

Need another word that means the same as “gamble”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “gamble” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Gamble” are: adventure, chance, hazard, risk, run a risk, take a chance, take chances, bet, wager, place a bet, lay a bet, stake money on something, back the horses, try one's luck on the horses, take a risk, take a leap in the dark, leave things to chance, speculate, venture, buy a pig in a poke, act in the hope of, trust in, take a chance on, bank on, speculation, leap in the dark**

## Gamble as a Noun

### Definitions of "Gamble" as a noun

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

- *A risky act or venture.*
- *A risky action undertaken with the hope of success.*
- *An act of gambling.*
- *Money that is risked for possible monetary gain.*



## Synonyms of "Gamble" as a noun (8 Words)

<b>bet</b>	An act of betting a sum of money. <i>She had a <b>bet</b> on the Derby.</i>
<b>chance</b>	The occurrence of events in the absence of any obvious intention or cause. <i>He played down his <b>chances</b> of becoming chairman.</i>
<a href="#"><u>hazard</u></a>	An obstacle on a golf course. <i>A safety <b>hazard</b>.</i>
<b>leap in the dark</b>	A light, self-propelled movement upwards or forwards.
<b>risk</b>	A person or thing regarded as a threat or likely source of danger. <i>Gloss paint can burn strongly and pose a fire <b>risk</b>.</i>
<b>speculation</b>	An investment that is very risky but could yield great profits. <i><b>Speculations</b> about the outcome of the election.</i>
<b>venture</b>	Any venturesome undertaking especially one with an uncertain outcome. <i>Pioneering <b>ventures</b> into little known waters.</i>

wager

The act of gambling.

*They have made a **wager** on who will win tonight.*



**Usage Examples of "Gamble" as a noun**

- *We decided to take a gamble and offer him a place on our staff.*
- *Dad likes a bit of a gamble.*



## Gamble as a Verb

### Definitions of "Gamble" as a verb

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

- *Take risky action in the hope of a desired result.*
- *Play games for money.*
- *Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome.*
- *Play games of chance for money; bet.*
- *Bet (a sum of money).*





## Synonyms of "Gamble" as a verb (24 Words)

<b>act in the hope of</b>	Discharge one's duties.
<b>adventure</b>	Put at risk. <i>They had <b>adventured</b> into the forest.</i>
<b>back the horses</b>	Give support or one's approval to.
<b>bank on</b>	Act as the banker in a game or in gambling.
<b>bet</b>	Maintain with or as if with a bet. <i>I <b>bet</b> you 15 you won't chat her up.</i>
<b>buy a pig in a poke</b>	Be worth or be capable of buying.
<b>chance</b>	Be the case by chance. <i>They <b>chanced</b> a late holiday.</i>

**hazard**

Say (something) in a tentative way.

*The cargo business is too risky to **hazard** money on.*

**lay a bet**

Put into a certain place or abstract location.

**leave things to chance**

Be survived by after one's death.

**place a bet**

Estimate.

**risk**

Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome.

*Why **risk** your life.*

**run a risk**

Progress by being changed.

**speculate**

Invest in stocks, property, or other ventures in the hope of gain but with the risk of loss.

*My colleagues **speculate** about my private life.*

**stake money on something**

Place a bet on.

**take a chance**

Point or cause to go (blows, weapons, or objects such as photographic equipment) towards.

**take a chance on**

Take into consideration for exemplifying purposes.

**take a leap in the dark**

Interpret something in a certain way; convey a particular meaning or impression.

**take a risk**

Travel or go by means of a certain kind of transportation, or a certain route.

**take chances**

Take as an undesirable consequence of some event or state of affairs.

**trust in**

Allow without fear.

**try one's luck on the horses**

Put on a garment in order to see whether it fits and looks nice.

**venture**

Dare to do or say something that may be considered audacious (often used as a polite expression of hesitation or apology).

*Agents for other people's money they do not **venture** their own capital.*

**wager**

Used to express certainty.

