

Need another word that means the same as “herald”? Find 42 synonyms and 30 related words for “herald” in this overview.

Table Of Contents:

- [Herald as a Noun](#)
- [Definitions of "Herald" as a noun](#)
- [Synonyms of "Herald" as a noun \(19 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Herald" as a noun](#)
- [Herald as a Verb](#)
- [Definitions of "Herald" as a verb](#)
- [Synonyms of "Herald" as a verb \(23 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Herald" as a verb](#)
- [Associations of "Herald" \(30 Words\)](#)

The synonyms of “Herald” are: forerunner, harbinger, precursor, predecessor, trumpeter, messenger, courier, bearer of tidings, sign, indicator, indication, signal, prelude, portent, omen, augury, forewarning, presage, announcer, acclaim, hail, announce, annunciate, foretell, indicate, point to, spell, augur, portend, promise, prefigure, foreshadow, usher in, show in, pave the way for, open the way for, be a harbinger of, be a forerunner, be a precursor of

Herald as a Noun

Definitions of "Herald" as a noun

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

- *A person who announces important news.*
- *(in the UK) an official of the College of Arms or the Lyon Court ranking above a pursuivant.*
- *An official employed to oversee state ceremonial, precedence, and the use of armorial bearings, and (historically) to make proclamations, carry official messages, and oversee tournaments.*
- *A brown moth with dull orange markings, often hibernating in houses and old buildings.*

- (formal) a person who announces important news.
- Something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone.
- A person or thing viewed as a sign that something is about to happen.



Synonyms of "Herald" as a noun (19 Words)

<u>announcer</u>	Someone who proclaims a message publicly.
<u>augury</u>	An event that is experienced as indicating important things to come. <i>He hoped it was an augury.</i>
bearer of tidings	Information about recent and important events.
courier	A messenger for an underground or espionage organization. <i>A courier disguised as a commercial traveller.</i>
forerunner	An advance messenger. <i>The ice safe was a forerunner of today's refrigerator.</i>

forewarning	An early warning about a future event. <i>Officials had no forewarning of the attacks.</i>
harbinger	A person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another. <i>Witch hazels are the harbingers of spring.</i>
indication	The act of indicating or pointing out by name. <i>The presence of bacterial infection was an indication for the use of antibiotics.</i>
indicator	A compound that changes colour at a specific pH value or in the presence of a particular substance, and can be used to monitor acidity, alkalinity, or the progress of a reaction. <i>Car ownership is frequently used as an indicator of affluence.</i>
<u>messenger</u>	A substance that conveys information or a stimulus within the body. <i>Nitric oxide is an intercellular messenger.</i>
omen	A sign of something about to happen. <i>The ghost's appearance was an ill omen.</i>
portent	Future significance. <i>Many birds are regarded as being portents of death.</i>
<u>precursor</u>	Something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone. <i>Pepsinogen is the inactive precursor of pepsin.</i>
<u>predecessor</u>	Something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone. <i>The new President's foreign policy is very similar to that of his predecessor.</i>
<u>prelude</u>	A short piece of music of a style similar to a prelude especially for the piano. <i>A ceasefire had been agreed as a prelude to full peace negotiations.</i>
presage	A feeling of presentiment or foreboding. <i>He had a strong presage that he had only a very short time to live.</i>
sign	A gesture used in a system of sign language. <i>The last four bits hold a pattern to represent the sign of the number.</i>
signal	An electric quantity (voltage or current or field strength) whose modulation represents coded information about the source from which it comes. <i>The markets are waiting for a clear signal about the direction of policy.</i>
trumpeter	Large pure white wild swan of western North America having a sonorous cry.



Usage Examples of "Herald" as a noun

- *They considered the first primroses as the herald of spring.*
- *The chieftain had a herald who announced his arrival with a trumpet.*



Herald as a Verb

Definitions of "Herald" as a verb

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

- *Greet enthusiastically or joyfully.*
- *Foreshadow or presage.*
- *Praise vociferously.*
- *Be a sign that (something) is about to happen.*
- *Acclaim.*



Synonyms of "Herald" as a verb (23 Words)

[acclaim](#)

Praise enthusiastically and publicly.

*The conference was **acclaimed** as a considerable success.*

announce

Announce publicly or officially.

*He **announced** his retirement from international football.*

annunciate

Announce (something).

augur

Indicate, as with a sign or an omen.

*The end of the cold war seemed to **augur** well.*

be a forerunner Occupy a certain position or area.

be a harbinger of Be identical or equivalent to.

be a precursor of Be identical to; be someone or something.

foreshadow

Be a warning or indication of (a future event).

