

Need another word that means the same as “excuse”? Find 63 synonyms and 30 related words for “excuse” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Excuse” are: condone, beg off, explain, pardon, exempt, let off, relieve, apologise, apologize, rationalise, rationalize, justify, defend, make excuses for, make a case for, explain away, vindicate, warrant, forgive, absolve, exonerate, acquit, not take into consideration, disregard, take no notice of, take no account of, make allowances for, let pass, turn a blind eye to, wink at, blink at, connive at, let someone off with, let go, sink, bury, let bygones be bygones, release, spare, free, liberate, alibi, exculpation, self-justification, apology, justification, defence, reason, explanation, mitigation, extenuation, palliation, vindication, pretext, pretence, front, cover-up, fabrication, evasion, travesty of, apology for, poor specimen of, mockery of**

## Excuse as a Noun

### Definitions of "Excuse" as a noun

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

- *A note explaining an absence.*
- *A poor example.*
- *A defense of some offensive behavior or some failure to keep a promise etc.*
- *A poor or inadequate example of.*

- A reason or explanation given to justify a fault or offence.
- A note written by a doctor or parent excusing a pupil from school.
- A reason put forward to conceal the real reason for an action; a pretext.



## Synonyms of "Excuse" as a noun (22 Words)

<b><u>alibi</u></b>	(law) a defense by an accused person purporting to show that he or she could not have committed the crime in question. <i>A catch all <b>alibi</b> for failure and inadequacy.</i>
<b>apology</b>	A formal written defense of something you believe in strongly. <i>It was an <b>apology</b> for a meal.</i>
<b>apology for</b>	A poor example.
<b>cover-up</b>	Concealment that attempts to prevent something scandalous from becoming public.
<b>defence</b>	Fortifications or barriers against attack. <i>The <b>defence</b> requested more time to prepare their case.</i>

<b>evasion</b>	The action of evading something. <i>The protestations and <b>evasions</b> of a witness.</i>
<b>exculpation</b>	The act of freeing from guilt or blame.
<b>explanation</b>	Thought that makes something comprehensible. <i>I heard his <b>explanation</b> of the accident.</i>
<b>extenuation</b>	The process of making someone or something thin. <i>He s always ready with <b>extenuations</b> and disclaimers.</i>
<b>fabrication</b>	The act of constructing something (as a piece of machinery). <i>The assembly and <b>fabrication</b> of electronic products.</i>
<b>front</b>	The part of a garment covering a person s front. <i>The Japanese were active last week on the diplomatic <b>front</b>.</i>
<b>justification</b>	The action or manner of justifying a line of type or piece of text. <i>All these incidents were used again as a <b>justification</b> for my sacking.</i>
<b>mitigation</b>	To act in such a way as to cause an offense to seem less serious. <i>The identification and <b>mitigation</b> of pollution.</i>
<b>mockery of</b>	A composition that imitates or misrepresents somebody’s style, usually in a humorous way.
<b>palliation</b>	To act in such a way as to cause an offense to seem less serious.
<b>poor specimen of</b>	People without possessions or wealth (considered as a group).
<b>pretence</b>	The practice of inventing imaginary situations in play. <i>His anger is masked by a <b>pretence</b> that all is well.</i>
<b>pretext</b>	Something serving to conceal plans; a fictitious reason that is concocted in order to conceal the real reason. <i>The rebels had the perfect <b>pretext</b> for making their move.</i>
<b>reason</b>	A cause, explanation, or justification for an action or event. <i>She asked him to return but didn t give a <b>reason</b>.</i>
<b>self-justification</b>	A defense of some offensive behavior or some failure to keep a promise etc.
<b>travesty of</b>	A composition that imitates or misrepresents somebody’s style, usually in a humorous way.
<b>vindication</b>	Proof that someone or something is right, reasonable, or justified. <i>Friends provided a <b>vindication</b> of his position.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Excuse" as a noun

- *There can be no excuse for any further delay.*
- *He had to get his mother to write an excuse for him.*
- *As an excuse to get out of the house she went to post a letter.*
- *The excuse that half the team failed to turn up.*
- *That pathetic excuse for a man!*
- *He kept finding excuses to stay.*
- *A poor excuse for an automobile.*



## Excuse as a Verb

### Definitions of "Excuse" as a verb

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

- *Serve as a reason or cause or justification of.*
- *(used by school pupils) be allowed to leave the room, especially to go to the toilet.*
- *Say politely that one is leaving.*
- *Defend, explain, clear away, or make excuses for by reasoning.*
- *Excuse, overlook, or make allowances for; be lenient with.*
- *Release (someone) from a duty or requirement.*
- *Forgive (someone) for a fault or offence.*
- *Seek to lessen the blame attaching to (a fault or offence); try to justify.*

