

Need another word that means the same as “directive”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “directive” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Directive” are: instruction, direction, command, order, charge, injunction, enjoinder, prescription, demand, directing, directional, guiding

Directive as a Noun

Definitions of "Directive" as a noun

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

- *An official or authoritative instruction.*
- *A pronouncement encouraging or banning some activity.*



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Synonyms of "Directive" as a noun (9 Words)

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| charge | The price charged for some article or service. <i>A cavalry charge.</i> |
| command | The power or authority to command. <i>An admiral in command.</i> |
| demand | The act of demanding. <i>The kidnapper's exorbitant demands for money.</i> |
| direction | Something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action. <i>I couldn't follow the direction of his thoughts.</i> |
| enjoinment | (law) a judicial remedy issued in order to prohibit a party from doing or continuing to do a certain activity. |

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| injunction | An authoritative warning or order. <i>Injunction were formerly obtained by writ but now by a judicial order.</i> |
| instruction | A line of code written as part of a computer program. <i>He was acting on my instructions.</i> |
| order | The insignia worn by members of an order of honour or merit. <i>She was admitted to hospital under a guardianship order.</i> |
| prescription | The action of prescribing a medicine or treatment. <i>I tried to follow her prescription for success.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Directive" as a noun

- *The boss loves to send us directives.*
- *A new EC directive.*



Directive as an Adjective

Definitions of "Directive" as an adjective

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

- *Showing the way by conducting or leading; imposing direction on.*
- *Involving the management or guidance of operations.*



Synonyms of "Directive" as an adjective (3 Words)

directing

Lacking compromising or mitigating elements; exact.
*Felt his mother's **directing** arm around him.*

directional

Showing the way by conducting or leading; imposing direction on.
*The **directional** role of science on industrial progress.*

guiding

Exerting control or influence.

A **guiding** principle.



Usage Examples of "Directive" as an adjective

- *The authority is seeking a directive role in energy policy.*



Associations of "Directive" (30 Words)

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| apophasis | Mentioning something by saying it will not be mentioned. |
| ascribe | Regard a quality as belonging to. <i>He ascribed Jane's short temper to her upset stomach.</i> |
| attribute | Attribute or credit to. <i>It was not until the end of the fifteenth century that the sandglass was depicted as the attribute of Father Time.</i> |
| character | A characteristic property that defines the apparent individual nature of something. <i>He is a man of character.</i> |
| command | Be in command of. <i>My mother commands my presence.</i> |
| essential | A thing that is absolutely necessary. <i>He was quick to grasp the essentials of an opponent's argument.</i> |

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| feature | Have as a feature. <i>The film featured Glenn Miller and his Orchestra.</i> |
| guideline | A light line that is used in lettering to help align the letters. <i>The organization has issued guidelines for people working with prisoners.</i> |
| <u>guiding</u> | Showing the way by conducting or leading; imposing direction on. <i>A guiding principle.</i> |
| handbook | A book giving information such as facts on a particular subject or instructions for operating a machine. <i>A handbook of poisonous plants.</i> |
| imputation | The assignment of a value to something by inference from the value of the products or processes to which it contributes. <i>The writings of the apostles tell us that imputation of the righteousness of Christ is given to us if we receive Christ.</i> |
| impute | Assign (a value) to something by inference from the value of the products or processes to which it contributes. <i>Christ's righteousness has been imputed to us.</i> |
| <u>indispensable</u> | Not to be dispensed with; essential. <i>He made himself indispensable to the parish priest.</i> |
| lead | An artificial watercourse leading to a mill. <i>Detectives investigating the murder are chasing new leads.</i> |
| leading | Having the leading position or higher score in a contest. <i>The leading team in the pennant race.</i> |
| <u>main</u> | The source of public water, gas, or electricity supply through pipes or cables. <i>By main strength.</i> |
| major | Of a premise containing the major term in a categorical syllogism. <i>South was anxious to mention his four card major and bid one spade.</i> |
| mark | Designate as if by a mark. <i>The flag was at half mast as a mark of respect.</i> |
| necessity | Anything indispensable. <i>The necessity of providing parental guidance.</i> |
| order | An institution founded by a monarch along the lines of a medieval crusading monastic order for the purpose of honouring meritorious conduct. <i>She tried to put her shattered thoughts into some semblance of order.</i> |
| <u>overseer</u> | A person who directs and manages an organization. |
| prime | A prime number. <i>Prime cuts of meat.</i> |

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| principal | An actor who plays a principal role. <i>All the principals are on one manual.</i> |
| principle | A fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behaviour or for a chain of reasoning. <i>Their principles of composition characterized all their works.</i> |
| <u>protagonist</u> | An advocate or champion of a particular cause or idea. <i>In this colonial struggle the main protagonists were Great Britain and France.</i> |
| <u>refer</u> | Make reference to. <i>You went wrong when you referred all legislation to a part of virtue.</i> |
| <u>responsible</u> | Having an acceptable credit rating. <i>Termites were responsible for the damage.</i> |
| <u>schooling</u> | The training of an animal (especially the training of a horse for dressage). <i>His parents paid for his schooling.</i> |
| <u>staple</u> | Secure or fasten with a staple or staples. <i>Wheat is a staple crop.</i> |
| tack | Alter the course of a boat by tacking. <i>It s a shame to see a yacht drop her sails and start the diesel just because she has to make a few short tacks.</i> |

