

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)

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

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

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

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

