

Need another word that means the same as “explode”? Find 61 synonyms and 30 related words for “explode” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Explode” are: blow up, detonate, set off, irrupt, break loose, burst forth, burst, blow, burst apart, fly apart, fly into pieces, shatter, go off, erupt, let off, discharge, touch off, trigger, trigger off, fire off, let fly, lose one's temper, give vent to one's feelings, rage, rant and rave, storm, bluster, get angry, become enraged, go into a rage, go berserk, increase suddenly, increase rapidly, increase dramatically, mushroom, snowball, escalate, multiply, burgeon, rocket, shoot up, accelerate, heighten, disprove, refute, deny, rebut, invalidate, gainsay, negate, repudiate, discredit, debunk, belie, give the lie to, expose, deflate, puncture, quash, contradict, ridicule**

## Explode as a Verb

### Definitions of "Explode" as a verb

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

- *Suddenly begin to move or start a new activity.*
- *Burst and release energy as through a violent chemical or physical reaction.*
- *Drive from the stage by noisy disapproval.*
- *Be unleashed; emerge with violence or noise.*
- *Burst outward, usually with noise.*
- *Cause to burst as a result of air pressure; of stop consonants like /p/, /t/, and /k.*
- *Increase rapidly and in an uncontrolled manner.*
- *Show a violent emotional reaction.*
- *(of a violent emotion or a situation) arise or develop suddenly.*

- *Burst or shatter violently and noisily as a result of rapid combustion, excessive internal pressure, or other process.*
- *(of a person) suddenly give expression to violent emotion, especially anger.*
- *Undergo a violent expansion in which much energy is released as a shock wave.*
- *Show (a theory or claim) to be baseless, or refute and make obsolete.*
- *Show (a belief or theory) to be false or unfounded.*
- *Destroy by exploding.*
- *Increase suddenly in size, number, or extent.*
- *Cause to burst with a violent release of energy.*



## Synonyms of "Explode" as a verb (61 Words)

### [accelerate](#)

(especially of a vehicle) begin to move more quickly.  
*Inflation started to **accelerate**.*

### **become enraged**

Enter or assume a certain state or condition.

### [belie](#)

(of an appearance) fail to give a true impression of (something).  
*His lively alert manner **belied** his years.*

<b>blow</b>	Be blowing or storming. <i>The aircraft was <b>blown</b> apart by a bomb.</i>
<b>blow up</b>	Cause air to go in, on, or through.
<b>bluster</b>	Show off. <i>I don't care what he says I <b>blustered</b>.</i>
<b>break loose</b>	Crack; of the male voice in puberty.
<b><u>burgeon</u></b>	Grow and flourish. <i>The city's suburbs have <b>burgeoned</b> sprawling out from the centre.</i>
<b>burst</b>	Cause to burst. <i>One of the balloons <b>burst</b>.</i>
<b>burst apart</b>	Force out or release suddenly and often violently something pent up.
<b>burst forth</b>	Move suddenly, energetically, or violently.
<b><u>contradict</u></b>	Be in contradiction with. <i>He did not <b>contradict</b> what he said last week.</i>
<b><u>debunk</u></b>	Reduce the inflated reputation of (someone). <i>She <b>debunks</b> all the usual rubbish about acting.</i>
<b>deflate</b>	Become deflated or flaccid as by losing air. <i>The balloons <b>deflated</b>.</i>
<b><u>deny</u></b>	Deny formally an allegation of fact by the opposing party in a legal suit. <i>There was no way that I was going to <b>deny</b> myself ice cream.</i>
<b>detonate</b>	Burst and release energy as through a violent chemical or physical reaction. <i>The bomb <b>detonated</b> at noon.</i>
<b>discharge</b>	Go off or discharge. <i>She was conditionally <b>discharged</b> for two years at Oxford Crown Court.</i>
<b><u>discredit</u></b>	Cause to be distrusted or disbelieved. <i>His explanation for the phenomenon was soon <b>discredited</b>.</i>
<b><u>disprove</u></b>	Prove to be false. <i>The physicist <b>disproved</b> his colleagues theories.</i>
<b><u>erupt</u></b>	Erupt or intensify suddenly. <i>Fierce fighting <b>erupted</b> between the army and guerrillas.</i>
<b><u>escalate</u></b>	Increase in extent or intensity. <i>The disturbance <b>escalated</b> into a full scale riot.</i>

expose

Expose to light of photographic film.

