

Need another word that means the same as “drill”? Find 47 synonyms and 30 related words for “drill” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Drill” are: exercise, practice, practice session, recitation, mandrillus leucophaeus, drilling tool, boring tool, rotary tool, auger, bit, brace and bit, gimlet, awl, bradawl, training, instruction, coaching, teaching, grounding, procedure, routine, pattern, regimen, programme, schedule, method, system, custom, order, bore, practise, bore a hole in, make a hole in, cut a hole in, drill a hole in, train, instruct, coach, teach, ground, inculcate, discipline, make fit, rehearse, put someone through their paces**

## Drill as a Noun

### Definitions of "Drill" as a noun

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

- *The training of soldiers to march (as in ceremonial parades) or to perform the manual of arms.*
- *Similar to the mandrill but smaller and less brightly colored.*
- *A tool with a sharp point and cutting edges for making holes in hard materials (usually rotating rapidly or by repeated blows.*
- *Systematic training by multiple repetitions.*
- *A tool or machine with a rotating cutting tip or reciprocating hammer or chisel, used*

*for making holes.*

- *(military) the training of soldiers to march (as in ceremonial parades) or to perform the manual of arms.*
- *The correct or recognized procedure or way of doing something.*
- *A tool with a rotating tip used by a dentist for cutting away part of a tooth before filling it.*
- *Intensive instruction or training in something, typically by means of repeated exercises.*
- *A rehearsal of the procedure to be followed in an emergency.*
- *A predatory mollusc that bores into the shells of other molluscs in order to feed on the soft tissue.*
- *Instruction or training in military exercises.*



## **Synonyms of "Drill" as a noun (29 Words)**

[auger](#)

A large tool similar to an auger used for boring holes in the ground.

<b>awl</b>	A small pointed tool used for piercing holes, especially in leather.
<b>bit</b>	The cutting part of a drill usually pointed and threaded and is replaceable in a brace or bitstock or drill press. <i>Give the duck a <b>bit</b> of bread.</i>
<b>boring tool</b>	The act of drilling a hole in the earth in the hope of producing petroleum.
<b>brace and bit</b>	Two items of the same kind.
<b>bradawl</b>	A tool for boring holes, resembling a small, sharpened screwdriver.
<b>coaching</b>	A vehicle carrying many passengers; used for public transport.
<b>custom</b>	Regular dealings with a shop or business by customers. <i>It is our <b>custom</b> to visit the Lake District in October.</i>
<b>drilling tool</b>	The training of soldiers to march (as in ceremonial parades) or to perform the manual of arms.
<a href="#"><u>exercise</u></a>	An action, often used negatively and without consequences. <i>An <b>exercise</b> in futility.</i>
<b>gimlet</b>	Hand tool for boring holes.
<b>grounding</b>	The loose soft material that makes up a large part of the land surface. <i>A good <b>grounding</b> in mathematics.</i>
<b>instruction</b>	The activities of educating or instructing; activities that impart knowledge or skill. <i>Our <b>instruction</b> was carefully programmed.</i>
<b>mandrillus leucophaeus</b>	Similar to the mandrill but smaller and less brightly colored.
<b>method</b>	An acting technique introduced by Stanislavsky in which the actor recalls emotions or reactions from his or her own life and uses them to identify with the character being portrayed. <i>Historical study is the rigorous combination of knowledge and <b>method</b>.</i>
<b>order</b>	The position in which a rifle is held after ordering arms. <i>Law and <b>order</b>.</i>
<b>pattern</b>	A regular and intelligible form or sequence discernible in the way in which something happens or is done. <i>The house had been built on the usual <b>pattern</b>.</i>
<b>practice</b>	The carrying out or exercise of a profession, especially that of a doctor or lawyer. <i>It must have taken a lot of <b>practice</b> to become so fluent.</i>

