about

Raise in a relief.

boss around

Raise in a relief.

browbeat

Be bossy towards.
*A witness is being **browbeaten** under cross examination.*

bully	Seek to harm, intimidate, or coerce (someone perceived as vulnerable). <i>A local man was bullied into helping them.</i>
control	Control others or oneself or influence skillfully usually to one's advantage. <i>No attempt was made to control for variations.</i>
dominate	Be larger in number, quantity, power, status or importance. <i>A picturesque city dominated by the cathedral tower.</i>
domineer	Assert one's will over another in an arrogant way. <i>She doesn't domineer preferring to lead by inspiration rather than by intimidation.</i>
give orders to	Cause to have, in the abstract sense or physical sense.
impose	Impose something unpleasant. <i>She realized that she had imposed on Mark's kindness.</i>
impose one's will on	Impose and collect.
lay down	Put into a certain place or abstract location.
lord it over	Make a lord of someone.
<u>oppress</u>	Cause distress or anxiety to. <i>The government oppresses political activists.</i>
order	Place in a certain order. <i>She ordered him to do the shopping.</i>
order about	Bring order to or into.
order around	Bring order to or into.
prescribe	(medicine) order the use of (a treatment, medicine, etc.), usually by written prescription. <i>Her doctor prescribed sleeping tablets.</i>
pressurize	Increase the pressure in or of. <i>The captain will pressurize the cabin for the passengers' comfort.</i>
read aloud	Obtain data from magnetic tapes.
read out	Audition for a stage role by reading parts of a role.
<u>recite</u>	Recite in elocution. <i>He recited passages of Dante.</i>
ride roughshod over	Lie moored or anchored.
say aloud	Recite or repeat a fixed text.
set down	Equip with sails or masts.
set out	Set in type.

speak

Have a conversation.

*Twenty thousand people attended to hear him **speak**.*

tyrannize

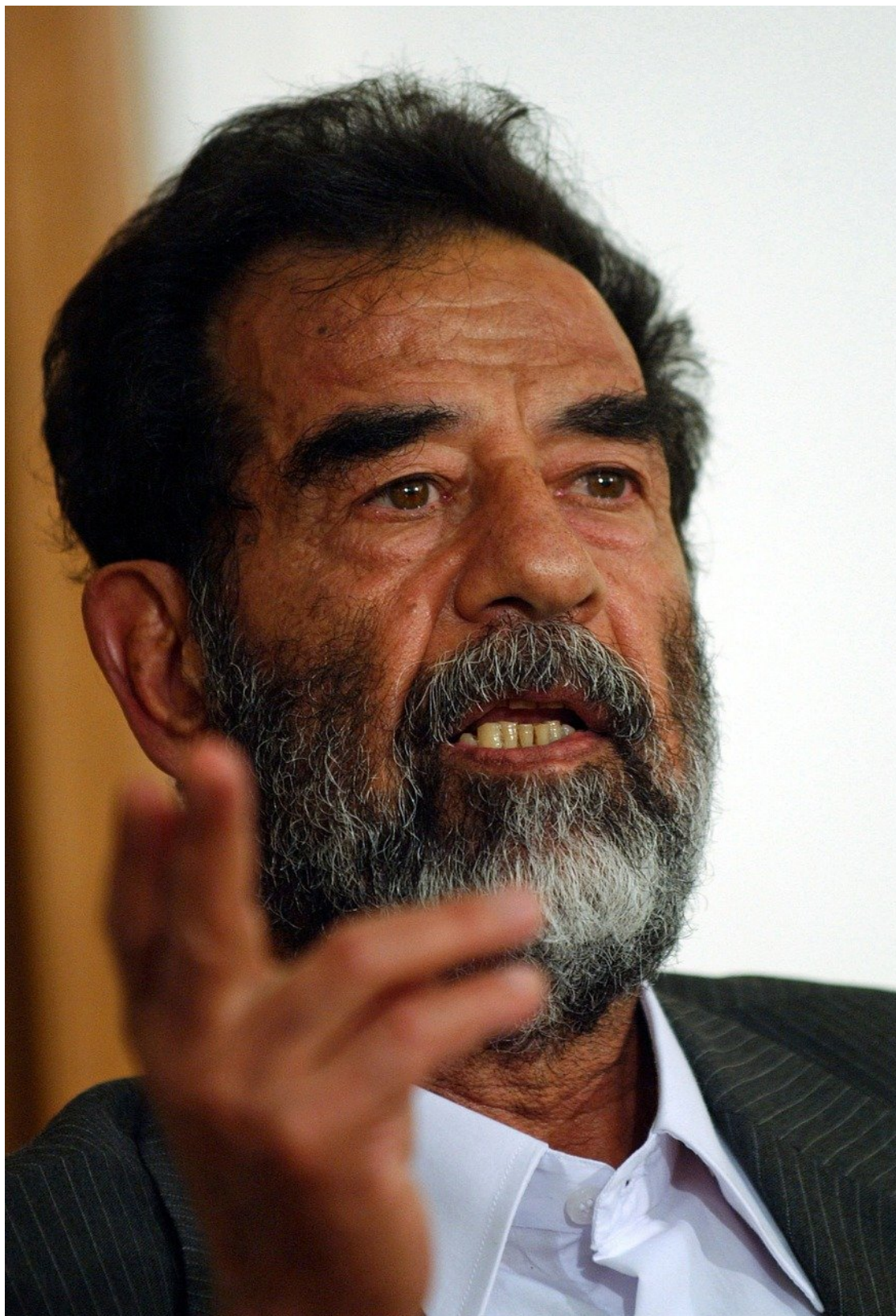
Rule or treat (someone) despotically or cruelly.