*The situation **exposed** a conflict within the government.*

**fire off**

Terminate the employment of; discharge from an office or position.

**fly apart**

Decrease rapidly and disappear.

**fly into pieces**

Transport by aeroplane.

**gainsay**

Deny or contradict (a fact or statement).

*None could **gainsay** her.*

**get angry**

Reach and board.

**give the lie to**

Endure the loss of.

**give vent to one's feelings**

Perform for an audience.

**go berserk**

Have a particular form.

**go into a rage**

Be abolished or discarded.

**go off**

Progress by being changed.

**heighten**

Increase.

*The tension **heightened**.*

**increase dramatically**

Become bigger or greater in amount.

**increase rapidly**

Make bigger or more.

**increase suddenly**

Become bigger or greater in amount.

invalidate

Deprive (an official document or procedure) of legal validity because it contravenes a regulation or law.

*A technical flaw in her papers **invalidated** her nomination.*

**irrupt**

(of a bird or other animal) migrate into an area in abnormally large numbers.

*The island's rodent population **irrupted**.*

**let fly**

Leave unchanged.

**let off**

Leave unchanged.

**lose one's temper**

Fail to keep or to maintain; cease to have, either physically or in an abstract sense.

multiply

(of an animal or other organism) increase in number by reproducing.

***Multiply** 10 by 15.*

**mushroom**

Pick or gather mushrooms.

*The problem **mushroomed**.*

<b>negate</b>	Make (a clause, sentence, or proposition) negative in meaning. <i>This action will <b>negate</b> the effect of my efforts.</i>
<b>puncture</b>	Be pierced or punctured. <i>The tire <b>punctured</b>.</i>
<b>quash</b>	Declare invalid. <i>A hospital executive <b>quashed</b> rumours that nursing staff will lose jobs.</i>
<b>rage</b>	Be violent; as of fires and storms. <i>He <b>raged</b> at the futility of it all.</i>
<b>rant and rave</b>	Talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner.
<b>rebut</b>	Drive back or repel (a person or attack). <i>But he their sharp assault right boldly did <b>rebut</b>.</i>
<u><b>refute</b></u>	Prove (a statement or theory) to be wrong or false; disprove. <i>His voice challenging his audience to rise and <b>refute</b> him.</i>
<b>repudiate</b>	(in the past or in non-Christian religions) disown or divorce (one's wife). <i>She <b>repudiated</b> the accusations.</i>
<u><b>ridicule</b></u>	Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>The satirists <b>ridiculed</b> the plans for a new opera house.</i>
<u><b>rocket</b></u>	Propel with a rocket. <i>The city was <b>rocketed</b> and bombed from the air.</i>
<b>set off</b>	Decide upon or fix definitely.
<b>shatter</b>	Break into many pieces. <i><b>Shatter</b> the plate.</i>
<b>shoot up</b>	Measure the altitude of by using a sextant.
<b>snowball</b>	Throw snowballs at. <i>I made sure the other kids stopped <b>snowballing</b> Celia.</i>
<u><b>storm</b></u>	Attack by storm attack suddenly. <i>Don't patronize me she <b>stormed</b>.</i>
<b>touch off</b>	To extend as far as.
<b>trigger</b>	Release or pull the trigger on. <i>An allergy can be <b>triggered</b> by stress or overwork.</i>
<b>trigger off</b>	Put in motion or move to act.





## Usage Examples of "Explode" as a verb

- *'This is ludicrous!' she exploded.*
- *Britain had not yet exploded her first nuclear weapon.*
- *His anger exploded.*
- *Tension which could explode into violence at any time.*
- *The boss exploded when he heard of the resignation of the secretary.*
- *The USSR had not yet exploded its first nuclear weapon.*
- *The enemy exploded the bridge.*
- *The Molotov cocktail exploded.*
- *Lead ensures that petrol burns rather than explodes.*
- *The use of this drug exploded in the nineties.*
- *We exploded the nuclear bomb.*

- *He exploded with rage.*
- *The champagne bottle exploded.*
- *Workers exploded into action as trade revived.*
- *The myths that link smoking with glamour need to be exploded.*
- *An ammunition lorry exploded with a roar.*



## Associations of "Explode" (30 Words)

### ammunition

Information that can be used to attack or defend a claim or argument or viewpoint.

