

Need another word that means the same as “fly”? Find 98 synonyms and 30 related words for “fly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Fly” are: fell, vanish, vaporize, wing, flee, take flight, aviate, pilot, travel through the air, wing its way, glide, soar, wheel, go by air, travel by air, go by plane, travel by plane, jet, operate, control, manoeuvre, steer, guide, direct, navigate, transport by air, transport by plane, airlift, lift, flutter, flap, wave, blow, waft, float, stream, display, show, exhibit, race, hurry, hasten, flash, dash, dart, rush, shoot, speed, hurtle, streak, spank along, whirl, whizz, go like lightning, go hell for leather, whoosh, buzz, zoom, swoop, blast, charge, go quickly, fly by, fly past, pass swiftly, slip past, rush past, run, run away, run off, make a run for it, run for it, be gone, make off, take off, take to one's heels, make a break for it, bolt, beat a retreat, beat a hasty retreat, make a quick exit, make one's getaway, escape, absent oneself, make oneself scarce, abscond, head for the hills, do a disappearing act, run away from, leave abruptly, leave hastily, escape from, fly sheet, rainfly, tent-fly, tent flap, fly front, fly ball

Fly as a Noun

Definitions of "Fly" as a noun

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

- *An attempt.*

- *Fisherman's lure consisting of a fishhook decorated to look like an insect.*
- *The space over the stage in a theatre.*
- *Two-winged insects characterized by active flight.*
- *A hit that flies up in the air.*
- *Flap consisting of a piece of canvas that can be drawn back to provide entrance to a tent.*
- *(baseball) a hit that flies up in the air.*
- *A flap of material covering the opening or fastening of a garment or of a tent.*
- *An opening in a garment that is closed by a zipper or by buttons concealed under a fold of cloth.*
- *A one-horse hackney carriage.*
- *An opening at the crotch of a pair of trousers, closed with a zip or buttons and typically covered with a flap.*



Synonyms of "Fly" as a noun (6 Words)

- fly ball** Flap consisting of a piece of canvas that can be drawn back to provide entrance to a tent.
- fly front** An opening in a garment that is closed by a zipper or by buttons concealed under a fold of cloth.
- fly sheet** Flap consisting of a piece of canvas that can be drawn back to provide entrance to a tent.
- rainfly** The flysheet of a tent.
- tent flap** A web that resembles a tent or carpet.
- tent-fly** Flap consisting of a piece of canvas that can be drawn back to provide entrance to a tent.



Usage Examples of "Fly" as a noun

- *We decided to give it a fly.*



Fly as a Verb

Definitions of "Fly" as a verb

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

- *Control the flight of (an aircraft).*
- *Move or be hurled quickly through the air.*
- *Depart hastily.*
- *Change quickly from one emotional state to another.*
- *Travel in an airplane.*
- *Wave or flutter in the wind.*
- *(with reference to a flag) display or be displayed on a flagpole.*
- *Transport by aeroplane.*
- *Be dispersed or disseminated.*
- *Cause to fly or float.*
- *Release (a bird) to fly, especially a hawk for hunting or a pigeon for racing.*
- *Hit a fly.*

- *Operate an airplane.*
- *Run away quickly.*
- *Decrease rapidly and disappear.*
- *(of a report) be circulated swiftly and widely.*
- *Hit a ball high into the air.*
- *(of accusations or insults) be exchanged swiftly and heatedly.*
- *(of a bird, bat, or insect) move through the air using wings.*
- *Pass away rapidly.*
- *Run away; flee.*
- *Be successful.*
- *(of time) pass swiftly.*
- *Accomplish (a purpose) in an aircraft.*
- *Display in the air or cause to float.*
- *Travel through the air; be airborne.*
- *Travel over (an area of land or sea) in an aircraft.*
- *Transport in an aircraft.*
- *Escape from in haste; flee from.*
- *Move quickly or suddenly.*
- *Go or move quickly.*
- *(of an aircraft or its occupants) travel through the air.*



Synonyms of "Fly" as a verb (92 Words)

abscond	(of a person on bail) fail to surrender oneself for custody at the appointed time. <i>The accountant absconded with the cash from the safe.</i>
absent oneself	Go away or leave.
airlift	Fly people or goods to or from places not accessible by other means. <i>Helicopters were employed to airlift the troops out of danger.</i>
aviate	Operate an airplane. <i>There are fewer opportunities to aviate in winter.</i>
be gone	Form or compose.
beat a hasty retreat	Make by pounding or trampling.
beat a retreat	Move with a flapping motion.

