

Need another word that means the same as “employ”? Find 42 synonyms and 30 related words for “employ” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Employ” are: engage, hire, apply, use, utilise, utilize, recruit, take on, take into employment, secure the services of, sign up, sign, put on the payroll, enrol, appoint, commission, enlist, occupy, involve, keep busy, tie up, make use of, avail oneself of, put into service, employment, job, post, position, situation, day job, occupation, profession, trade, livelihood, career, business, line, line of work, calling, vocation, craft, pursuit**

## **Employ as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Employ" as a noun**

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

- *The state of being employed for wages or a salary.*
- *Employment.*
- *The state of being employed or having a job.*



## Synonyms of "Employ" as a noun (18 Words)

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| <b>business</b>   | Business concerns collectively.<br><i>Gossip was the main <b>business</b> of the evening.</i>                     |
| <b>calling</b>    | The action or sound of calling.<br><i>Those who have a special <b>calling</b> to minister to others needs.</i>    |
| <b>career</b>     | The time spent by a person in a career.<br><i>The end of a distinguished <b>career</b> in the Royal Navy.</i>     |
| <b>craft</b>      | An aircraft or spaceship.<br><i>A <b>craft</b> baker.</i>   |
| <b>day job</b>    | A day assigned to a particular purpose or observance.   |
| <b>employment</b> | The action of giving work to someone.<br><i>He is looking for <b>employment</b>.</i>                              |
| <b>job</b>        | A workplace as in the expression on the job.<br><i>The <b>job</b> of repairing the engine took several hours.</i> |

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| <b>line</b>         | A contour or outline considered as a feature of design or composition.<br><i>Television blurs the <b>line</b> between news and entertainment.</i> |
| <b>line of work</b> | A mark that is long relative to its width.  |
| <b>livelihood</b>   | The financial means whereby one lives.<br><i>People whose <b>livelihoods</b> depend on the rainforest.</i>  |
| <b>occupation</b>   | A job or profession.<br><i>During the German <b>occupation</b> of Paris.</i>  |
| <b>position</b>     | A condition or position in which you find yourself.<br><i>Be familiar with the first six <b>positions</b> across the four strings.</i>            |
| <b>post</b>         | A goalpost.<br><i>It came by the first <b>post</b>.</i>   |
| <b>profession</b>   | A body of people engaged in a particular profession.<br><i>The legal <b>profession</b> has become increasingly business conscious.</i>            |
| <b>pursuit</b>      | An activity of a specified kind, especially a recreational or sporting one.<br><i>The Olympic <b>pursuit</b> champion.</i>                        |
| <b>situation</b>    | A set of circumstances in which one finds oneself; a state of affairs.<br><i>The <b>situation</b> between her and Jake had come to a head.</i>    |
| <b>trade</b>        | A trade wind.<br><i>A significant increase in foreign <b>trade</b>.</i>   |
| <b>vocation</b>     | The particular occupation for which you are trained.<br><i>Not all of us have a <b>vocation</b> to be nurses or doctors.</i>                      |



## Usage Examples of "Employ" as a noun

- *They are looking for employment.*
- *Her place of employ.*
- *I started work in the employ of a grocer.*
- *He was in the employ of the city.*



## Employ as a Verb

### Definitions of "Employ" as a verb

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

- *Engage or hire for work.*
- *Give work to (someone) and pay them for it.*
- *Keep occupied.*
- *Put into service; make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose.*
- *Make use of.*





## Synonyms of "Employ" as a verb (24 Words)

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| <b>apply</b>            | Apply oneself to.<br><i>The oil industry has failed to <b>apply</b> appropriate standards of care.</i>               |
| <b>appoint</b>          | Determine or decide on (a time or a place).<br><i>They <b>appointed</b> a day in May for the meeting.</i>            |
| <b>avail oneself of</b> | Be of use to, be useful to.  |
| <b>commission</b>       | Put into commission equip for service of ships.<br><i>The aircraft carrier was <b>commissioned</b> in 1945.</i>      |
| <b><u>engage</u></b>    | Keep engaged.<br><i>They <b>engaged</b> in a discussion.</i>   |
| <b><u>enlist</u></b>    | Engage (a person or their help or support).<br><i>He <b>enlisted</b> in the Royal Naval Air Service.</i>             |
| <b>enrol</b>            | Recruit (someone) to perform a service.<br><i>All entrants will be <b>enrolled</b> on new style courses.</i>         |
| <b>hire</b>             | Engage or hire for work.<br><i>Management <b>hired</b> and fired labour in line with demand.</i>                     |
| <b><u>involve</u></b>   | Be or become occupied or engrossed in something.<br><i>Angela told me she was <b>involved</b> with someone else.</i> |

