

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**.*

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)

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>

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>

