

Need another word that means the same as “digress”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “digress” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Digress” are: depart, sidetrack, straggle, divagate, stray, wander, deviate, go off at a tangent, diverge, turn aside, turn away, drift, ramble, meander, maunder

Digress as a Verb

Definitions of "Digress" as a verb

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

- *Leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing.*
- *Wander from a direct or straight course.*
- *Lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking.*

Synonyms of "Digress" as a verb (15 Words)

[depart](#)

Deviate from (an accepted, prescribed, or usual course of action.
*They **departed** for Germany.*

[deviate](#)

Turn aside; turn away from.
*The river was **deviated** to prevent flooding.*

divagate

Lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking.
*Yeats **divagated** into Virgil's territory only once.*

diverge

Be at variance with; be out of line with.
*The flight path **diverged** from the original flight plan.*

drift

Be carried slowly by a current of air or water.
*The shipwrecked boat **drifted** away from the shore.*

go off at a tangent

Go through in search of something; search through someone's belongings in an unauthorized way.

maunder

Wander aimlessly.
*He **maunders** through the bank composing his thoughts.*

meander

(of a river or road) follow a winding course.
*A stylish offbeat thriller which occasionally **meanders**.*

ramble

Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment.
*Roses climbed **rambled** hung over walls.*

sidetrack

Direct (a train) into a branch line or siding.
*The train is **sidetracked** on to a line leading to a terminal.*

straggle

(of an irregular group of people) move along slowly so as to remain some distance behind the person or people in front.
*The children **straggled** behind them.*

stray

(of the eyes or a hand) move idly or casually.
*The military arrested anyone who **strayed** into the exclusion zone.*

turn aside

Change orientation or direction, also in the abstract sense.

turn away

Pass into a condition gradually, take on a specific property or attribute; become.

wander

Walk or move in a leisurely or aimless way.
*After dinner we **wandered** into town.*

Usage Examples of "Digress" as a verb

- *She always digresses when telling a story.*
- *I have digressed a little from my original plan.*
- *Don't digress when you give a lecture.*

Associations of "Digress" (30 Words)

aimlessly

Without purpose or direction.
*We wandered **aimlessly** round Venice.*

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| ambulate | Walk; move about. <i>People who make use of crutches to ambulate.</i> |
| away | An away match or win. <i>He put away the pistol.</i> |
| carriage | Any of the separate sections of a train that carry passengers. <i>A US army howitzer and carriage.</i> |
| derail | (of a train or tram) accidentally leave the tracks. <i>They had planned to derail the trains that carried atomic waste.</i> |
| derailment | The action of a train or tram leaving its tracks accidentally. <i>The derailment of the peace process.</i> |
| deviate | A person whose behavior deviates from what is acceptable especially in sexual behavior. <i>The whole affair offers revealing insights into attitudes towards sexual deviates.</i> |
| digressive | Characterized by digression; tending to depart from the subject. <i>A digressive allusion to the day of the week.</i> |
| discursive | (of e.g. speech and writing) tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects. <i>A rambling discursive book.</i> |
| dislodge | Remove or force from a position of dwelling previously occupied. <i>Government opponents failed to dislodge the Prime Minister.</i> |
| drift | The pervading meaning or tenor. <i>The drift towards a more repressive style of policing.</i> |
| excursive | Tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects. <i>His excursive remarks.</i> |
| gad | Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure. <i>He had heard that I was gadding about with an airline stewardess.</i> |
| gallivant | Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure. <i>She quit her job to go gallivanting around the globe.</i> |
| indirect | (of costs) deriving from overhead charges or subsidiary work. <i>Fittings were installed to give a subdued indirect light in the nave.</i> |
| meandering | An act of following a winding course. <i>A florid and rather meandering melody.</i> |
| nomadic | Migratory. <i>The nomadic habits of the Bedouins.</i> |

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| ramble | Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment. <i>This novel rambles on and jogs.</i> |
| <u>rambling</u> | (of a plant) putting out long shoots and growing over walls or other plants. <i>Rambling roses.</i> |
| resonate | Evoke images, memories, and emotions. <i>The sound of the siren resonated across the harbour.</i> |
| roam | Use a mobile phone on another operator's network, typically while abroad. <i>The cattle roam across the prairie.</i> |
| rove | Wander over or through (a place) without a fixed destination. <i>The policeman's eyes roved around the pub.</i> |
| scrappy | Full of fighting spirit. <i>Scrappy lecture notes piled up unread.</i> |
| sidetrack | A short stretch of railroad track used to store rolling stock or enable trains on the same line to pass. <i>The horse took a sidetrack which led uphill.</i> |
| <u>stray</u> | An animal that has strayed especially a domestic animal. <i>Stray dogs.</i> |
| <u>wander</u> | An act or instance of wandering. <i>The wandering Jew.</i> |
| wanderer | Someone who leads a wandering unsettled life. <i>He is a longtime seaman a rootless wanderer.</i> |
| wandering | Of a path e.g. <i>The river followed its wandering course.</i> |