- *Grant exemption or release to.*
- *Ask for permission to be released from an engagement.*
- *(of a fact) serve to mitigate (a person or act).*
- *(used in polite formulas) allow (someone) to leave a room or gathering.*
- *Overlook or make allowances for.*
- *Accept an excuse for.*



## Synonyms of "Excuse" as a verb (41 Words)

**absolve**

Grant remission of a sin to.  
*I **absolve** you from this responsibility.*

**acquit**

Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges.  
*The goalkeeper **acquitted** himself well.*

**apologise**

Acknowledge faults or shortcomings or failing.

**apologize**

Acknowledge faults or shortcomings or failing.  
*I must **apologize** for disturbing you like this.*

<b>beg off</b>	Make a solicitation or entreaty for something; request urgently or persistently.
<b>blink at</b>	Briefly shut the eyes.
<b><u>bury</u></b>	Dismiss from the mind; stop remembering. <i>He ran through to <b>bury</b> a right foot shot inside the near post.</i>
<b>condone</b>	Accept (behaviour that is considered morally wrong or offensive). <i>Those arrested were released and the exhibition was officially <b>condoned</b> a few weeks later.</i>
<b>connive at</b>	Form intrigues (for) in an underhand manner.
<b><u>defend</u></b>	Speak or write in favour of (an action or person); attempt to justify. <i>He <b>defended</b> his policy of imposing high rates.</i>
<b><u>disregard</u></b>	Give little or no attention to. <i>The body of evidence is too substantial to <b>disregard</b>.</i>
<b>exempt</b>	Grant relief or an exemption from a rule or requirement to. <i>She <b>exempted</b> me from the exam.</i>
<b><u>exonerate</u></b>	Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges. <i>An inquiry <b>exonerated</b> those involved.</i>
<b>explain</b>	Define. <i>This would <b>explain</b> why so many adult children still live with their parents.</i>
<b>explain away</b>	Serve as a reason or cause or justification of.
<b>forgive</b>	Stop blaming or grant forgiveness. <i>She cannot <b>forgive</b> him for forgetting her birthday.</i>
<b>free</b>	Free from obligations or duties. <i>We are <b>freeing</b> management time for alternative work.</i>
<b><u>justify</u></b>	(used of God) declare innocent; absolve from the penalty of sin. <i><b>Justify</b> the margins.</i>
<b>let bygones be bygones</b>	Cause to move; cause to be in a certain position or condition.
<b>let go</b>	Grant use or occupation of under a term of contract.
<b>let off</b>	Grant use or occupation of under a term of contract.
<b>let pass</b>	Leave unchanged.
<b>let someone off with</b>	Leave unchanged.

<u>liberate</u>	Free (someone) from social conventions, especially those concerned with accepted sexual roles. <i>The students <b>liberated</b> their slaves upon graduating from the university.</i>
<b>make a case for</b>	Put in order or neaten.
<b>make allowances for</b>	To compose or represent.
<b>make excuses for</b>	Carry out or commit.
<b>not take into consideration</b>	Accept or undergo, often unwillingly.
<b>pardon</b>	Grant a pardon to. <i>He was <b>pardoned</b> for his treason.</i>
<b>rationalise</b>	Defend, explain, clear away, or make excuses for by reasoning.
<u>rationalize</u>	Remove irrational quantities from. <i><b>Rationalize</b> the child s seemingly crazy behavior.</i>
<b>release</b>	Release as from one s grip. <i>Compensation for the cost of rebuilding is only <b>released</b> when work begins.</i>
<b>relieve</b>	Relieve oneself of troubling information. <i>He dispatched an expedition to <b>relieve</b> the city.</i>
<b>sink</b>	Cause to sink. <i>He saw the coffin <b>sink</b> below the surface of the waves.</i>
<u>spare</u>	Refrain from harming. <i>He asked if they could <b>spare</b> one of their horses to speed his journey.</i>
<b>take no account of</b>	Take as an undesirable consequence of some event or state of affairs.
<b>take no notice of</b>	Ascertain or determine by measuring, computing or take a reading from a dial.
<b>turn a blind eye to</b>	Get by buying and selling.
<b>vindicate</b>	Clear (someone) of blame or suspicion. <i>More sober views were <b>vindicated</b> by events.</i>
<b>warrant</b>	Provide adequate grounds to justify (a certain course of action). <i>I <b>warrant</b> this information.</i>
<b>wink at</b>	Briefly shut the eyes.





