

Need another word that means the same as “expect”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “expect” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Expect” are: anticipate, ask, require, await, look, wait, bear, carry, gestate, have a bun in the oven, look for, hope for, watch for, look forward to, look ahead to, have in prospect, suppose, presume, think it likely, think, believe, imagine, assume, conjecture, surmise, calculate, judge, ask for, call for, wish, want, i assume, i expect, i believe, i presume, i take it, i suppose, i imagine, i dare say, i would have thought, it is to be presumed, i guess, without doubt

Expect as a Verb

Definitions of "Expect" as a verb

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

- *Regard something as probable or likely.*
- *Require (something) as rightfully due or appropriate in the circumstances.*
- *Consider reasonable or due.*
- *Require (someone) to fulfil an obligation.*
- *Look forward to the birth of a child.*
- *Believe that (someone or something) will arrive soon.*
- *Used to indicate that one supposes something to be so but has no firm evidence.*
- *Be pregnant with.*
- *Regard (someone) as likely to do or be something.*
- *Regard (something) as likely to happen.*
- *Look forward to the probable occurrence of.*
- *Consider obligatory; request and expect.*



Synonyms of "Expect" as a verb (43 Words)

anticipate	Be a forerunner of or occur earlier than. <i>This composition anticipates Impressionism.</i>
ask	Require or ask for as a price or condition. <i>This job asks a lot of patience and skill.</i>
ask for	Require or ask for as a price or condition.
<u>assume</u>	Suppose to be the case, without proof. <i>I assume his train was late.</i>
await	Wait for (an event). <i>We await the proposals with impatience.</i>
<u>bear</u>	Have rightfully; of rights, titles, and offices. <i>She could hardly bear his sarcasm.</i>
believe	Follow a credo have a faith be a believer. <i>There are those on the fringes of the Church who do not really believe.</i>

calculate	Predict in advance. <i>The program can calculate the number of words that will fit in the space available.</i>
call for	Utter a characteristic note or cry.
carry	Have with oneself; have on one's person. <i>Do you carry kerosene heaters.</i>
conjecture	To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds. <i>Many conjectured that the jury could not agree.</i>
gestate	(of a fetus) undergo gestation. <i>Rabbits gestate for approximately twenty eight days.</i>
have a bun in the oven	Have left.
have in prospect	Get something; come into possession of.
hope for	Expect and wish.
i assume	Put clothing on one's body.
i believe	Judge or regard; look upon; judge.
i dare say	Take upon oneself; act presumptuously, without permission.
i expect	Consider obligatory; request and expect.
i guess	Put forward, of a guess, in spite of possible refutation.
i imagine	Form a mental image of something that is not present or that is not the case.
i presume	Constitute reasonable evidence for.
i suppose	Require as a necessary antecedent or precondition.
i take it	Interpret something in a certain way; convey a particular meaning or impression.
i would have thought	Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.
imagine	Form a mental image or concept of. <i>She imagined him at his desk his head in his hands.</i>
it is to be presumed	Happen, occur, take place.
judge	Put on trial or hear a case and sit as the judge at the trial of. <i>It is hard to judge whether such opposition is justified.</i>
look	Of a building or room have an outlook in a specified direction. <i>He just didn't look himself at all.</i>
look ahead to	Perceive with attention; direct one's gaze towards.
look for	Look forward to the probable occurrence of.

look forward to	Look forward to the probable occurrence of.
<u>presume</u>	Be arrogant or impertinent enough to do something. <i>I presumed that the man had been escorted from the building.</i>
require	Require as useful just or proper. <i>Success usually requires hard work.</i>
<u>suppose</u>	Expect believe or suppose. <i>Scientists supposed that large dinosaurs lived in swamps.</i>
<u>surmise</u>	Imagine to be the case or true or probable. <i>I don't think they're locals she surmised.</i>
think	Decide by pondering, reasoning, or reflecting. <i>She didn't think to harm me.</i>
think it likely	Expect, believe, or suppose.
wait	Wait before acting. <i>We're waiting for Allan to get back.</i>
want	Feel or have a desire for want strongly. <i>I'll give you a lift into town if you want.</i>
watch for	Observe with attention.
<u>wish</u>	Order politely express a wish for. <i>They wish to become involved.</i>
without doubt	Consider unlikely or have doubts about.



