

Need another word that means the same as “foster”? Find 37 synonyms and 30 related words for “foster” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Foster” are: further, nurture, encourage, promote, stimulate, advance, forward, cultivate, strengthen, enrich, help, aid, abet, assist, contribute to, support, endorse, champion, speak for, proselytize, sponsor, espouse, uphold, back, boost, give backing to, facilitate, bring up, rear, raise, care for, take care of, look after, provide for, surrogate, stephen collins foster, stephen foster

Foster as a Noun

Definitions of "Foster" as a noun

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

- *United States songwriter whose songs embody the sentiment of the South before the American Civil War (1826-1864).*



Synonyms of "Foster" as a noun (2 Words)

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| stephen collins foster | United States songwriter whose songs embody the sentiment of the South before the American Civil War (1826-1864). |
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Foster as a Verb

Definitions of "Foster" as a verb

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

- *Develop (a feeling or idea) in oneself.*
- *Bring up (a child that is not one's own) by birth.*
- *Encourage the development of (something, especially something desirable).*
- *Promote the growth of.*
- *Bring up under fosterage; of children.*
- *(of a parent or authority) assign (a child) to be brought up by someone other than its parents.*

- *Help develop, help grow.*



Synonyms of "Foster" as a verb (34 Words)

abet

Encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong, in particular to commit a crime.

*We are aiding and **abetting** this illegal traffic.*

advance

Pay in advance.

***Advance** an argument.*

aid

Give help or assistance; be of service.

*Women were **aided** in childbirth by midwives.*

assist

Give help or assistance be of service.

*Their presence would **assist** in keeping the peace.*

back

Be in back of.

*A mirror **backed** with tortoiseshell.*

boost

Give a boost to be beneficial to.

*He had his wallet **boosted** in a bar.*

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| bring up | Attract the attention of. |
| care for | Provide care for. |
| champion | Protect or fight for as a champion. <i>He championed the rights of the working class and the poor.</i> |
| contribute to | Contribute to some cause. |
| <u>cultivate</u> | Teach or refine to be discriminative in taste or judgment. <i>Cultivate the land.</i> |
| encourage | Spur on. <i>We were encouraged by the success of this venture.</i> |
| endorse | Sign as evidence of legal transfer. <i>She s had her licence endorsed.</i> |
| <u>enrich</u> | Make better or improve in quality. <i>Top party members had enriched themselves.</i> |
| <u>espouse</u> | Take in marriage. <i>Edward had espoused the lady Grey.</i> |
| facilitate | Make (an action or process) easy or easier. <i>Schools were located in the same campus to facilitate the sharing of resources.</i> |
| <u>forward</u> | Help to advance (something); promote. <i>Forward my mail.</i> |
| <u>further</u> | Help the progress or development of (something); promote. <i>He had depended on using them to further his own career.</i> |
| give backing to | Move in order to make room for someone for something. |
| help | Help to some food help with food or drink. <i>Legislation to fit all new cars with catalytic converters will help.</i> |
| look after | Have a certain outward or facial expression. |
| <u>nurture</u> | Help develop, help grow. <i>Jarrett was nurtured by his parents in a close knit family.</i> |
| promote | Of an additive act as a promoter of a catalyst. <i>I got promoted after many years of hard work.</i> |
| proselytize | Advocate or promote (a belief or course of action). <i>Davis wanted to share his concept and proselytize his ideas.</i> |
| provide for | Give something useful or necessary to. |
| raise | Raise from a lower to a higher position. <i>She raised both arms above her head.</i> |

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| rear | Construct, build, or erect. <i>The horse reared in terror.</i> |
| speak for | Make a characteristic or natural sound. |
| <u>sponsor</u> | Assume sponsorship of. <i>She wishes to thank all those people who sponsored her.</i> |
| stimulate | Raise levels of physiological or nervous activity in (the body or any biological system). <i>Coffee and tea stimulate me.</i> |
| strengthen | Give a healthy elasticity to. <i>His body strengthened.</i> |
| support | Support materially or financially. <i>The government gives 2 500 million a year to support the voluntary sector.</i> |
| take care of | Pick out, select, or choose from a number of alternatives. |
| uphold | Support against an opponent. <i>They uphold a tradition of not causing distress to living creatures.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Foster" as a verb

