

Need another word that means the same as “instrument”? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for “instrument” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Instrument” are:** musical instrument, tool, cat's-paw, pawn, official document, implement, utensil, device, apparatus, contrivance, gadget, contraption, appliance, mechanism, agent, agency, catalyst, cause, factor, channel, force, medium, means, vehicle, organ, puppet, creature, dupe, hostage, counter, cog, measuring device, gauge, meter, measure, instrumentate

## Instrument as a Noun

### Definitions of "Instrument" as a noun

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

- *A measuring device used to gauge the level, position, speed, etc. of something, especially a motor vehicle or aircraft.*
- *A person used by another to gain an end.*
- *A formal or legal document.*
- *Any of various devices or contrivances that can be used to produce musical tones or sounds.*
- *A person who is exploited or made use of.*
- *An object or device for producing musical sounds.*
- *The means whereby some act is accomplished.*

- A device that requires skill for proper use.
- A means of pursuing an aim.
- A tool or implement, especially one for precision work.
- (law) a document that states some contractual relationship or grants some right.
- A document that states some contractual relationship or grants some right.
- The semantic role of the entity (usually inanimate) that the agent uses to perform an action or start a process.



## Synonyms of "Instrument" as a noun (35 Words)

<b>agency</b>	How a result is obtained or an end is achieved. <i>An advertising <b>agency</b>.</i>
<b>agent</b>	Any agent or representative of a federal agency or bureau. <i>There is an urgent need for new antimicrobial <b>agents</b> to combat infections.</i>
<b>apparatus</b>	(anatomy) a group of body parts that work together to perform a given function. <i>The breathing <b>apparatus</b>.</i>
<b>appliance</b>	A fire engine. <i>The <b>appliance</b> of science could increase crop yields.</i>

<b>cat's-paw</b>	A clawed foot of an animal especially a quadruped.
<b>catalyst</b>	A person or thing that precipitates an event. <i>The prime minister's speech acted as a <b>catalyst</b> for debate.</i>
<b>cause</b>	A series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end. <i>Forty five <b>causes</b> were entered in the list for the March session.</i>
<b><u>channel</u></b>	A service or station using a channel of frequencies. <i>They didn't apply through the proper <b>channels</b>.</i>
<b>cog</b>	Each of the projections on a cog. <i>Applewood was the favourite material for the <b>cogs</b> or teeth of a <b>cogwheel</b>.</i>
<b>contraption</b>	A device or control that is very useful for a particular job. <i>Repairing stereos and making <b>contraptions</b> out of spare electronic bits.</i>
<b>contrivance</b>	A device or control that is very useful for a particular job. <i>The often tiresome <b>contrivances</b> of historical fiction.</i>
<b><u>counter</u></b>	A piece of furniture that stands at the side of a dining room; has shelves and drawers. <i>The proposal has become a crucial bargaining <b>counter</b> over prices.</i>
<b><u>creature</u></b>	A human being; 'wight' is an archaic term. <i>Night sounds of birds and other <b>creatures</b>.</i>
<b>device</b>	Something in an artistic work designed to achieve a particular effect. <i>Their shields bear the <b>device</b> of the Blazing Sun.</i>
<b>dupe</b>	A victim of deception. <i>Men who were simply the <b>dupes</b> of their unscrupulous leaders.</i>
<b><u>factor</u></b>	With numeral a sunscreen of the sun protection factor specified. <i>What are the 4 <b>factors</b> of 6.</i>
<b>force</b>	The army navy and air force of a country. <i>They ruled by law and not by <b>force</b>.</i>
<b>gadget</b>	A small mechanical or electronic device or tool, especially an ingenious or novel one. <i>A variety of kitchen <b>gadgets</b>.</i>
<b><u>gauge</u></b>	A measure of the diameter of a gun barrel, or of its ammunition, expressed as the number of spherical pieces of shot of the same diameter as the barrel that can be made from 1 lb (454 g) of lead. <i>A fine 0 018 inch <b>gauge</b> wire.</i>

<b>hostage</b>	A prisoner who is held by one party to insure that another party will meet specified terms. <i>Three <b>hostages</b> were released but only after their families paid an estimated 200 000 to the guerrillas.</i>
<b>implement</b>	Performance of an obligation. <i>Garden <b>implements</b>.</i>
<b>means</b>	Substantial resources; wealth. <i>Exclusive hotels that are priced so that only people of <b>means</b> can stay.</i>
<b>measure</b>	Measuring instrument having a sequence of marks at regular intervals used as a reference in making measurements. <i>The Senate passed the <b>measure</b> by a 48 30 vote.</i>
<b>measuring device</b>	Any maneuver made as part of progress toward a goal.
<u><b>mechanism</b></u>	The atomic process that occurs during a chemical reaction. <i><b>Mechanisms</b> of communication.</i>
<u><b>medium</b></u>	A person claiming to be in contact with the spirits of the dead and to communicate between the dead and the living. <i>Oil paint is the most popular <b>medium</b> for glazing.</i>
<b>meter</b>	(prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse.
<b>musical instrument</b>	A play or film whose action and dialogue is interspersed with singing and dancing.
<b>official document</b>	Someone who administers the rules of a game or sport.
<u><b>puppet</b></u>	A small figure of a person operated from above with strings by a puppeteer. <i>A former revolutionary hero who is now a <b>puppet</b> of the state.</i>
<b>tool</b>	A distinct design in the tooling of a book. <i>That guy is such a <b>tool</b>.</i>
<b>utensil</b>	An implement for practical use (especially in a household). <i>Kitchen <b>utensils</b>.</i>
<u><b>vehicle</b></u>	A conveyance that transports people or objects. <i>The play was just a <b>vehicle</b> to display her talents.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Instrument" as a noun