<b>practice session</b>	Systematic training by multiple repetitions.
<b>procedure</b>	A mode of conducting legal and parliamentary proceedings. <i>The <b>procedure</b> of obtaining a driver s license.</i>
<b>programme</b>	A system of projects or services intended to meet a public need. <i>A weekly <b>programme</b> of films.</i>
<b>recitation</b>	Written matter that is recited from memory. <i>The program included songs and <b>recitations</b> of well loved poems.</i>
<b><u>regimen</u></b>	(medicine) a systematic plan for therapy (often including diet). <i>A <b>regimen</b> of one or two injections per day.</i>
<b>rotary tool</b>	Electrical converter consisting of a synchronous machine that converts alternating to direct current or vice versa.
<b>routine</b>	An unvarying or habitual method or procedure. <i>As a matter of <b>routine</b> a report will be sent to the director.</i>
<b><u>schedule</u></b>	An appendix to a formal document or statute, especially as a list, table, or inventory. <i>They need a clear <b>schedule</b> of fixtures and fittings.</i>
<b>system</b>	A procedure or process for obtaining an objective. <i>The <b>system</b> of bright stars known as the Gould Belt.</i>
<b>teaching</b>	A doctrine that is taught. <i>He prepared for <b>teaching</b> while still in college.</i>
<b>training</b>	The result of good upbringing (especially knowledge of correct social behavior). <i>In service <b>training</b> for staff.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Drill" as a noun

- *He didn't know the drill.*
- *Parade-ground drill.*
- *Language-learning drills.*
- *Air-raid drills.*
- *Tables can be mastered by drill and practice.*