*Other new measures are **foreshadowed** in the White Paper.*

foretell	Indicate, as with a sign or an omen. <i>A seer had foretold that the earl would assume the throne.</i>
<u>hail</u>	Hail falls. <i>She hails from Kalamazoo.</i>
harbinger	Foreshadow or presage.
indicate	Indicate a place direction person or thing either spatially or figuratively. <i>An external tube is used to indicate fluid level.</i>
open the way for	Spread out or open from a closed or folded state.
pave the way for	Cover with a material such as stone or concrete to make suitable for vehicle traffic.
point to	Give a point to.
portend	Be a sign or warning that (something, especially something momentous or calamitous) is likely to happen. <i>The eclipses portend some major events.</i>
prefigure	Be an early indication or version of (something). <i>The Hussite movement prefigured the Reformation.</i>
presage	(of a person) predict. <i>The heavy clouds above the moorland presaged snow.</i>
promise	Promise to undertake or give. <i>He promised her the job.</i>
show in	Show in or as in a picture.
signal	Be a signal for or a symptom of. <i>The Community could signal displeasure by refusing to cooperate.</i>
<u>spell</u>	Orally recite the letters of or give the spelling of. <i>Dolly spelled her name.</i>
usher in	Take (someone) to their seats, as in theaters or auditoriums.



Usage Examples of "Herald" as a verb

- *The speech heralded a change in policy.*
- *The band have been heralded as the great hope for the nineties.*



Associations of "Herald" (30 Words)

announce	Make known make an announcement. <i>The President's office announced that the siege would be lifted.</i>
<u>augury</u>	The interpretation of omens. <i>They heard the sound as an augury of death.</i>
boding	A feeling of evil to come. <i>A steadily escalating sense of foreboding.</i>
<u>declare</u>	Declare to be. <i>He declared last April.</i>
<u>exclaim</u>	Cry out suddenly in surprise, strong emotion, or pain. <i>I am not a Communist he exclaimed.</i>
fateful	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>That fateful meeting of the U N when it declared war on North Korea.</i>

<u>foreboding</u>	A feeling that something bad will happen; fearful apprehension. <i>A steadily escalating sense of foreboding.</i>
forerunner	A person or thing that precedes the coming or development of someone or something else. <i>The ice safe was a forerunner of today's refrigerator.</i>
harbinger	Foreshadow or presage. <i>These works were not yet opera but they were the most important harbinger of opera.</i>
<u>manifesto</u>	A public declaration of policy and aims, especially one issued before an election by a political party or candidate. <i>He may fudge key issues in the Labour manifesto.</i>
omen	Indicate as with a sign or an omen. <i>The ghost's appearance was an ill omen.</i>
playbill	A poster announcing a theatrical performance. <i>Her name occupied third place in the playbills.</i>
<u>precede</u>	Come before. <i>A gun battle had preceded the explosions.</i>
<u>preceding</u>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. <i>The preceding pages.</i>
<u>precursor</u>	A person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner. <i>A three stringed precursor of the violin.</i>
<u>predecessor</u>	A thing that has been followed or replaced by another. <i>The chapel was built in 1864 on the site of its predecessor.</i>
premonition	A feeling of evil to come. <i>He had a premonition of imminent disaster.</i>
presentiment	An intuitive feeling about the future, especially one of foreboding. <i>A presentiment of disaster.</i>
<u>prior</u>	The head of a religious order in an abbey the prior is next below the abbot. <i>He has a prior engagement this evening.</i>
<u>proclaim</u>	Declare officially or publicly to be. <i>The King will proclaim an amnesty.</i>
profess	Teach a subject as a professor. <i>He had professed his love for her only to walk away.</i>
promulgate	Promote or make widely known (an idea or cause). <i>These objectives have to be promulgated within the organization.</i>

promulgation	The formal act of proclaiming; giving public notice. <i>His promulgation of the policy proved to be premature.</i>
pronouncement	An authoritative declaration. <i>Distrust of the pronouncements of politicians was endemic.</i>
<u>prophetic</u>	Foretelling events as if by supernatural intervention. <i>The prophetic books of the Old Testament.</i>
superior	A person superior to another in rank or status especially a colleague in a higher position. <i>Superior wisdom derived from experience.</i>
<u>teacher</u>	A person who teaches, especially in a school. <i>A history teacher.</i>
telepathy	Apparent communication from one mind to another without using sensory perceptions.
trailblazer	Someone who marks a trail by leaving blazes on trees. <i>He was a trailblazer for many ideas that are now standard fare.</i>
<u>unfortunate</u>	Not favored by fortune; marked or accompanied by or resulting in ill fortune. <i>An unfortunate decision.</i>