- *Myriad instruments and switches.*
- *The value of learning to play a musical instrument.*
- *Writing instruments.*
- *My greed was the instrument of my destruction.*
- *The failure of education as an instrument of social reform.*
- *A new instrument for measuring ozone levels.*
- *He was a mere instrument acting under coercion.*
- *The musicians started tuning their instruments.*
- *Execution involves signature and unconditional delivery of the instrument.*
- *Instruments of torture.*
- *A surgical instrument.*
- *A percussion instrument.*





## Instrument as a Verb

### Definitions of "Instrument" as a verb

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

- *Address a legal document to.*
- *Equip (something) with measuring instruments.*
- *Equip with instruments for measuring, recording, or controlling.*
- *Write an instrumental score for.*



## Synonyms of "Instrument" as a verb (1 Word)

**instrumentate** Write an instrumental score for.







## Usage Examples of "Instrument" as a verb

- *A DC-8 aircraft instrumented as a flying laboratory.*
- *Engineers have instrumented rockets to study the upper atmosphere.*



## Associations of "Instrument" (30 Words)

<b>accordion</b>	Folding like the bellows of an accordion. <i>An <b>accordion</b> player.</i>
<b>apparatus</b>	The complex structure of a particular organization or system. <i>One thing about the book s <b>apparatus</b> does irritate the absence of an index of titles.</i>
<b>appliance</b>	Durable goods for home or office use. <i>Three fire <b>appliances</b> were rushed to the scene.</i>
<b>blues</b>	A piece of blues music. <i>He had a bad case of the <b>blues</b>.</i>

<b>clarion</b>	Blow the clarion. <i>A <b>clarion</b> call.</i>
<b>drum</b>	Small to medium sized bottom dwelling food and game fishes of shallow coastal and fresh waters that make a drumming noise. <i>Two greater spotted woodpeckers were <b>drumming</b>.</i>
<b>embouchure</b>	The mouth of a river or valley.
<u><b>ensemble</b></u>	The coordination between performers executing an ensemble passage. <i>We would have to adopt a picture in which there is an <b>ensemble</b> of all possible universes with some probability distribution.</i>
<b>flute</b>	Play a flute or pipe. <i>What do you do she <b>fluted</b>.</i>
<b>guitar</b>	A stringed instrument usually having six strings; played by strumming or plucking.
<b>harp</b>	A musical instrument consisting of a frame supporting a graduated series of parallel strings played by plucking with the fingers The modern orchestral harp has an upright frame with pedals which enable the strings to be retuned to different keys. <i>Among them <b>harped</b> the divine minstrel Demodocus.</i>
<b>keyboard</b>	Enter data by means of a keyboard. <i>Entries would be <b>keyboarded</b>.</i>
<b>kit</b>	Young of any of various fur-bearing animals. <i>A football <b>kit</b>.</i>
<b>lyre</b>	A stringed instrument like a small U-shaped harp with strings fixed to a crossbar, used especially in ancient Greece. Modern instruments of this type are found mainly in East Africa.
<u><b>melody</b></u>	A succession of notes forming a distinctive sequence. <i>We have the <b>melody</b> and bass of a song composed by Strozzi.</i>
<b>musicologist</b>	A student of musicology.
<u><b>orchestrate</b></u>	Plan and direct (a complex undertaking). <i>The song cycle was stunningly arranged and <b>orchestrated</b>.</i>
<b>percussion</b>	The act of playing a percussion instrument. <i>The clattering <b>percussion</b> of objects striking the walls and the shutters.</i>
<b>piano</b>	A large keyboard musical instrument with a wooden case enclosing a soundboard and metal strings, which are struck by hammers when the keys are depressed. The strings' vibration is stopped by dampers when the keys are released and can be regulated for length and volume by two or three pedals. <i>The <b>piano</b> passages in the composition.</i>

<b>piccolo</b>	A small flute; pitched an octave above the standard flute.
<b>playing</b>	The act of playing a musical instrument.
<b><u>rendition</u></b>	The act of interpreting something as expressed in an artistic performance. <i>Often imitations are extended to provide a more accurate <b>rendition</b> of the child's intended meaning.</i>
<b>strings</b>	The section of an orchestra that plays stringed instruments.
<b>trumpet</b>	Play or blow on the trumpet. <i>The press <b>trumpeted</b> another defeat for the government.</i>
<b>utensil</b>	An implement for practical use (especially in a household). <i>Kitchen <b>utensils</b>.</i>
<b>viola</b>	Large genus of flowering herbs of temperate regions.
<b>violin</b>	A stringed musical instrument of treble pitch played with a horsehair bow The classical European violin was developed in the 16th century. It has four strings and a body of characteristic rounded shape narrowed at the middle and with two f shaped soundholes.
<b>violinist</b>	A musician who plays the violin. <i>The most renowned virtuoso <b>violinist</b> of his time.</i>
<b>woodwind</b>	Wind instruments other than brass instruments forming a section of an orchestra, including flutes, oboes, clarinets, and bassoons. <i>A <b>woodwind</b> instrument.</i>
<b>xylophone</b>	A musical instrument played by striking a row of wooden bars of graduated length with one or more small wooden or plastic beaters.



