

Need another word that means the same as “instance”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “instance” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Instance” are: case, example, illustration, representative, occasion, occurrence, representative case, case in point, specimen, sample, exemplar, exemplification, exemplify, illustrate, cite, quote, refer to, make reference to, mention, allude to, adduce, give, give as an example, point to, point out

Instance as a Noun

Definitions of "Instance" as a noun

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

- *A particular case.*
- *An occurrence of something.*
- *An item of information that is typical of a class or group.*
- *An example or single occurrence of something.*

Synonyms of "Instance" as a noun (12 Words)

case

The quantity contained in a case.
*It was a **case** of bad judgment.*

case in point	A special set of circumstances.
example	Punishment intended as a warning to others. <i>There is an example on page 10.</i>
<u>exemplar</u>	Something to be imitated. <i>The place is an exemplar of multicultural Britain.</i>
exemplification	A representational or typifying form or model.
illustration	The action or fact of illustrating something. <i>An illustration of a yacht.</i>
occasion	A special or noteworthy event, ceremony, or celebration. <i>Sunday lunch has a suitable sense of occasion about it.</i>
<u>occurrence</u>	An instance of something occurring. <i>The occurrence of cancer increases with age.</i>
representative	An employee of a travel company who lives in a resort and looks after the needs of its holidaymakers. <i>Make your own way to the Valley Inn where you will be contacted by our tour representative.</i>
representative case	A person who represents others.
<u>sample</u>	A specimen taken for scientific testing or analysis. <i>Piano samples.</i>
<u>specimen</u>	An example of something regarded as typical of its class or group. <i>Carla could not help feeling a degree of reluctant admiration for this odd female specimen.</i>

Usage Examples of "Instance" as a noun

- *The search finds every instance where the word appears.*
- *Another instance occurred yesterday.*
- *A serious instance of corruption.*
- *In this instance it mattered little.*

Instance as a Verb

Definitions of "Instance" as a verb

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

- *Cite (a fact, case, etc.) as an example.*

- Clarify by giving an example of.

Synonyms of "Instance" as a verb (13 Words)

adduce	Advance evidence for. <i>A number of factors are adduced to explain the situation.</i>
allude to	Make a more or less disguised reference to.
<u>cite</u>	Refer to for illustration or proof. <i>Medics have been cited as a key example of a modern breed of technical expert.</i>
<u>exemplify</u>	Be a typical example of. <i>He exemplified his point with an anecdote.</i>
<u>give</u>	Give or supply. <i>Committees who give so generously of their time and effort.</i>
give as an example	Deliver in exchange or recompense.
<u>illustrate</u>	Explain or make (something) clear by using examples, charts, pictures, etc. <i>Illustrate a book with drawings.</i>
make reference to	Perform or carry out.
mention	Make mention of. <i>I haven't mentioned it to William yet.</i>
point out	Intend (something) to move towards a certain goal.
point to	Give a point to.
<u>quote</u>	Put quote marks around. <i>Quote prices for cars.</i>
refer to	Seek information from.

Usage Examples of "Instance" as a verb

- *I instanced Bob as someone whose commitment had certainly got things done.*

Associations of "Instance" (30 Words)

advisory	Giving advice. <i>A frost advisory.</i>
archetypal	Very typical of a certain kind of person or thing. <i>An archetypal journey representing the quest for identity.</i>

<u>archetype</u>	(in Jungian theory) a primitive mental image inherited from the earliest human ancestors, and supposed to be present in the collective unconscious. <i>An instrument which was the archetype of the early flute.</i>
case	An agreed summary of the facts relating to a legal case drawn up for review or decision on a point of law by a higher court. <i>Vicky was a very sad case.</i>
emulation	(computer science) technique of one machine obtaining the same results as another. <i>A model worthy of emulation.</i>
<u>epitome</u>	A summary of a written work; an abstract. <i>She looked the epitome of elegance and good taste.</i>
example	A written problem or exercise designed to illustrate a rule. <i>There is an example on page 10.</i>
<u>exemplar</u>	Something to be imitated. <i>The place is an exemplar of multicultural Britain.</i>
<u>exemplary</u>	Serving as a desirable model; very good. <i>Exemplary behaviour.</i>
<u>exemplify</u>	Be a typical example of. <i>He exemplified his point with an anecdote.</i>
formation	The action of forming or process of being formed. <i>The formation of gas in the intestine.</i>
framework	An essential supporting structure of a building, vehicle, or object. <i>Providing a factual framework for future research.</i>
herbarium	A room or building housing a herbarium.
illustration	A visual representation (a picture or diagram) that is used make some subject more pleasing or easier to understand. <i>An illustration of a yacht.</i>
model	Create a representation or model of. <i>Every child needs a role model.</i>
monitory	(in church use) a letter of admonition from the Pope or a bishop. <i>The chill monitory wail of an air raid siren.</i>
multiphase	(of an electrical device or circuit) polyphase.
<u>original</u>	An original creation i.e. an audio recording from which copies can be made. <i>The book still has its original binding.</i>
<u>paradigm</u>	The class of all items that can be substituted into the same position or slot in a grammatical sentence are in paradigmatic relation with one another. <i>Society's paradigm of the ideal woman.</i>

paradigmatic	Of or denoting the relationship between a set of linguistic items that form mutually exclusive choices in particular syntactic roles. <i>His biography is paradigmatic of the experiences of this generation.</i>
personality	The combination of characteristics or qualities that form an individual's distinctive character. <i>She had a sunny personality that was very engaging.</i>
prototype	Make a prototype of a product. <i>The construction of bandpass networks from low pass prototypes.</i>
quintessence	The aspect of something regarded as the intrinsic and central constituent of its character. <i>We were all brought up to believe that advertising is the quintessence of marketing.</i>
<u>sample</u>	Take a sample of. <i>Piano samples.</i>
<u>specimen</u>	A sample for medical testing, especially of urine. <i>Specimens of copper ore.</i>
spheroid	A solid generated by a half revolution of an ellipse about its major axis prolate spheroid or minor axis oblate spheroid. <i>It looked like a sphere but on closer examination I saw it was really a spheroid.</i>
type	Identify as belonging to a certain type. <i>The capable type.</i>
typify	Represent; symbolize. <i>Tough, low-lying vegetation typifies this arctic area.</i>
universality	The quality of being universal; existing everywhere. <i>The universality of the experience of grief and loss.</i>
virtue	The quality of doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong. <i>Mike was extolling the virtues of the car.</i>