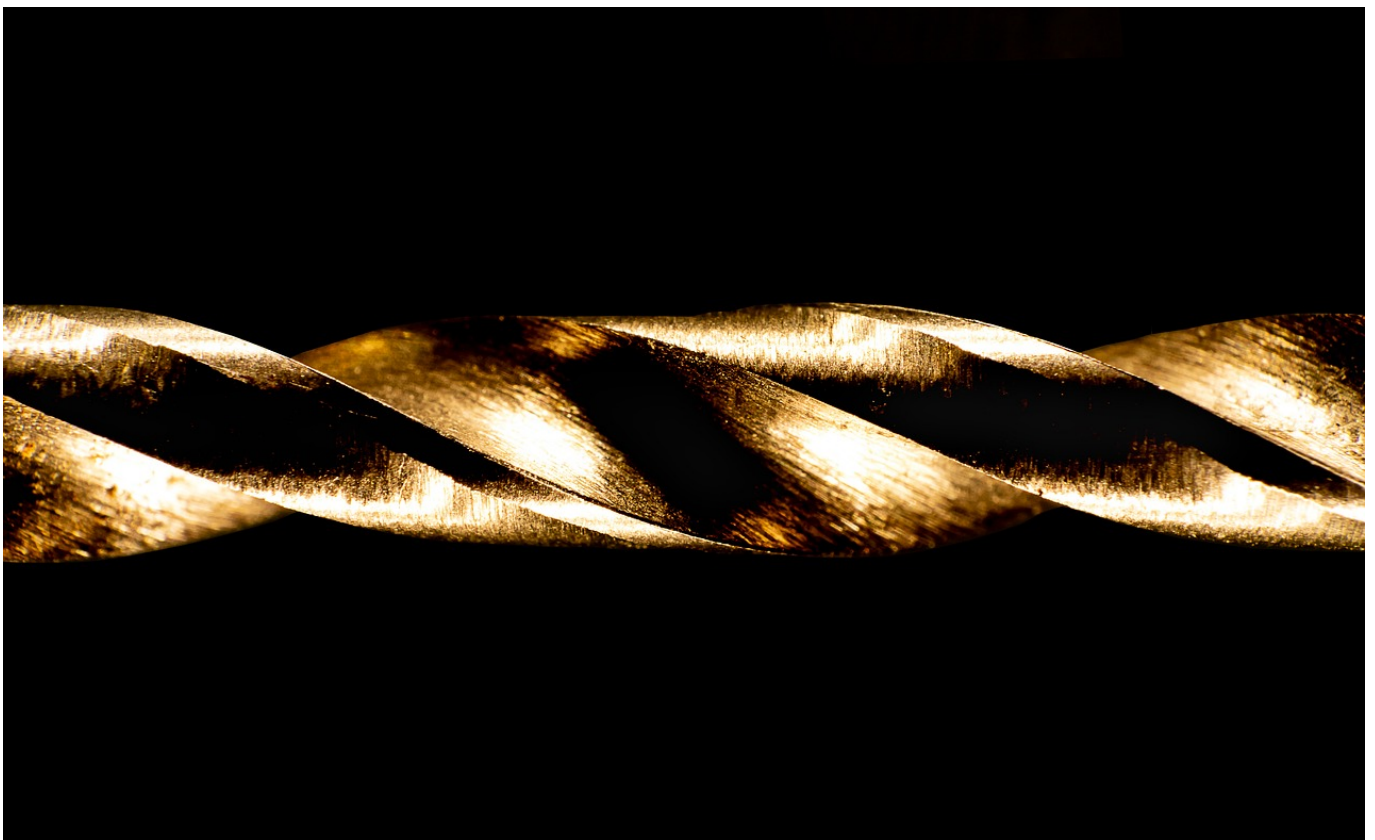
## Drill as a Verb

### Definitions of "Drill" as a verb

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

- *Make a hole in (something) by boring with a drill.*
- *Learn by repetition.*
- *Sink a borehole in order to obtain oil or water.*
- *Subject (someone) to military training exercises.*
- *Produce (a hole) in something by or as if by boring with a drill.*
- *Teach by repetition.*

- *Undergo military training or do military exercises.*
- *(of a dentist) cut away part of (a tooth) before filling it.*
- *Make a hole, especially with a pointed power or hand tool.*
- *(of a person) take part in military training exercises.*
- *Make a hole in or through something by using a drill.*
- *(of a sports player) hit (a shot) hard and in a straight line.*
- *Train in the military, e.g., in the use of weapons.*
- *Instruct (someone) in something by the means of repeated exercises or practice.*



## Synonyms of "Drill" as a verb (18 Words)

<b>bore</b>	Cause to be bored. <i>His eyes <b>bored</b> into hers.</i>
<b>bore a hole in</b>	Cause to be bored.
<b>coach</b>	Teach and supervise someone act as a trainer or coach to as in sports. <i>Fly or <b>coach</b> to the shores of the Mediterranean.</i>
<b>cut a hole in</b>	Cause to stop operating by disengaging a switch.

