

Need another word that means the same as “distinguish”? Find 45 synonyms and 30 related words for “distinguish” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Distinguish” are: describe, discover, identify, key, key out, name, discern, make out, pick out, recognise, recognize, spot, tell apart, differentiate, secern, secernate, separate, severalise, severalize, tell, mark, signalise, signalize, discriminate, determine, set apart, make distinctive, make different, differentiating, determining, see, perceive, attain distinction, be successful, bring fame to oneself, bring honour to oneself, become famous, dignify oneself, glorify oneself, excel oneself, win acclaim for oneself, ennoble oneself, become lionized, become immortalized, elevate oneself**

## Distinguish as a Verb

### Definitions of "Distinguish" as a verb

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

- *Mark as different.*
- *Be an identifying characteristic or mark of.*
- *Manage to discern (something barely perceptible).*
- *Make conspicuous or noteworthy.*
- *Make oneself worthy of respect by one's behaviour or achievements.*
- *Detect with the senses.*
- *Recognize or treat (someone or something) as different.*
- *Recognize or point out a difference.*
- *Identify as in botany or biology, for example.*
- *Be a distinctive feature, attribute, or trait; sometimes in a very positive sense.*



## Synonyms of "Distinguish" as a verb (45 Words)

<b>attain distinction</b>	Find unexpectedly.
<b>be successful</b>	Be priced at.
<b>become famous</b>	Undergo a change or development.
<b>become immortalized</b>	Undergo a change or development.
<b>become lionized</b>	Undergo a change or development.
<b>bring fame to oneself</b>	Bestow a quality on.
<b>bring honour to oneself</b>	Be sold for a certain price.
<b>describe</b>	Give a detailed account in words of. <i>He <b>described</b> his experiences in a letter to his parents.</i>
<b>determine</b>	Find out learn or determine with certainty usually by making an inquiry or other effort. <i>He <b>determined</b> on a withdrawal of his forces.</i>
<b>determining</b>	Fix conclusively or authoritatively.
<b>differentiate</b>	Evolve so as to lead to a new species or develop in a way most suited to the environment. <i>Children can <b>differentiate</b> the past from the present.</i>
<b><u>differentiating</u></b>	Mark as different.
<b>dignify oneself</b>	Raise the status of.
<b>discern</b>	Recognize or find out. <i>Pupils quickly <b>discern</b> what is acceptable to the teacher.</i>
<b>discover</b>	Make a discovery make a new finding. <i>A teenager who has recently <b>discovered</b> fashion.</i>
<b><u>discriminate</u></b>	Recognize or perceive the difference. <i>I could not <b>discriminate</b> the different tastes in this complicated dish.</i>
<b>elevate oneself</b>	Give a promotion to or assign to a higher position.
<b>ennoble oneself</b>	Give a title to someone; make someone a member of the nobility.
<b>excel oneself</b>	Distinguish oneself.
<b>glorify oneself</b>	Cause to seem more splendid.
<b>identify</b>	Identify as in botany or biology for example. <i>A system that ensures that the pupil's real needs are identified.</i>
<b>key</b>	Vandalize a car by scratching the sides with a key. <i>Ewing <b>keyed</b> a 73 35 advantage on the boards with twenty rebounds.</i>

<b>key out</b>	Provide with a key.
<b>make different</b>	Undergo fabrication or creation.
<b>make distinctive</b>	Proceed along a path.
<b>make out</b>	Develop into.
<b>mark</b>	Mark by some ceremony or observation. <i>The incidents <b>marked</b> a new phase in the terrorist campaign.</i>
<b><u>name</u></b>	Give a name to. <i>They <b>named</b> their son David.</i>
<b><u>perceive</u></b>	Become conscious of. <i>He was quick to <b>perceive</b> that there was little future in such arguments.</i>
<b>pick out</b>	Hit lightly with a picking motion.
<b>recognise</b>	Be fully aware or cognizant of.
<b>recognize</b>	Show approval or appreciation of. <i><b>Recognize</b> an academic degree.</i>
<b>secern</b>	Mark as different.
<b>secernate</b>	Mark as different.
<b><u>see</u></b>	See or watch. <i>He is blind he cannot <b>see</b>.</i>
<b>separate</b>	Separate into parts or portions. <i>After her parents <b>separated</b> she was brought up by her mother.</i>
<b>set apart</b>	Alter or regulate so as to achieve accuracy or conform to a standard.
<b>severalise</b>	Distinguish or separate.
<b>severalize</b>	Mark as different.
<b>signalise</b>	Make conspicuous or noteworthy.
<b>signalize</b>	Make conspicuous or noteworthy. <i>People seek to change their name to <b>signalize</b> a change in status that has taken place.</i>
<b><u>spot</u></b>	Become spotted. <i>The men were <b>spotted</b> by police.</i>
<b>tell</b>	Narrate or give a detailed account of. <i>I can t <b>tell</b> the difference between margarine and butter.</i>
<b>tell apart</b>	Give evidence.
<b>win acclaim for oneself</b>	Be the winner in a contest or competition; be victorious.



