

Need another word that means the same as “float”? Find 51 synonyms and 30 related words for “float” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Float” are: be adrift, blow, drift, swim, stay afloat, stay on the surface, be buoyant, be buoyed up, hover, levitate, be suspended, hang, defy gravity, glide, sail, slip, slide, waft, flow, stream, move, travel, be carried, suggest, put forward, come up with, submit, raise, moot, propose, advance, offer, proffer, posit, present, table, test the popularity of, launch, get going, get off the ground, sell, introduce, establish, set up, institute, promote, air bladder, swim bladder, plasterer's float, ice-cream float, ice-cream soda

Float as a Noun

Definitions of "Float" as a noun

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

- *A light object held for support by a person learning to swim.*
- *A small vehicle or cart, especially one powered by electricity.*
- *A cork or buoy supporting the edge of a fishing net.*
- *A sum of money used for change at the beginning of a period of trading in a shop or stall etc., or for minor expenditures.*
- *Something that floats on the surface of water.*
- *The time interval between the deposit of a check in a bank and its payment.*

- *(in critical path analysis) the period of time by which the duration of an activity may be extended without affecting the overall time for the process.*
- *An elaborate display mounted on a platform carried by a truck (or pulled by a truck) in a procession or parade.*
- *The number of shares outstanding and available for trading by the public.*
- *A hand tool with a flat face used for smoothing and finishing the surface of plaster or cement or stucco.*
- *An air-filled sac near the spinal column in many fishes that helps maintain buoyancy.*
- *A hollow or inflated organ enabling an organism (such as the Portuguese man-of-war) to float in the water.*
- *A small object attached to a fishing line to indicate by moving when a fish bites.*
- *A soft drink with a scoop of ice cream floating in it.*
- *A floating device on the surface of a liquid which forms part of a valve apparatus controlling flow in and out of the enclosing container, e.g. in a water cistern or a carburettor.*
- *A drink with ice cream floating in it.*
- *A hollow structure fixed underneath an aircraft enabling it to take off and land on water.*
- *A platform mounted on a truck and carrying a display in a procession.*
- *A thing that is buoyant in water.*
- *A hand tool with a rectangular blade used for smoothing plaster.*



Synonyms of "Float" as a noun (5 Words)

- air bladder** A slight wind (usually refreshing).
- ice-cream float** A drink with ice cream floating in it.
- ice-cream soda** A sweet drink containing carbonated water and flavoring.
- plasterer's float** An elaborate display mounted on a platform carried by a truck (or pulled by a truck) in a procession or parade.
- swim bladder** The act of swimming.