*Everyone will be able to make single bets rather than having to **wager** on three matches.*



### Usage Examples of "Gamble" as a verb

- *He was gambling on the success of his satellite TV channel.*
- *He gambles on football.*
- *They gambled their money on cards.*



## Associations of "Gamble" (30 Words)

<b>avalanche</b>	Engulf or carry off by an avalanche. <i>An <b>avalanche</b> of mud.</i>
<b>averse</b>	Having a strong dislike of or opposition to something. <i>The bank's approach has been risk <b>averse</b>.</i>
<b>bet</b>	An act of betting a sum of money. <i>Most people would <b>bet</b> their life savings on the prospect.</i>
<b>card</b>	A game played with playing cards. <i>Some notes jotted down on a <b>card</b>.</i>
<b>carelessly</b>	In a casual or reckless way; inattentively. <i>Roadsides are full of litter thrown <b>carelessly</b> by passers by.</i>
<b>challenge</b>	Issue a challenge to. <i>They reacted irrationally to the <b>challenge</b> of Russian power.</i>



<b><u>crisis</u></b>	A time of intense difficulty or danger. <i>After the <b>crisis</b> the patient either dies or gets better.</i>
<b>danger</b>	A dangerous place. <i>The <b>dangers</b> of smoking.</i>
<b>dare</b>	Take the risk of; brave. <i>How <b>dare</b> you call my lawyer.</i>
<b><u>endanger</u></b>	Put (someone or something) at risk or in danger. <i>He was driving in a manner likely to <b>endanger</b> life.</i>
<b>flammability</b>	The quality of being easily ignited and burning rapidly.
<b>foreseeable</b>	Capable of being anticipated. <i>The situation is unlikely to change in the <b>foreseeable</b> future.</i>
<b><u>hazard</u></b>	Put forward, of a guess, in spite of possible refutation. <i>He <b>hazarded</b> a guess.</i>
<b><u>hazardous</u></b>	Risky; dangerous. <i>We work in <b>hazardous</b> conditions.</i>
<b>hostage</b>	A prisoner who is held by one party to insure that another party will meet specified terms. <i>Three <b>hostages</b> were released but only after their families paid an estimated 200 000 to the guerrillas.</i>
<b>imminence</b>	The state or fact of being about to happen. <i>The populace was largely unaware of the <b>imminence</b> of war.</i>
<b><u>insecure</u></b>	Not sufficiently protected; easily broken into. <i>An <b>insecure</b> person lacking mental stability.</i>
<b><u>instability</u></b>	The state of being unstable; lack of stability. <i>Political and economic <b>instability</b>.</i>
<b><u>jeopardize</u></b>	Pose a threat to; present a danger to. <i>A devaluation of the dollar would <b>jeopardize</b> New York's position as a financial centre.</i>
<b>jeopardy</b>	A source of danger; a possibility of incurring loss or misfortune. <i>The whole peace process is in <b>jeopardy</b>.</i>
<b>landslide</b>	An overwhelming electoral victory. <i>The road was blocked by a <b>landslide</b>.</i>
<b>parlous</b>	Fraught with danger. <i>The General's position was <b>parlous</b>.</i>
<b>peril</b>	Pose a threat to; present a danger to. <i>You could well place us both in <b>peril</b>.</i>

**perilous**

Fraught with danger.  
*The economy is in a **perilous** state.*

**rescue**

Save (someone) from a dangerous or difficult situation.  
*He came to our **rescue** with a loan of 100.*

**risk**

Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome.  
*All outdoor activities carry an element of **risk**.*

**risky**

Full of the possibility of danger, failure, or loss.  
*Extremely **risky** going out in the tide and fog.*

**threatened**

Likely in the near future to become endangered.  
*The spotted owl is a **threatened** species not yet an endangered one.*

**venture**

Any venturesome undertaking especially one with an uncertain outcome.  
*He **ventured** the opinion that Putt was insane.*

**wager**

Maintain with or as if with a bet.  
*I ll **wager** she makes that trip to Virginia.*

