

Need another word that means the same as “erase”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “erase” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Erase” are: efface, rub out, score out, wipe off, delete, wipe out, destroy, obliterate, eradicate, abolish, stamp out, quash, do away with, get rid of, remove, dissolve**

## Erase as a Verb

### Definitions of "Erase" as a verb

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

- *Rub out or remove (writing or marks).*
- *Remove all traces of; destroy or obliterate.*
- *Remove recorded material from (a magnetic tape or medium); delete (data) from a computer's memory.*
- *Wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information.*
- *Remove by or as if by rubbing or erasing.*
- *Remove from memory or existence.*



## Synonyms of "Erase" as a verb (16 Words)

- abolish** Do away with.  
*Slavery was **abolished** in the mid 19th century in America and in Russia.*
- delete** Remove (a product, especially a recording) from the catalogue of those available for purchase.  
*The passage was **deleted**.*
- destroy** Destroy completely damage irreparably.  
*Their terrier was **destroyed** after the attack.*
- dissolve** Close down or dismiss (an assembly or official body).  
*The news **dissolved** her into tears.*
- do away with** Get (something) done.
- efface** Remove by or as if by rubbing or erasing.  
*Nothing could **efface** the bitter memory.*
- eradicate** Destroy completely; put an end to.  
*This disease has been **eradicated** from the world.*

<b>get rid of</b>	Go through (mental or physical states or experiences).
<b>obliterate</b>	Make invisible or indistinct; conceal or cover. <i>The memory was so painful that he <b>obliterated</b> it from his mind.</i>
<b>quash</b>	Put an end to; suppress. <i>The government <b>quashes</b> any attempt of an uprising.</i>
<b>remove</b>	Remove from a position or an office. <i>The death of her mother <b>removed</b> the last obstacle to their marriage.</i>
<b>rub out</b>	Cause friction.
<b>score out</b>	Assign a grade or rank to, according to one's evaluation.
<b>stamp out</b>	Walk heavily.
<b>wipe off</b>	Rub with a circular motion.
<b>wipe out</b>	Rub with a circular motion.



## Usage Examples of "Erase" as a verb

- *The file has been erased from the hard disk.*
- *Please erase the formula on the blackboard-it is wrong!*
- *The tape could be magnetically erased and reused.*
- *Over twenty years the last vestiges of a rural economy were erased.*
- *The magic of the landscape erased all else from her mind.*
- *Who erased the files from my hard disk?*
- *The Turks erased the Armenians in 1915.*
- *Graffiti had been erased from the wall.*



## Associations of "Erase" (30 Words)

**abolitionism** The doctrine that calls for the abolition of slavery.

**annihilate** Destroy utterly; obliterate.  
*The stronger force **annihilated** its opponent virtually without loss.*

**bowdlerize** Remove material that is considered improper or offensive from (a text or account), especially with the result that the text becomes weaker or less effective.

***Bowdlerize*** a novel.

**cull** An inferior or surplus livestock animal selected for culling.  
*He sees **culling** deer as a necessity.*

**cutout** A switch that interrupts an electric circuit in the event of an overload.

<b><u>decimate</u></b>	Kill one in every ten of (a group of people, originally a mutinous Roman legion) as a punishment for the whole group. <i>The man who is to determine whether it be necessary to <b>decimate</b> a large body of mutineers.</i>
<b><u>delete</u></b>	A command or key on a computer which erases text. <i>The passage was <b>deleted</b>.</i>
<b><u>edit</u></b>	Be editor of a newspaper or magazine. <i>The same family has been <b>editing</b> the influential newspaper for almost 100 years.</i>
<b>efface</b>	Remove by or as if by rubbing or erasing. <i>Nothing could <b>efface</b> the bitter memory.</i>
<b>eject</b>	Leave an aircraft rapidly using an ejection seat or capsule. <i>He put the plane in a nosedive and <b>ejected</b>.</i>
<b>eliminate</b>	Eliminate from the body. <i>Let s <b>eliminate</b> the course on Akkadian hieroglyphics.</i>
<b>elimination</b>	The act of removing or getting rid of something. <i>The <b>elimination</b> of extreme poverty is a key objective.</i>
<b>eradicate</b>	Kill in large numbers. <i>This disease has been <b>eradicated</b> from the world.</i>
<b>erasable</b>	Capable of being effaced. <i>A signal too loud to be <b>erasable</b> in a single pass through the erase head.</i>
<b>eraser</b>	A piece of soft rubber or plastic used to rub out something written.
<b><u>excise</u></b>	Charge excise on goods. <i>The rate of <b>excise</b> duty on spirits.</i>
<b>excision</b>	The omission that is made when an editorial change shortens a written passage. <i>Both parties agreed on the <b>excision</b> of the proposed clause.</i>
<b>exclude</b>	Prevent from entering; shut out. <i>One cannot <b>exclude</b> the possibility of a fall in house prices.</i>
<b><u>exclusion</u></b>	The state of being excluded. <i>He had a hand in my <b>exclusion</b> from the committee.</i>
<b>expulsion</b>	The act of forcing out someone or something. <i>A rise in the number of pupil <b>expulsions</b>.</i>
<b><u>expunge</u></b>	Obliterate or remove completely (something unwanted or unpleasant). <i>The kind of man that could <b>expunge</b> an unsatisfactory incident from his memory.</i>



<b>expurgate</b>	Edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate. <i>Editors heavily <b>expurgated</b> the novel before its initial publication.</i>
<b>extirpate</b>	Destroy completely, as if down to the roots. <i>Timber wolves were <b>extirpated</b> from New England more than a century ago.</i>
<b>extirpation</b>	The act of pulling up or out; uprooting; cutting off from existence.
<b>obliterate</b>	Do away with completely, without leaving a trace. <i>The special stamp should be placed on the left hand side and not be used to <b>obliterate</b> the postage stamp.</i>
<b>remove</b>	Remove something concrete as by lifting pushing or taking off or remove something abstract. <i>Exchange controls have finally been <b>removed</b>.</i>
<b>riddance</b>	The act of forcing out someone or something. <i>The new movement emphasized discipline not <b>riddance</b> or punishment as a method of solving the criminal problem.</i>
<b>rub</b>	Make dry clean or smooth by rubbing. <i><b>Rub</b> oil into her skin.</i>
<b>scratch</b>	A technique used especially in rap music of stopping a record by hand and moving it back and forwards to give a rhythmic scratching effect. <i>I found two names <b>scratched</b> on one of the windowpanes.</i>
<b>uproot</b>	Move (people) forcibly from their homeland into a new and foreign environment. <i>My father travelled constantly and <b>uprooted</b> his family several times.</i>