blast	Force or throw (something) in a specified direction by impact or explosion. <i>Fierce techno riffs blasted out from the sound system.</i>
blow	Free of obstruction by blowing air through. <i>It took him maybe five choruses to warm up but then he could really blow.</i>
bolt	Secure or lock with a bolt. <i>The lid was bolted down.</i>
buzz	Call with a buzzer. <i>Within an hour every department was buzzing with the news.</i>
charge	File a formal charge against. <i>They were charged with assault.</i>
control	Exercise authoritative control or power over. <i>Control the budget.</i>
dart	Move along rapidly and lightly skim or dart. <i>He darted the leopard with a long acting anaesthetic.</i>
dash	Come into forceful contact with something. <i>I won't tell Stuart I think he'd be dashed.</i>
direct	Plan and direct a complex undertaking. <i>Can you direct me to the railway station please.</i>
display	Attract attention by displaying some body part or posing of animals. <i>The palace used to display a series of tapestries.</i>
do a disappearing act	Travel or traverse (a distance).
escape	Interrupt an operation by means of the escape key. <i>A baby boy narrowly escaped death.</i>
escape from	Run away from confinement.
exhibit	Give an exhibition of to an interested audience. <i>Only one sculpture was exhibited in the artist's lifetime.</i>
fell	Sew a seam by folding the edges.
flap	Move with a flapping motion. <i>Gulls flapped around uttering their strange cries.</i>
flash	Gleam or glow intermittently. <i>The headlines flashed on the screen.</i>
flee	Run away from a place or situation of danger. <i>He was forced to flee the country.</i>

float	Convert from a fixed point notation to a floating point notation. Float a ship.
flutter	Move with a light irregular or trembling motion. <i>The seagulls fluttered overhead.</i>
fly by	Hit a fly.
fly past	Travel in an airplane.
glide	Make an unpowered flight either in a glider or in an aircraft with engine failure. <i>A few gondolas glided past.</i>
go by air	To be spent or finished.
go by plane	Follow a certain course.
go hell for leather	Blend or harmonize.
go like lightning	Be in the right place or situation.
go quickly	Be abolished or discarded.
guide	Use as a guide. <i>He guided her to the front row and sat beside her.</i>
hasten	Be quick to do something. <i>We hastened back to Paris.</i>
head for the hills	Remove the head of.
hurry	Do or finish (something) quickly or too quickly. Hurry up and finish your meal.
hurtle	Move with or as if with a rushing sound. <i>A runaway car hurtled towards them.</i>
jet	Travel by jet aircraft. <i>Water jetted forth.</i>
leave abruptly	Have left or have as a remainder.
leave hastily	Transmit (knowledge or skills).
lift	(of a cloud, fog, etc.) move upwards or away. <i>This is a hackneyed adventure lifted straight from a vintage Lassie episode.</i>
make a break for it	Charge with a function; charge to be.
make a quick exit	Eliminate urine.
make a run for it	Engage in.
make off	Be or be capable of being changed or made into.
make one's getaway	Put in order or neaten.

make oneself scarce	Put in order or neaten.
manoeuvre	Act in order to achieve a certain goal. <i>She tried to manoeuvre her trolley round people.</i>
navigate	(of a passenger in a vehicle) assist the driver by planning a route and map reading. <i>Is anyone volunteering to navigate during the trip.</i>
operate	Happen. <i>Do not operate machinery after imbibing alcohol.</i>
pass swiftly	Place into the hands or custody of.
pilot	Be the pilot of an aircraft or ship. <i>Melissa piloted her through the booking hall.</i>
race	Prepare and enter an animal or vehicle for races. <i>Let s race and see who gets there first.</i>
run	Run as a sport or for exercise. <i>These dresses run small.</i>
run away	Make without a miss.
run away from	Sail before the wind.
run for it	Compete in a race.
run off	Direct or control; projects, businesses, etc.
rush	Cause to move fast or to rush or race. <i>I don t want to rush you into something.</i>
rush past	Act or move at high speed.
shoot	Shoot game over an estate or other area of countryside. <i>Claudia felt a pain shoot through her chest.</i>
show	Show in or as in a picture. <i>ITV showed The Enforcer on Saturday night.</i>
slip past	Pass on stealthily.
soar	Fly upwards or high in the sky. <i>The stock market soared after the cease fire was announced.</i>
spank along	Give a spanking to; subject to a spanking.
speed	Of a motorist travel at a speed that is greater than the legal limit. <i>May God speed you.</i>
steer	Be a guiding or motivating force or drive. <i>He let Lily steer.</i>
streak	Cover a surface with streaks. <i>The plane streaked across the sky.</i>

<u>stream</u>	(of a mass of people or things) move in a continuous flow in a specified direction. <i>Tears streamed down her face.</i>
swoop	Seize with a swooping motion. <i>Armed police swooped on a flat after a tip off.</i>
take flight	Buy, select.
take off	Receive or obtain regularly.
take to one's heels	Receive or obtain regularly.
transport by air	Send from one person or place to another.
transport by plane	Hold spellbound.
travel by air	Undertake a journey or trip.
travel by plane	Undertake a journey or trip.
travel through the air	Undergo transportation as in a vehicle.
<u>vanish</u>	Decrease rapidly and disappear. <i>The money vanished in las Vegas.</i>
vaporize	Convert or be converted into vapour. <i>All my stock assets have vaporized.</i>
waft	Blow gently. <i>Sounds wafted into the room.</i>
wave	Set waves in. <i>He waved her back.</i>
wheel	Carry in or on a vehicle with wheels. <i>Luke was wheeling a barrow.</i>
<u>whirl</u>	Fly around. <i>The dervishes whirl around and around without getting dizzy.</i>
whizz	Move quickly through the air with a whistling or buzzing sound. <i>Cobbled streets where people whizzed back and forth on bicycles.</i>
<u>whoosh</u>	Move with a whooshing sound. <i>A train whooshed by.</i>
wing	Travel on wings or by aircraft fly. <i>The prize will be winging its way to you soon.</i>
wing its way	Travel through the air; be airborne.
<u>zoom</u>	Cause a lens or camera to zoom in or out. <i>You can enlarge a region of the screen by zooming in.</i>