## Usage Examples of "Excuse" as a verb

- *You must excuse my brother.*
- *And now, if you'll excuse us, duty calls.*
- *May I be excused hockey?*
- *His ability excuses most of his faults.*
- *Please, Miss, can I be excused?*
- *Sit down—excuse the mess.*
- *Excuse someone's behavior.*
- *Please excuse me from this class.*
- *Please excuse my dirty hands.*
- *He did nothing to hide or excuse Jacob's cruelty.*
- *It will not be possible to excuse you from attendance.*
- *I had to excuse myself and go out of the room.*
- *Your need to sleep late does not excuse your late arrival at work.*
- *He could be excused for feeling that he was born at the wrong time.*



## Associations of "Excuse" (30 Words)

### alibi

Exonerate by means of an alibi.  
*A catch all **alibi** for failure and inadequacy.*

### attest

Enrol as ready for military service.  
*His numerous drawings of babies **attest** to his fascination with them.*

### attributable

Capable of being attributed.  
*This may be Leonardo's earliest securely **attributable** painting.*

### clarification

The action of making a statement or situation less confused and more comprehensible.  
*The professor's **clarification** helped her to understand the textbook.*

### confirm

Administer the religious rite of confirmation to.  
*The children were **confirmed** in their mother's faith.*

### develop

Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development.  
***Develop** a passion for painting.*

<b>elucidate</b>	Make (something) clear; explain. <i>Work such as theirs will help to <b>elucidate</b> this matter.</i>
<b>enlighten</b>	Shed light on (an object). <i>Christopher had not <b>enlightened</b> Francis as to their relationship.</i>
<b>equivocate</b>	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>The government have <b>equivocated</b> too often in the past.</i>
<b>equivocation</b>	Intentionally vague or ambiguous. <i>I say this without <b>equivocation</b>.</i>
<b>evasion</b>	Nonperformance of something distasteful (as by deceit or trickery) that you are supposed to do. <i>His <b>evasion</b> of all his creditors.</i>
<b>expatiate</b>	Speak or write in detail about. <i>She <b>expatiated</b> on working class novelists.</i>
<b>explanation</b>	Thought that makes something comprehensible. <i>The <b>explanation</b> was very simple.</i>
<b>explicate</b>	Elaborate, as of theories and hypotheses. <i>These essays seek to <b>explicate</b> and contextualize Kristeva's writings.</i>
<b>explicit</b>	Of a person stating something in an explicit manner. <i>A sexually <b>explicit</b> blockbuster.</i>
<b>fabrication</b>	The deliberate act of deviating from the truth. <i>The assembly and <b>fabrication</b> of electronic products.</i>
<b>hydrostatics</b>	The branch of mechanics concerned with the hydrostatic properties of liquids.
<b>interpretation</b>	The action of explaining the meaning of something. <i>The report included his <b>interpretation</b> of the forensic evidence.</i>
<b>justification</b>	Good reason for something that exists or has been done. <i>The <b>justification</b> of revolutionary action.</i>
<b>justify</b>	Show or prove to be right or reasonable. <i>The situation was grave enough to <b>justify</b> further investigation.</i>
<b>palliation</b>	To act in such a way as to cause an offense to seem less serious.
<b>pretext</b>	A reason given in justification of a course of action that is not the real reason. <i>The rebels had the perfect <b>pretext</b> for making their move.</i>
<b>prevarication</b>	A statement that deviates from or perverts the truth.
<b>prove</b>	Prove formally demonstrate by a mathematical formal proof. <i>The scheme has <b>proved</b> a great success.</i>

<b>rationale</b>	An explanation of the fundamental reasons (especially an explanation of the working of some device in terms of laws of nature. <i>The <b>rationale</b> for capital punishment.</i>
<b>rationalization</b>	The action of attempting to explain or justify behaviour or an attitude with logical reasons, even if these are not appropriate. <i>The London dockers struggle to preserve their jobs against ruthless <b>rationalization</b>.</i>
<b>rationalize</b>	Structure and run according to rational or scientific principles in order to achieve desired results. <i>If we <b>rationalize</b> production will that mean redundancies.</i>
<b>reason</b>	Decide by reasoning draw or come to a conclusion. <i>He had to rely less on <b>reason</b> than on rousing their emotions.</i>
<b>validate</b>	Declare or make legally valid. <i>Without Patti to <b>validate</b> my feelings they seemed not to exist.</i>
<b>why</b>	The cause or intention underlying an action or situation especially in the phrase the whys and wherefores. <i><b>Why</b> don t I give you a lift.</i>