- *Appropriate praise helps a child foster a sense of self-worth.*
- *When fostering out a child, placement workers will be looking for a home similar to their own.*
- *The teacher's task is to foster learning.*
- *A person who would foster Holly was found.*



Foster as an Adjective

Definitions of "Foster" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "foster" as an adjective can have the

following definitions:

- *Providing or receiving nurture or parental care though not related by blood or legal ties.*



Synonyms of "Foster" as an adjective (1 Word)

surrogate Denoting a child to whom a woman gives birth as a surrogate mother.
*Paperwork that will allow them to move forward with the **surrogate** process.*



Usage Examples of "Foster" as an adjective

- *Foster home.*

- *Foster child.*
- *Foster parent.*



Associations of "Foster" (30 Words)

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| adopted | Acquired as your own by free choice. <i>My adopted state.</i> |
| adoptee | Someone (such as a child) who has been adopted. |
| adoption | The action or fact of choosing to take up, follow, or use something. <i>Its adoption by society.</i> |
| baby | Treat someone as a baby pamper or be overprotective towards. <i>I felt healthy and very feminine carrying the baby.</i> |

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| born | British nuclear physicist born in Germany honored for his contributions to quantum mechanics 1882 1970. <i>They are born to rule.</i> |
| breed | Rear and train (someone) to behave in a particular way or have certain qualities. <i>The big continental breeds are eagerly being imported by British farmers.</i> |
| breeding | The production of animals or plants by inbreeding or hybridization. <i>That s the kind of modesty you get from good breeding.</i> |
| care | Provide care for. <i>He is in the care of a bodyguard.</i> |
| child | An immature childish person. <i>She d been playing tennis since she was a child.</i> |
| elevation | Height above a given level, especially sea level. <i>The area has a topography that ranges from 1 500 to 3 000 metres in elevation.</i> |
| feeding | The act of supplying food and nourishment. |
| housework | The work of cleaning and running a house. <i>I was busy doing housework when the doorbell rang.</i> |
| increasing | Music increasing in tempo and or volume. <i>The increasing numbers of students.</i> |
| institutional | Established as a convention or norm in an organization or culture. <i>An institutional investor.</i> |
| maternity | The state of being pregnant; the period from conception to birth when a woman carries a developing fetus in her uterus. <i>Maternity clothes.</i> |
| mom | One's mother. <i>My mom gave us each a slice of pizza.</i> |
| mother | Care for like a mother. <i>He found a beautiful wife that mothered his children.</i> |
| neonatal | Relating to newborn children (or other mammals). <i>Special attention is given to mortality in the neonatal period.</i> |
| nurture | Care for and protect (someone or something) while they are growing. <i>They debated whether nature or nurture was more important.</i> |
| overindulgence | The action or fact of having too much of something enjoyable. <i>The child was spoiled by overindulgence.</i> |

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| <u>parent</u> | Be or act as a parent to a child. <i>Policy considerations were determined largely by the parent company.</i> |
| paternal | Relating to or characteristic of or befitting a parent. <i>He reasserted his paternal authority.</i> |
| paternity | Paternal origin. <i>He refused to admit paternity of the child.</i> |
| pregnant | Carrying developing offspring within the body or being about to produce new life. <i>She was heavily pregnant with her second child.</i> |
| raise | Multiply a number by itself a specified number of times 8 is 2 raised to the power 3. <i>I have raised an invoice for the tape.</i> |
| raising | The event of something being raised upward. <i>A raising of the land resulting from volcanic activity.</i> |
| rearing | Rearing on left hind leg with forelegs elevated and head usually in profile. |
| <u>reproduction</u> | The action or process of copying something. <i>Toads converge upon lakes and ponds intent on reproduction.</i> |
| <u>upbringing</u> | Helping someone grow up to be an accepted member of the community. <i>He was a countryman by upbringing.</i> |
| <u>wife</u> | The wife of a person with a specified occupation. <i>He and his wife are keen gardeners.</i> |