Usage Examples of "Float" as a noun

- *Ice-cream floats.*
- *A carnival float.*



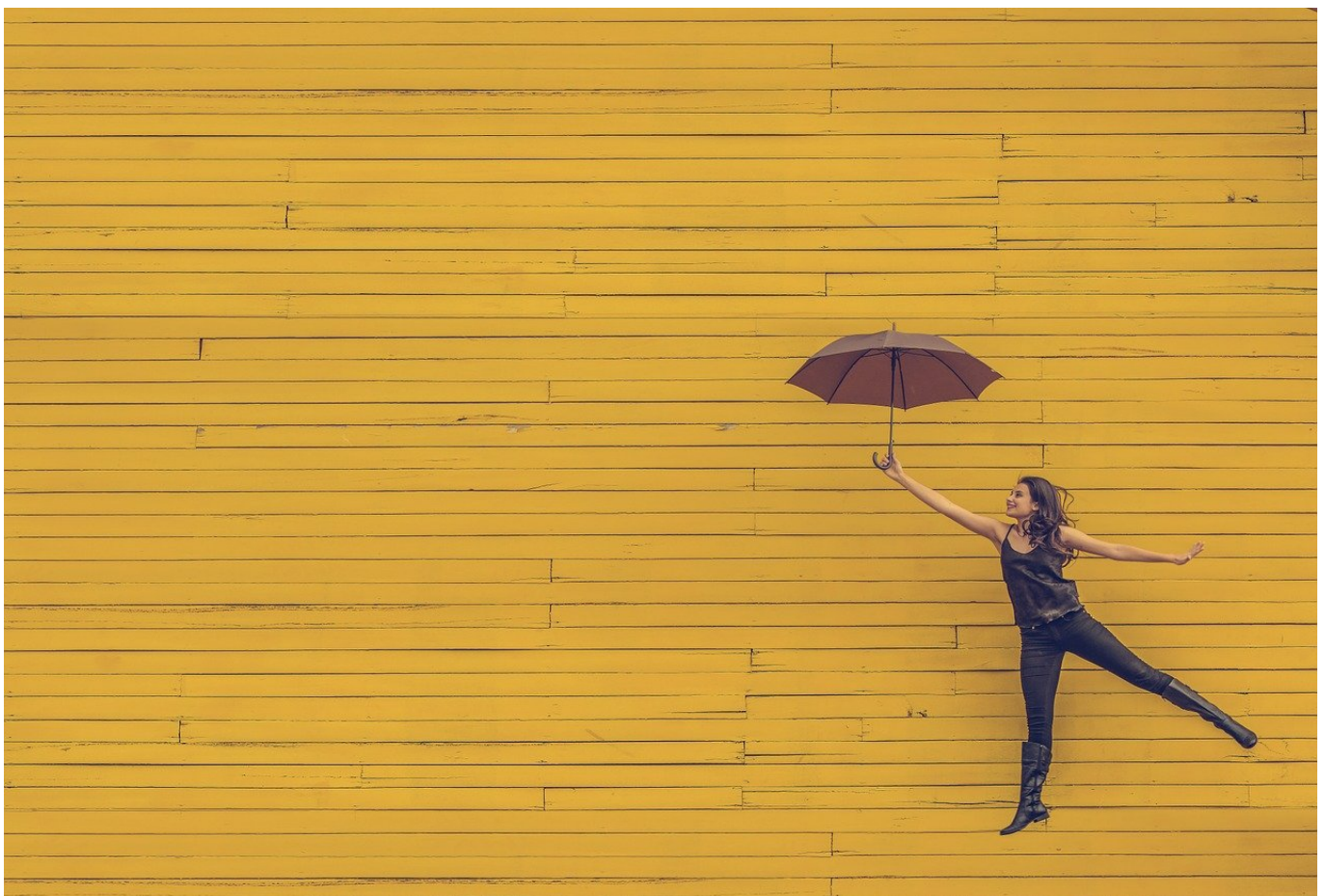
Float as a Verb

Definitions of "Float" as a verb

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

- *(of a rumour, idea, etc.) circulate.*
- *Put into the water.*
- *(of a currency) fluctuate freely in value in accordance with supply and demand in the financial markets.*
- *Convert from a fixed point notation to a floating point notation.*
- *Allow (a currency) to float.*
- *(in sport) make (the ball) travel lightly and effortlessly through the air.*
- *Rest or move on or near the surface of a liquid without sinking.*
- *Circulate or discuss tentatively; test the waters with.*

- *Set afloat.*
- *Put forward (an idea) as a suggestion or test of reactions.*
- *Move in a casual or leisurely way.*
- *Be in motion due to some air or water current.*
- *Be afloat either on or below a liquid surface and not sink to the bottom.*
- *Move or hover slowly and lightly in a liquid or the air; drift.*
- *Move lightly, as if suspended.*
- *Make the surface of level or smooth.*
- *Offer the shares of (a company) for sale on the stock market for the first time.*
- *Cause (a buoyant object) to rest or move on or near the surface of a liquid.*
- *Be suspended freely in a liquid or gas.*
- *Allow (currencies) to fluctuate.*



Synonyms of "Float" as a verb (46 Words)