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| <b>keep busy</b>              | Continue a certain state, condition, or activity.   |
| <b>make use of</b>            | Add up to.  |
| <b>occupy</b>                 | Occupy the whole of.<br><i>The young prince will soon <b>occupy</b> the throne.</i>   |
| <b>put into service</b>       | Estimate.   |
| <b>put on the payroll</b>     | Put into a certain place or abstract location.  |
| <b>recruit</b>                | Enlist (someone) in the armed forces.<br><i>The lab director <b>recruited</b> an able crew of assistants.</i>                                     |
| <b>secure the services of</b> | Make certain of.  |
| <b>sign</b>                   | Authorize a document or other written or printed material by attaching a signature.<br><i>She <b>signed</b> to her husband to leave the room.</i> |
| <b>sign up</b>                | Communicate silently and non-verbally by signals or signs.  |
| <b>take into employment</b>   | Accept or undergo, often unwillingly.   |
| <b>take on</b>                | Take on a certain form attribute or aspect.   |
| <b>tie up</b>                 | Finish a game with an equal number of points, goals, etc.   |
| <b>use</b>                    | Habitually do something use only in the past tense.<br><i>I could <b>use</b> another cup of coffee.</i>   |
| <b>utilise</b>                | Put into service; make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose.  |
| <b>utilize</b>                | Convert (from an investment trust to a unit trust).<br><i>How do you <b>utilize</b> this tool.</i>  |







## Usage Examples of "Employ" as a verb

- *How many people has she employed?*
- *The newcomers are employed in developing the technology into a product.*
- *The methods they have employed to collect the data.*
- *The firm employs 150 people.*
- *Temporary staff can be employed to undertake the work.*





## Associations of "Employ" (30 Words)

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| <b>applicant</b>                  | A person who requests or seeks something such as assistance or employment or admission.<br><i><b>Applicants</b> for the degree course.</i>  |
| <b>application</b>                | A verbal or written request for assistance or employment or admission to a school.<br><i>This principle has no <b>application</b> to the present case.</i>  |
| <b>apply</b>                      | Apply to a surface.<br><i>The same laws <b>apply</b> to you.</i>  |
| <b>clerk</b>                      | Work as a clerk.<br><i>A bank <b>clerk</b>.</i>   |
| <b>contracted</b>                 | Reduced in size or pulled together.<br><i>The <b>contracted</b> pupils of her eyes.</i>   |
| <b>coordinator</b>                | A word used to connect clauses, sentences, or words of equal syntactic importance (e.g. and, or, for).<br><i>Subordinate clauses can be connected with a <b>coordinator</b>.</i>                  |
| <b>employed</b>                   | Put to use.<br><i>Up to 40 per cent of <b>employed</b> people are in part time jobs.</i>  |
| <b>employee</b>                   | A person employed for wages or salary, especially at non-executive level.   |
| <b>employment</b>                 | The state of having paid work.<br><i>He is looking for <b>employment</b>.</i>   |
| <b>headhunter</b>                 | A person who identifies and approaches suitable candidates employed elsewhere to fill business positions.<br><i>A <b>headhunter</b> offering you a wonderful new position at a higher salary.</i> |
| <b>hire</b>                       | Engage or hire for work.<br><i>They <b>hired</b> two new secretaries in the department.</i>   |
| <b>indenture</b>                  | The state of being bound to service by an indenture.<br><i><b>Indentures</b> recording the number of 1377 taxpayers.</i>  |
| <u><a href="#">interview</a></u>  | Go for an interview in the hope of being hired.<br><i>Police are keen to <b>interview</b> two men seen nearby.</i>  |
| <b>lackey</b>                     | Behave in a servile way towards (someone).<br><i>He denied that he was the <b>lackey</b> of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.</i>  |
| <u><a href="#">mercenary</a></u>  | Serving for wages in a foreign army.<br><i>She s nothing but a <b>mercenary</b> little gold digger.</i>   |
| <u><a href="#">occupation</a></u> | The act of occupying or taking possession of a building.<br><i>A game of cards is a pretty harmless <b>occupation</b>.</i>  |



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| <b>profession</b>    | A body of people engaged in a particular profession.<br><i>His chosen <b>profession</b> of teaching.</i>  |
| <b>proletarian</b>   | A member of the working class (not necessarily employed).<br><i>A <b>proletarian</b> ideology.</i>  |
| <b>recruiter</b>     | Someone who supplies members or employees.<br><i>A <b>recruiter</b> will schedule you for an interview.</i>   |
| <b>recruitment</b>   | The incorporation of cells from elsewhere in the body into a tissue or region.<br><i>Inflammatory cell <b>recruitment</b>.</i>  |
| <b>secretarial</b>   | Relating to the work or position of a secretary.<br><i><b>Secretarial</b> staff.</i>  |
| <b>semiskilled</b>   | Possessing or requiring limited skills.<br><i><b>Semiskilled</b> dockworkers.</i>   |
| <b>staff</b>         | Provide with staff.<br><i>A <b>staff</b> of 600.</i>  |
| <b>subcontract</b>   | Work under a subcontract engage in a subcontract.<br><i><b>Subcontract</b> work.</i>  |
| <b>subcontractor</b> | A firm or person that carries out work for a company as part of a larger project.   |
| <b>vocation</b>      | A person's employment or main occupation, especially regarded as worthy and requiring dedication.<br><i>GNVQs in Leisure and Tourism will be the introduction to a wide span of <b>vocations</b>.</i> |
| <b>workaholic</b>    | Person with a compulsive need to work.  |
| <b>worker</b>        | Used in Marxist or leftist contexts to refer to the working class.<br><i>I got a reputation for being a <b>worker</b>.</i>  |
| <b>workforce</b>     | The force of workers available.<br><i>A quarter of Galway's manufacturing <b>workforce</b> are being put out of a job.</i>  |
| <b>working</b>       | A mine or quarry that is being or has been worked.<br><i>In running or <b>working</b> order.</i>  |