Usage Examples of "Fly" as a verb

- *You must fly the country for a while.*
- *The evening had just flown by.*
- *We fly flowers from the Caribbean to North America.*
- *Man cannot fly.*
- *Rumors and accusations are flying.*
- *Rumours were flying around Manchester.*
- *Helicopters flew the injured to hospital.*
- *I fly back to London this evening.*
- *Vessels which flew the Spanish flag.*
- *Pilots trained to fly combat missions.*
- *Are we driving or flying?*
- *The birds fly away.*
- *The bird can fly enormous distances.*
- *He flied out to the left field.*

- *Flags were flying at half mast.*
- *She is flying to Cincinnati tonight.*
- *His fingertips flew across the keyboard.*
- *Fly into a rage.*
- *I can't fly my hawk for the final because he is too heavy.*
- *She ran after him, her hair flying behind her.*
- *He was sent flying by the tackle.*
- *Lindbergh was the first to fly the Atlantic.*
- *Those that fly may fight again.*
- *I must fly!*
- *Balls kept flying over her hedge.*
- *The accusations flew thick and fast.*
- *That idea didn't fly with most other council members.*
- *Today the hawks are being flown at partridge.*
- *She flew along the path.*
- *Close the door or the moths will fly in.*
- *All nations fly their flags in front of the U.N.*
- *He flew Hurricanes in the war.*
- *Fly a kite.*



Associations of "Fly" (30 Words)

- aeronaut** A traveller in a hot-air balloon, airship, or other flying craft.
- airman** A member of the US navy whose general duties are concerned with aircraft.
- aviator** A pair of aviator sunglasses.
*He has a short grey beard and wears a flannel shirt jeans and **aviator** glasses.*
- bee** An insect of a large group to which the honeybee belongs including many solitary as well as social kinds.
*A sewing **bee**.*
- bug** An enthusiastic interest in something.
*She fears that her conversations were **bugged**.*
- butterfly** Having a two lobed shape resembling the spread wings of a butterfly.
***Butterfly** the shrimp using a small sharp knife.*

buzz	Call with a buzzer. <i>Bees were buzzing around the hive.</i>
chirp	Speak to (someone) in a taunting way. <i>Good morning chirped Alex.</i>
cockroach	Any of numerous chiefly nocturnal insects; some are domestic pests.
croon	Say in a soft, low voice. <i>Goodbye you lovely darling she crooned.</i>
dragonfly	Slender-bodied non-stinging insect having iridescent wings that are outspread at rest; adults and nymphs feed on mosquitoes etc.
flap	An act of flapping something typically a wing or arm up and down or from side to side. <i>He wrote on the flap of the envelope.</i>
flea	Any wingless bloodsucking parasitic insect noted for ability to leap.
fledged	(of a person or thing) having just taken on the role specified. <i>A newly fledged Detective Inspector.</i>
grasshopper	A plant-eating insect with long hind legs which are used for jumping and for producing a chirping sound, frequenting grassy places and low vegetation.
housefly	Common fly that frequents human habitations and spreads many diseases.
hum	Sound with a monotonous hum. <i>She hummed a melody.</i>
hustle	Pressure or urge someone into an action. <i>They were hissed and hustled as they went in.</i>
levitate	Cause to rise in the air and float, as if in defiance of gravity. <i>I swear to God he levitated over the bar.</i>
mosquito	Two-winged insect whose female has a long proboscis to pierce the skin and suck the blood of humans and animals.
moth	A clothes moth. <i>I store my sweaters in plastic bags to protect them from moths.</i>
pilot	Be the pilot of an aircraft or ship. <i>The crash had been due to pilot error.</i>
pterodactyl	(in general use) any pterosaur.
pterosaur	A fossil flying reptile of the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, with membranous wings supported by a greatly lengthened fourth finger.
twitter	A series of short, high-pitched calls or sounds. <i>The swallows were settling to roost with a good deal of twittering.</i>
volant	(of an animal) able to fly or glide. <i>A falcon volant.</i>

warble	A lumpy abscess under the hide of domestic mammals caused by larvae of a botfly or warble fly. <i>He warbled in an implausible soprano.</i>
wasp	A solitary winged insect with a narrow waist mostly distantly related to the social wasps and including many parasitic kinds.
wing	Shoot a bird in the wing so as to prevent flight without causing death. <i>One bird was winged for every bird killed.</i>
winged	Having wings for flight. <i>On winged feet.</i>