Usage Examples of "Expect" as a verb

- *We expect employers to pay a reasonable salary.*
- *The hearing is expected to last a week.*
- *We were expecting a visit from our relatives.*
- *Celia was expecting a visitor.*
- *I'm expecting a full explanation as to why these files were destroyed.*
- *She is expecting in March.*
- *The meteorologists are expecting rain for tomorrow.*
- *I expect my students to arrive in time for their lessons.*
- *They were not expecting him to continue.*
- *They're just friends of his, I expect.*
- *One might expect that Hollywood would adjust its approach.*
- *The are expecting another child in January.*
- *We expect great things of you.*
- *It's as well to expect the worst.*

- *I expect you know them?*



Associations of "Expect" (30 Words)

anticipate	Be excited or anxious about. <i>She anticipated scorn on her return to the theatre.</i>
anticipation	The action of anticipating something; expectation or prediction. <i>They manned the telephones in anticipation of a flood of calls.</i>
anticipatory	In anticipation. <i>An anticipatory flash of excitement.</i>
aspirant	An ambitious and aspiring young person. <i>A lofty aspirant.</i>
assume	Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force; take as one's right or possession. <i>It is reasonable to assume that such changes have significant social effects.</i>

assumption	The act of taking possession of or power over something. <i>Your assumption that I would agree was unwarranted.</i>
astrologer	Someone who predicts the future by the positions of the planets and sun and Moon. <i>He was advised by astrologers to delay his departure.</i>
conjecture	(in textual criticism) the suggestion of a reading of a text not present in the original source. <i>A matter for conjecture.</i>
envisage	Form a mental picture of (something not yet existing or known). <i>The Rome Treaty envisaged free movement across frontiers.</i>
expectancy	An expectation. <i>An indicator of expectancy in development.</i>
expectation	The feeling that something is about to happen. <i>I sat down in expectation of a feast of nostalgia.</i>
forebode	(of a situation or occurrence) act as an advance warning of (something bad). <i>This lull foreboded some new assault upon him.</i>
forecast	A prediction about how something (as the weather) will develop. <i>Coal consumption in Europe is forecast to increase.</i>
forecasting	A statement made about the future.
foresee	Act in advance of; deal with ahead of time. <i>It is impossible to foresee how life will work out.</i>
foretell	Predict (the future or a future event). <i>A seer had foretold that the earl would assume the throne.</i>
guess	Guess correctly solve by guessing. <i>She s guessed where we re going.</i>
guesswork	The process or results of guessing. <i>Answering this question will involve you in a certain amount of guesswork.</i>
hopeful	Feeling or inspiring optimism about a future event. <i>He remained hopeful that something could be worked out.</i>
preconception	A preconceived idea or prejudice. <i>He did not even try to confirm his preconceptions.</i>
predict	Make a prediction about tell in advance. <i>He predicts that the trend will continue.</i>
prediction	A statement made about the future. <i>A prediction that economic growth would resume.</i>

presume	Constitute reasonable evidence for. <i>I presumed that the man had been escorted from the building.</i>
presuppose	Tacitly assume at the beginning of a line of argument or course of action that something is the case. <i>Their original prediction presupposed a universe only three billion years old.</i>
prognosticate	Make a prediction about; tell in advance. <i>The economists were prognosticating financial Armageddon.</i>
prophecy	A prediction uttered under divine inspiration. <i>The gift of prophecy.</i>
prophesy	Say that (a specified thing) will happen in the future. <i>Jacques was prophesying a bumper harvest.</i>
speculation	An investment that is very risky but could yield great profits. <i>This is pure speculation on my part.</i>
suppose	Expect believe or suppose. <i>I presuppose that you have done your work.</i>
supposition	A hypothesis that is taken for granted. <i>Their outrage was based on supposition and hearsay.</i>