Guns **ammunition** and explosives.

### **anthracite**

Coal of a hard variety that contains relatively pure carbon and burns with little flame and smoke.

A wide range of colours from **anthracite** to blush pink.

### atomic

Weapons deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy.

The **atomic** age required a new way of political thinking.

<b>blast</b>	A strong current of air used in smelting. <i>The car was <b>blasted</b> thirty feet into the sky.</i>
<b>bomb</b>	Attack a place or object with a bomb or bombs. <i>It just became another big budget film that <b>bombed</b>.</i>
<b>burst</b>	Burst outward usually with noise. <i>She <b>burst</b> on to the British art scene in 1985.</i>
<b>cannon</b>	Make a cannon. <i>The couple behind almost <b>cannoned</b> into us.</i>
<b>coke</b>	Convert coal into coke. <i>Petroleum oils <b>coke</b> after distillation.</i>
<b>decompression</b>	The process of expanding computer data to its normal size so that it can be read by a computer. <i>This disk contains a number of utilities which require <b>decompression</b>.</i>
<b>detonate</b>	Explode or cause to explode. <i>Two other bombs failed to <b>detonate</b>.</i>
<b>detonation</b>	The action of causing a bomb or explosive device to explode. <i>She was in a control building at the time of <b>detonation</b>.</i>
<b><u>erupt</u></b>	Erupt or intensify suddenly. <i>Fierce fighting <b>erupted</b> between the army and guerrillas.</i>
<b>eruption</b>	A sudden violent spontaneous occurrence (usually of some undesirable condition). <i>Irritable skin <b>eruptions</b>.</i>
<b><u>explosion</u></b>	The noise caused by an explosion. <i>Three <b>explosions</b> damaged buildings at the barracks.</i>
<b>explosive</b>	A substance which can be made to explode, especially any of those used in bombs or shells. <i>The idea was politically <b>explosive</b>.</i>
<b>firearm</b>	A portable gun. <i>He wore his <b>firearm</b> in a shoulder holster.</i>
<b>firework</b>	An outburst of anger, or a display of great skill or energy. <i>A <b>firework</b> display.</i>
<b>flak</b>	Anti-aircraft fire. <i>You must be strong enough to take the <b>flak</b> if things go wrong.</i>
<b>fulminate</b>	A salt or ester of fulminic acid. <i>Thunder <b>fulminated</b> around the house.</i>



<b>grenade</b>	A glass receptacle containing chemicals which are released when the receptacle is thrown and broken, used for testing drains and extinguishing fires.
<b>implode</b>	Collapse or cause to collapse violently inwards. <i>He lost money when the market <b>imploded</b>.</i>
<b>kindle</b>	Cause to start burning. <i>The setting sun <b>kindled</b> the sky with oranges and reds.</i>
<b>nuclear</b>	Denoting possessing or involving weapons using nuclear energy. <b>Nuclear</b> weapons.
<b>ordnance</b>	Military supplies. <i>The gun was a brand new piece of <b>ordnance</b>.</i>
<b>outburst</b>	A sudden violent disturbance. <i>A wild <b>outburst</b> of applause.</i>
<b>pyrotechnic</b>	Relating to fireworks. <b>Pyrotechnic</b> keyboard virtuosity.
<b>pyrotechnics</b>	A brilliant performance or display of a specified skill. <i>He thrilled his audience with vocal <b>pyrotechnics</b>.</i>
<b>scald</b>	Any of a number of plant diseases which produce an effect similar to that of scalding especially a disease of fruit marked by browning and caused by excessive sunlight bad storage conditions or atmospheric pollution. <b>Scald</b> tomatoes so that they can be peeled.
<b>supernova</b>	A star that explodes and becomes extremely luminous in the process.
<b>thermonuclear</b>	Relating to or involving weapons in which explosive force is produced by thermonuclear reactions. <b>Thermonuclear</b> fusion.

