

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**.*

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

<b>album</b>	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 <b>album</b> was very much influenced by the jazz sound.</i>
<b>artist</b>	A person who creates paintings or drawings as a profession or hobby. <i>A surgeon who is an <b>artist</b> with the scalpel.</i>
<b><u>characterization</u></b>	A description of the distinctive nature or features of someone or something. <i>The film s narrative elegance and richly developed <b>characterizations</b>.</i>
<b>cinematic</b>	Relating to the cinema. <i><b>Cinematic</b> output.</i>
<b>daguerreotype</b>	A photograph taken by an early photographic process employing an iodine-sensitized silvered plate and mercury vapour.
<b>delineation</b>	The action of indicating the exact position of a border or boundary. <i>The eventual <b>delineation</b> of the border between the two states.</i>
<b><u>depict</u></b>	Give a description of. <i>These equations may be <b>depicted</b> on a graph.</i>
<b><u>depiction</u></b>	A graphic or vivid verbal description. <i>The painting s horrific <b>depiction</b> of war.</i>
<b>describe</b>	Give a detailed account in words of. <i>A single light is seen to <b>describe</b> a circle.</i>
<b>description</b>	The action of giving a spoken or written account. <i>It is laughably easy to buy drugs of all <b>descriptions</b>.</i>
<b>draw</b>	Obtain or withdraw money from a bank or other source. <i>A bright red instantly <b>draws</b> the eye.</i>
<b><u>drawing</u></b>	The art or activity of making drawings. <i>He did complicated pen and ink <b>drawings</b> like medieval miniatures.</i>
<b>fresco</b>	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 <b>frescoed</b> on the wall.</i>
<b><u>gallery</u></b>	A covered corridor (especially one extending along the wall of a building and supported with arches or columns). <i>An art <b>gallery</b>.</i>

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