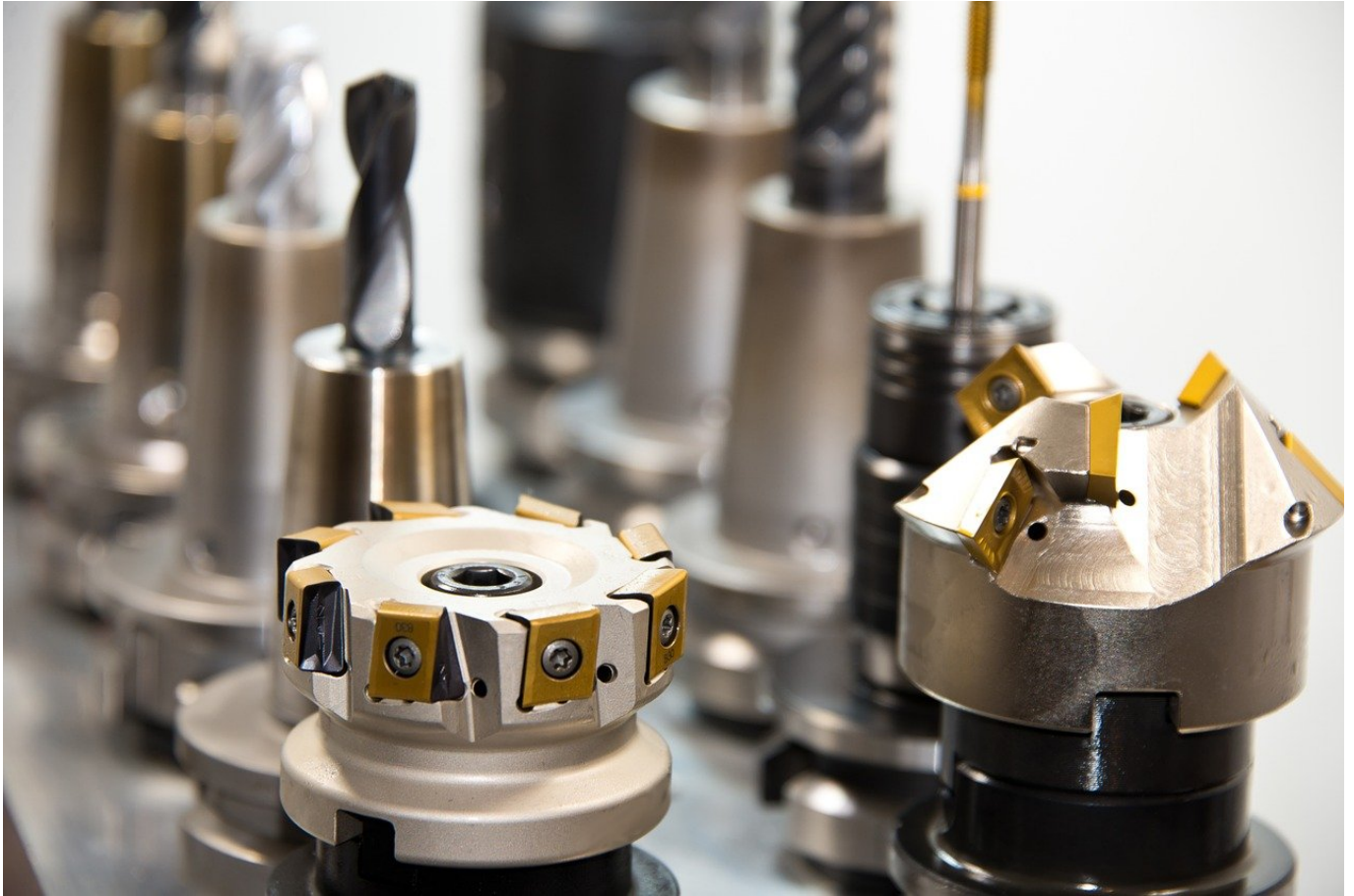
<b><u>discipline</u></b>	Develop (children's) behavior by instruction and practice; especially to teach self-control. <i>The teacher <b>disciplined</b> the pupils rather frequently.</i>
<b>drill a hole in</b>	Make a hole, especially with a pointed power or hand tool.
<b><u>exercise</u></b>	Do physical exercise. <i>Macdougall was greatly <b>exercised</b> about the exchange rate.</i>
<b>ground</b>	Throw to the ground in order to stop play and avoid being tackled behind the line of scrimmage. <i>He <b>grounded</b> out to shortstop.</i>
<b><u>inculcate</u></b>	Teach and impress by frequent repetitions or admonitions. <i><b>Inculcate</b> values into the young generation.</i>
<b><u>instruct</u></b>	Give instructions or directions for some task. <i><b>Instructing</b> electors how to record their votes.</i>
<b>make a hole in</b>	Engage in.
<b>make fit</b>	Perform or carry out.
<b>practice</b>	Carry out or practice as of jobs and professions. <i>Pianists <b>practice</b> scales.</i>
<b>practise</b>	Scheme or plot for an evil purpose. <i>What a tangled web we weave when we first <b>practise</b> to deceive.</i>
<b>put someone through their paces</b>	Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.
<b>rehearse</b>	Supervise (a performer or group) during a rehearsal. <i>Criticisms of factory farming have been <b>rehearsed</b> often enough.</i>
<b>teach</b>	Work as a teacher. <i>She <b>teaches</b> at the local high school.</i>
<b><u>train</u></b>	Create by training and teaching. <i>Last October I started <b>training</b> for the London Marathon.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Drill" as a verb