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| advance | Pay in advance. <i>We have to advance clocks and watches when we travel eastward.</i> |
| be adrift | Represent, as of a character on stage. |
| be buoyant | Have an existence, be extant. |
| be buoyed up | Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun. |
| be carried | Occupy a certain position or area. |
| be suspended | Be identical or equivalent to. |
| blow | Make a sound as if blown. <i>Certain insects are said to blow.</i> |
| come up with | Have a certain priority. |
| defy gravity | Resist or confront with resistance. |
| <u>drift</u> | Live unhurriedly, irresponsibly, or freely. <i>I ve just drifted into things because they were offered to me and they seemed like fun.</i> |
| establish | Institute enact or establish. <i>Establish the location with a wide shot.</i> |
| flow | Cause to flow. <i>The artist flowed the washes on the paper.</i> |
| get going | Undergo (as of injuries and illnesses. |
| get off the ground | Evoke an emotional response. |
| <u>glide</u> | Fly in or as if in a glider plane. <i>Slide your hands firmly across the shoulders then glide them down.</i> |
| hang | Kill by hanging. <i>Hang the venison for a few days.</i> |
| <u>hover</u> | Be suspended in the air, as if in defiance of gravity. <i>Army helicopters hovered overhead.</i> |
| institute | Begin (legal proceedings) in a court. <i>His sons were instituted to the priesthood.</i> |
| introduce | Introduce. <i>Measures were introduced to help families with children.</i> |
| launch | Launch for the first time launch on a maiden voyage. <i>The ship was launched in 1843 by Prince Albert.</i> |
| levitate | Be suspended in the air, as if in defiance of gravity. <i>The guru claimed that he could levitate.</i> |

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| <u>moot</u> | Raise (a question or topic) for discussion; suggest (an idea or possibility). <i>The scheme was first mooted last October.</i> |
| move | Move so as to change position perform a nontranslational motion. <i>I beg to move that this House deplores the government s economic policies.</i> |
| offer | Offer verbally. <i>The hotel offers private meeting rooms.</i> |
| <u>posit</u> | Put in position place. <i>These plots are posited on a false premise about women s nature as inferior.</i> |
| present | Bring forward and present to the mind. <i>The commencement speaker presented a forceful speech that impressed the students.</i> |
| proffer | Hold out or put forward (something) to someone for acceptance. <i>She proffered a glass of wine.</i> |
| promote | Of an additive act as a promoter of a catalyst. <i>They were promoted from the Third Division last season.</i> |
| <u>propose</u> | Propose or intend. <i>She proposed a new theory of relativity.</i> |
| put forward | Make an investment. |
| raise | Multiply a number by itself a specified number of times 8 is 2 raised to the power 3. <i>The piece raises the ghosts of a number of twentieth century ideas.</i> |
| sail | Travel in a ship or boat using sails or engine power. <i>We sailed the Atlantic.</i> |
| sell | Sell all of one s stock of something. <i>It was clear that the performances would not sell out.</i> |
| set up | Arrange attractively. |
| <u>slide</u> | Move obliquely or sideways, usually in an uncontrolled manner. <i>I quickly slid into a seat at the back of the hall.</i> |
| slip | Go or move quietly or quickly, without attracting notice. <i>Slip into something comfortable.</i> |
| stay afloat | Fasten with stays. |
| stay on the surface | Stop or halt. |
| <u>stream</u> | To extend, wave or float outward, as if in the wind. <i>She sat with tears streaming down her face.</i> |

submit

Accept or yield to a superior force or to the authority or will of another person.

*Samples **submitted** to low pressure while being airfreighted.*

suggest

Suggest the necessity of an intervention in medicine.

*I **suggest** that we wait a day or two.*

swim

Cross a particular stretch of water by swimming.

*He **swims** thirty lengths twice a week.*

table

Present formally for discussion or consideration at a meeting.

*I d like the issue to be **tabled** for the next few months.*

test the popularity of

Examine someone's knowledge of something.

travel

Travel upon or across.