*He **tyrannizes** over the servants.*

utter

Express audibly utter sounds not necessarily words.

*He **uttered** strange sounds that nobody could understand.*



Usage Examples of "Dictate" as a verb

- *That doesn't give you the right to dictate to me.*
- *A review process can be changed as circumstances dictate.*
- *Choice is often dictated by availability.*
- *The tsar's attempts to dictate policy.*
- *I have four letters to dictate.*
- *He dictated a report to his secretary.*



Associations of "Dictate" (30 Words)

aloud	Audibly; not silently or in a whisper. <i>Please read the passage aloud.</i>
arbiter	A person whose views or actions have influence in a particular sphere. <i>She was the final arbiter on all matters of fashion.</i>
cite	Repeat a passage from. <i>Authors who are highly regarded by their peers tend to be cited.</i>
compelling	Not able to be refuted; inspiring conviction. <i>A compelling film.</i>
conclude	Formally and finally settle or arrange (an agreement). <i>They concluded an economic agreement.</i>
decide	Cause to decide. <i>This new development finally decided me.</i>
decision	The ability or tendency to make decisions quickly decisiveness. <i>I ll make the decision on my own.</i>
define	Determine the essential quality of. <i>The tree was clearly defined by the light.</i>
demand	The act of demanding. <i>A series of demands for far reaching reforms.</i>
determine	Find out learn or determine with certainty usually by making an inquiry or other effort. <i>She determined to tackle Stephen the next day.</i>
dictation	Speech intended for reproduction in writing. <i>The job will involve taking dictation drafting letters and arranging meetings.</i>
eloquently	With eloquence. <i>Commentators have spoken eloquently on both sides of the issue.</i>
emendation	The process of making a revision or correction to a text. <i>Here are some suggested emendations.</i>
enunciation	The articulation of speech regarded from the point of view of its intelligibility to the audience.
hear	Examine or hear evidence or a case by judicial process. <i>Behind her she could hear men s voices.</i>
impose	Impose and collect. <i>The director was unable to impose himself on the production.</i>

intonation	The action of intoning or reciting in a singing voice. <i>Poor woodwind intonation at the opening.</i>
lectern	Desk or stand with a slanted top used to hold a text at the proper height for a lecturer.
<u>literacy</u>	The ability to read and write. <i>Adult literacy programmes.</i>
literate	A literate person. <i>Their parents were uneducated and barely literate.</i>
mention	An instance of being mentioned in dispatches. <i>Two other points are worthy of mention.</i>
oblige	Be indebted or grateful. <i>My father had obliged me to the improvement of my stock.</i>
persuasiveness	The power to induce the taking of a course of action or the embracing of a point of view by means of argument or entreaty.
proofread	Read for errors. <i>I should proofread my manuscripts.</i>
report	The act of informing by verbal report. <i>Whatever things are lovely and of good report.</i>
require	Require as useful just or proper. <i>It would have required much research to produce a comprehensive list.</i>
review	Hold a review of troops. <i>All slides were then reviewed by one pathologist.</i>
speak	Have a conversation. <i>She refused to speak about the incident.</i>
<u>specify</u>	Specify as a condition or requirement in a contract or agreement make an express demand or provision in an agreement. <i>Specify the parameters.</i>
<u>write</u>	Create code write a computer program. <i>He had to write a cheque for 800.</i>