- *A sergeant was drilling new recruits.*
- *I reacted instinctively because I had been drilled to do just that.*
- *Drill for oil.*
- *I didn't like having my teeth drilled, but extractions were worse.*
- *BP has been licensed to drill for oil in the area.*
- *He drilled a right-foot volley into the back of the net.*
- *A power tool for drilling wood.*
- *Don't drill here, there's a gas pipe.*
- *The troops were drilling.*
- *We drilled French verbs every day.*
- *Drill holes through the tiles for the masonry pins.*
- *Drill a hole into the wall.*
- *His eyes drilled into her.*
- *Do not attempt to drill through a joist.*



## Associations of "Drill" (30 Words)

- adhere** Believe in and follow the practices of.  
*Paint won't **adhere** well to a greasy surface.*
- caulk** Seal with caulking.  
*A garden must be cleared boats **caulked** and nets mended.*
- conical** Having the shape of a cone.  
***Conical** mountains.*
- drum** A sound made by or resembling that of a drum.  
*The **drums** beat all night.*
- groove** Make a groove in or provide with a groove.  
*Deep lines **grooved** her face.*
- hammer** Hit or beat something repeatedly with a hammer or similar object.  
*He **hammered** the tack in.*

<b>harpoon</b>	Spear with a harpoon. <i><b>Harpoon</b> whales.</i>
<b>hole</b>	Make holes in. <i>He played 18 <b>holes</b>.</i>
<b>impale</b>	Transfix or pierce with a sharp instrument. <i><b>Impale</b> a shrimp on a skewer.</i>
<u><b>knife</b></u>	Cut or move cleanly through something with a knife like action. <i>A shard of steel <b>knifed</b> through the mainsail.</i>
<b>perforate</b>	Perforated. <i>A <b>perforated</b> eardrum.</i>
<u><b>pierce</b></u>	14th President of the United States (1804-1869). <i>Light <b>pierced</b> through the forest.</i>
<u><b>poke</b></u>	Prod and stir a fire with a poker to make it burn more fiercely. <i>I expect you d prefer something with a bit more <b>poke</b>.</i>
<b>pushing</b>	The act of applying force in order to move something away. <i>The <b>pushing</b> is good exercise.</i>
<b>rivet</b>	Join or fasten plates of metal with a rivet or rivets. <i>All eyes were <b>riveted</b> on him.</i>
<b>slot</b>	Be placed or able to be placed into a slot. <i>The PC had three <b>slots</b> for additional memory.</i>
<b>smith</b>	A worker in metal. <i>Tin bronze was cast into ingots before being <b>smithed</b> into bracelets.</i>
<u><b>spear</b></u>	Pierce with a spear. <i>She <b>speared</b> her last chip with her fork.</i>
<u><b>spike</b></u>	Render a gun useless by plugging up the vent with a spike. <i>The second baseman sharpened his <b>spikes</b> before every game.</i>
<u><b>stake</b></u>	A pole or stake set up to mark something as the start or end of a race track. <i><b>Stake</b> your goat.</i>
<b>stick</b>	In field hockey the foul play of raising the stick above the shoulder. <i><b>Stick</b> the corner of the sheet under the mattress.</i>
<b>sticker</b>	A short knife with a pointed blade used for piercing or stabbing. <i>She s a <b>sticker</b>.</i>
<u><b>sting</b></u>	Deliver a sting to. <i>A nettle like plant with no <b>sting</b>.</i>
<b>vis</b>	A holding device attached to a workbench; has two jaws to hold workpiece firmly in place.
<b>wattle</b>	Any of various Australasian trees yielding slender poles suitable for wattle.

**wedge**

A formation of people or animals in the shape of a wedge.  
A **wedge** of cheese.