## Usage Examples of "Distinguish" as a verb

- *Many distinguished themselves in the fight against Hitler.*
- *What distinguishes sport from games?*
- *The child is perfectly capable of distinguishing reality from fantasy.*
- *We distinguish several kinds of maple.*
- *It was too dark to distinguish anything more than their vague shapes.*
- *His modesty distinguishes him from his peers.*
- *We must distinguish between two kinds of holiday.*



## Associations of "Distinguish" (30 Words)

<b>assort</b>	Place in a group; classify. <i>Banding on the shell <b>assorts</b> independently of colour.</i>
<b>categorize</b>	Place into or assign to a category. <i>Silk is <b>categorized</b> as a luxury import.</i>
<b>characteristic</b>	The integer part positive or negative of the representation of a logarithm in the expression $\log 6432808$ the characteristic is 2. <i>Heard my friend's <b>characteristic</b> laugh.</i>
<b>characterize</b>	Be characteristic of. <i>She <b>characterized</b> the period as the decade of revolution.</i>
<b>classifiable</b>	Capable of being classified.
<u><b>classify</b></u>	Assign to a particular class or category. <i>How would you <b>classify</b> these pottery shards are they prehistoric.</i>
<u><b>codify</b></u>	Arrange (laws or rules) into a systematic code. <i>This would <b>codify</b> existing intergovernmental cooperation on drugs.</i>
<b>compare</b>	Estimate, measure, or note the similarity or dissimilarity between. <i>Her novel was <b>compared</b> to the work of Daniel Defoe.</i>
<b>contrast</b>	The act of distinguishing by comparing differences. <i>The day began cold and blustery in <b>contrast</b> to almost two weeks of uninterrupted sunshine.</i>
<b>diametrical</b>	(of opposites) complete; absolute. <i><b>Diametrical</b> or opposite points of view.</i>
<u><b>differ</b></u>	Be of different opinions. <i>He <b>differed</b> from his contemporaries in ethical matters.</i>
<u><b>differential</b></u>	Relating to a difference in a physical quantity. <i>A <b>differential</b> amplifier.</i>
<b>differentiate</b>	Transform (a function) into its derivative. <i>The cells <b>differentiate</b> into a wide variety of cell types.</i>
<b>differentiated</b>	Exhibiting biological specialization; adapted during development to a specific function or environment.
<b>discern</b>	Recognize or find out. <i>I can <b>discern</b> no difference between the two policies.</i>
<u><b>discriminate</b></u>	Perceive or constitute the difference in or between. <i>Features that <b>discriminate</b> this species from other gastropods.</i>
<u><b>distinction</b></u>	A distinguishing quality. <i>It is necessary to make a <b>distinction</b> between love and infatuation.</i>

<b><u>distinctive</u></b>	Of a feature that helps to distinguish a person or thing. <i>Juniper berries give gin its <b>distinctive</b> flavour.</i>
<b>feature</b>	Have as a feature. <i>The hotel <b>features</b> a large lounge a sauna and a coin operated solarium.</i>
<b>gap</b>	Make an opening or gap in. <b>Gap</b> between income and outgo.
<b>identify</b>	Give the name or identifying characteristics of refer to by name or some other identifying characteristic property. <i>Because of my country accent, people identified me with a homely farmer's wife.</i>
<b>inconsistent</b>	Acting at variance with one's own principles or former behaviour. <i>He had done nothing <b>inconsistent</b> with his morality.</i>
<b>individuation</b>	The quality of being individual.
<b>pigeonhole</b>	Put a document in a pigeonhole. <i>He <b>pigeonholed</b> his charts and notes.</i>
<b><u>segregate</u></b>	Someone who is or has been segregated. <i>Many towns <b>segregated</b> into new counties.</i>
<b>separate</b>	Separate into parts or portions. <i>They were <b>separated</b> by the war.</i>
<b>sort</b>	Resolve the problems or difficulties of. <i>They agreed she could stay with them while she got herself <b>sorted</b>.</i>
<b><u>sorting</u></b>	The basic cognitive process of arranging into classes or categories. <i>The bottleneck in mail delivery is the process of <b>sorting</b>.</i>
<b>taxonomist</b>	A biologist who specializes in the classification of organisms into groups on the basis of their structure and origin and behavior.
<b><u>unlike</u></b>	Dissimilar or different from each other. <i>He was very <b>unlike</b> to any other man.</i>