***Travel** the oceans.*

waft

(with reference to a scent, sound, etc.) pass or cause to pass gently through the air.

*The smell of stale fat **wafted** out from the cafe.*



Usage Examples of "Float" as a verb

- *Float the plaster.*
- *Clouds floated across a brilliant blue sky.*
- *Fragments of chipped cartilage floated in the joint.*
- *Trees were felled and floated downstream.*
- *The boy floated his toy boat on the pond.*
- *Araminta floated down the stairs.*
- *He floated the logs down the river.*
- *He floated the kick into the net.*
- *She relaxed, floating gently in the water.*
- *A policy of letting the pound float.*
- *The government floated the ruble for a few months.*
- *The notion was floating around Capitol Hill.*
- *Float data.*

- *Float a ship.*
- *The dancer floated across the stage.*
- *The Republicans are floating the idea of a tax reform.*



Associations of "Float" (30 Words)

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| adrift | Aimlessly drifting. <i>The film industry was adrift in a sea of debt.</i> |
| <u>afloat</u> | Borne on the water; floating. <i>The main deck was afloat or awash.</i> |
| <u>aimless</u> | Aimlessly drifting. <i>An aimless existence.</i> |
| boat | Ride in a boat on water. <i>A boat trip.</i> |
| <u>buoy</u> | Mark with a buoy. <i>The creatures could swim both buoyed up and cooled by the water.</i> |

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| buoyancy | A cheerful and optimistic attitude or disposition. <i>I admired his buoyancy and persistent good humor.</i> |
| canoe | Travel in or paddle a canoe. <i>He had once canoeed down the Nile.</i> |
| capsize | (of a boat) be overturned in the water. <i>Gale force gusts capsized the dinghies.</i> |
| diving | The sport or activity of diving into water from a diving board. <i>I tried in vain to get a shot of a diving falcon.</i> |
| <u>drift</u> | The general intention or meaning of an argument or someone's remarks. <i>The pilot had not noticed any appreciable drift.</i> |
| floating | Not settled permanently; fluctuating or variable. <i>The ship is still floating.</i> |
| floe | A flat mass of ice (smaller than an ice field) floating at sea. |
| <u>flooded</u> | Covered with water. <i>A flooded bathroom.</i> |
| flotsam | The wreckage of a ship or its cargo found floating on or washed up by the sea. <i>The room was cleared of boxes and other flotsam.</i> |
| <u>hover</u> | Hang over, as of something threatening, dark, or menacing. <i>You can hover your cursor over any button to see an explanation.</i> |
| lifeboat | A small boat kept on a ship for use in emergency, typically one of a number on deck or suspended from davits. |
| loch | Scottish word for a lake. <i>Loch Lomond.</i> |
| offshore | Relating to the business of extracting oil or gas from the seabed. <i>The trainees will eventually work offshore.</i> |
| <u>pool</u> | Something resembling a pool of liquid. <i>Everyone contributed to the pool.</i> |
| raft | Transport on or as if on a raft. <i>The stores were rafted ashore.</i> |
| resurface | Reappear on the surface. <i>He resurfaced under a false identity in Australia.</i> |
| <u>river</u> | A large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea a lake or another river. <i>Great rivers of molten lava.</i> |
| <u>sea</u> | A roughly definable area of the sea. <i>There was still some sea running.</i> |

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| surf | Ride a wave towards the shore on a surfboard. <i>He fell to his death while surfing on a 70 mph train.</i> |
| surfing | The activity of moving from page to page or site to site on the World Wide Web. <i>Why share your internet connection with people surfing and chatting.</i> |
| swim | An act or period of swimming. <i>Mashed potatoes swimming in gravy.</i> |
| swimmer | A sperm cell. <i>The fastest freestyle swimmer in the world.</i> |
| swimming | The act of swimming. <i>Rachel had always loved swimming.</i> |
| tarn | A small mountain lake. <i>Malham Tarn.</i> |
| wave | Set waves in. <i>She waved him goodbye.</i> |

