

Need another word that means the same as “illustrate”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “illustrate” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Illustrate” are: exemplify, instance, with pictures, with sketches, decorate, adorn, ornament, embellish, accompany, explain, elucidate, clarify, make clear, make plain, demonstrate, point up, show, bring home, emphasize, interpret, display, encapsulate, represent

Illustrate as a Verb

Definitions of "Illustrate" as a verb

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

- *Depict with an illustration.*
- *Clarify by giving an example of.*
- *Serve as an example of.*
- *Supply with illustrations.*
- *Provide (a book, newspaper, etc.) with pictures.*
- *Explain or make (something) clear by using examples, charts, pictures, etc.*



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

- accompany** Play a musical accompaniment for.
*He would play his violin and Mother used to **accompany** him on our organ.*
- adorn** Make more beautiful or attractive.
*Flowers **adorned** the tables everywhere.*
- bring home** Go or come after and bring or take back.
- clarify** Make clear and (more) comprehensible.
***Clarify** the butter by using a spoon to skim off the foam.*
- decorate** Make (something) look more attractive by adding extra items or images to it.
*The five bedrooms are individually **decorated**.*
- demonstrate** March in protest; take part in a demonstration.
*Their shameful silence **demonstrates** their ineptitude.*
- display** Attract attention by displaying some body part or posing of animals.
*She photographed the peacock which chose that moment to **display**.*

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| elucidate | Make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear. <i>Work such as theirs will help to elucidate this matter.</i> |
| embellish | Make more attractive by adding ornament, colour, etc. <i>Blue silk embellished with golden embroidery.</i> |
| emphasize | Give extra weight to (a communication). <i>They emphasize the need for daily one to one contact between parent and child.</i> |
| encapsulate | Put in a short or concise form; reduce in volume. <i>The conclusion is encapsulated in one sentence.</i> |
| exemplify | Be characteristic of. <i>He exemplified his point with an anecdote.</i> |
| explain | Give a reason so as to justify or excuse (an action or event). <i>Her recent divorce may explain her reluctance to date again.</i> |
| instance | Cite (a fact, case, etc.) as an example. <i>I instanced Bob as someone whose commitment had certainly got things done.</i> |
| interpret | Give an interpretation or explanation to. <i>Interpreting the music well takes hours of listening and experimentation.</i> |
| make clear | Engage in. |
| make plain | Make by combining materials and parts. |
| ornament | Be an ornament to. <i>A jewel to ornament your wife s lovely throat.</i> |
| point up | Be oriented. |
| represent | Be representative or typical for. <i>Twenty parents picked to represent a cross section of Scottish life.</i> |
| show | Show in or as in a picture. <i>He tried not to let his relief show.</i> |
| with pictures | Imagine; conceive of; see in one's mind. |
| with sketches | Make a sketch of. |



Usage Examples of "Illustrate" as a verb

- *Illustrate a book with drawings.*
- *The results are illustrated in Figure 7.*
- *The guide is illustrated with full-colour photographs.*
- *The World Cup illustrated what high standards our players must achieve.*



Associations of "Illustrate" (30 Words)

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| album | One or more recordings issued together; originally released on 12-inch phonograph records (usually with attractive record covers) and later on cassette audiotape and compact disc. <i>His debut album was very much influenced by the jazz sound.</i> |
| artist | A person who creates paintings or drawings as a profession or hobby. <i>A surgeon who is an artist with the scalpel.</i> |
| <u>characterization</u> | A description of the distinctive nature or features of someone or something. <i>The film s narrative elegance and richly developed characterizations.</i> |
| cinematic | Relating to the cinema. <i>Cinematic output.</i> |
| daguerreotype | A photograph taken by an early photographic process employing an iodine-sensitized silvered plate and mercury vapour. |
| delineation | The action of indicating the exact position of a border or boundary. <i>The eventual delineation of the border between the two states.</i> |
| <u>depict</u> | Give a description of. <i>These equations may be depicted on a graph.</i> |
| <u>depiction</u> | A graphic or vivid verbal description. <i>The painting s horrific depiction of war.</i> |
| describe | Give a detailed account in words of. <i>A single light is seen to describe a circle.</i> |
| description | The action of giving a spoken or written account. <i>It is laughably easy to buy drugs of all descriptions.</i> |
| draw | Obtain or withdraw money from a bank or other source. <i>A bright red instantly draws the eye.</i> |
| <u>drawing</u> | The art or activity of making drawings. <i>He did complicated pen and ink drawings like medieval miniatures.</i> |
| fresco | The method of painting frescoes used in Roman times and by the great masters of the Italian Renaissance including Giotto Raphael and Michelangelo. <i>Four scenes had been frescoed on the wall.</i> |
| <u>gallery</u> | A covered corridor (especially one extending along the wall of a building and supported with arches or columns). <i>An art gallery.</i> |

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| illustration | A picture illustrating a book, newspaper, etc. <i>An illustration of a yacht.</i> |
| illustrator | An artist who makes illustrations (for books or magazines or advertisements etc. |
| <u>implicit</u> | With no qualification or question; absolute. <i>Anger was implicit in the argument.</i> |
| <u>imply</u> | (of a fact or occurrence) suggest (something) as a logical consequence. <i>Salesmen who use jargon to imply superior knowledge.</i> |
| <u>photo</u> | A photo finish. <i>Do we wait till you've had him photoed.</i> |
| photograph | Undergo being photographed in a certain way. <i>A photograph of her father.</i> |
| photographer | Someone who takes photographs professionally. <i>A freelance press photographer.</i> |
| photography | The act of taking and printing photographs. |
| picture | Show in or as in a picture. <i>His pictures hang in the Louvre.</i> |
| pixel | A minute area of illumination on a display screen, one of many from which an image is composed. <i>The camera scans photographs and encodes the image into pixels.</i> |
| <u>portrait</u> | A representation or impression of someone or something in language or on film or television. <i>The photographer made excellent portraits.</i> |
| portraitist | A painter or drawer of portraits. <i>Gerda is working as a portraitist of prominent citizens.</i> |
| portraiture | A word picture of a person's appearance and character. <i>His strength as a novelist lay in his portraiture of upper class families.</i> |
| portray | Portray in words. <i>The father is portrayed as a good looking man in this painting.</i> |
| portrayal | An instance of an actor playing a part in a film or play; a performance. <i>The media portrayal of immigration.</i> |
| postcard | A card for sending messages by post without an envelope. <i>He promised to send me a picture postcard.</i> |

