

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.*

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

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

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

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

