

Need another word that means the same as “interpret”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “interpret” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Interpret” are: construe, see, read, translate, understand, render, represent, rede, explain, elucidate, expound, explicate, clarify, make clear, make plain, illuminate, shed light on, throw light on, decipher, decode, solve, resolve, untangle, unravel, make intelligible, take to mean, take, regard, portray, depict, present, perform, execute, enact, transcribe, transliterate, rewrite, convert

Interpret as a Verb

Definitions of "Interpret" as a verb

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

- *Translate orally or into sign language the words of a person speaking a different language.*
- *Understand (an action, mood, or way of behaving) as having a particular meaning.*
- *Explain the meaning of (information or actions).*
- *Give an interpretation or rendition of.*
- *Restate (words) from one language into another language.*
- *Create an image or likeness of.*
- *Make sense of a language.*
- *Make sense of; assign a meaning to.*
- *Perform (a dramatic role or piece of music) in a way that conveys one's understanding of the creator's ideas.*
- *Give an interpretation or explanation to.*



Synonyms of "Interpret" as a verb (38 Words)

clarify	Make clear by removing impurities or solids, as by heating. <i>Clarify the butter by using a spoon to skim off the foam.</i>
construe	Analyse the syntax of (a text, sentence, or word). <i>His words could hardly be construed as an apology.</i>
convert	Advance the ball far enough after (a down) to get another try for a first down. <i>Stephens converted Proctor's try with a massive kick from the left hand touchline.</i>
decipher	Convert code into ordinary language. <i>Authorized government agencies can decipher encrypted telecommunications.</i>
decode	Analyse and interpret (a communication or image). <i>He put down the phone and decoded the message.</i>
depict	Represent by a drawing, painting, or other art form. <i>Youth is depicted as a time of vitality and good health.</i>
elucidate	Make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear. <i>Work such as theirs will help to elucidate this matter.</i>
enact	Act out; represent or perform as if in a play. <i>Legislation was enacted to attract international companies.</i>
execute	Carry out (a judicial sentence, the terms of a will, or other order). <i>The skater executed a triple pirouette.</i>
explain	Minimize the significance of an embarrassing fact or action by giving an excuse or justification. <i>Cassie found it necessary to explain her blackened eye.</i>
explicate	Make plain and comprehensible. <i>These essays seek to explicate and contextualize Kristeva's writings.</i>
expound	Add details, as to an account or idea; clarify the meaning of and discourse in a learned way, usually in writing. <i>He declined to expound on his decision.</i>
illuminate	Decorate (a building or structure) with lights for a special occasion. <i>A flash of lightning illuminated the house.</i>
make clear	Carry out or commit.
make intelligible	Calculate as being.
make plain	Amount to.

perform	Give a performance of something. <i>The band will be performing live in Hyde Park.</i>
portray	Portray in words. <i>Goya wanted to portray his mistress the Duchess of Alba.</i>
present	Bring forward and present to the mind. <i>The commencement speaker presented a forceful speech that impressed the students.</i>
read	Discover information by reading it in a written or printed source. <i>It s the best novel I ve ever read.</i>
rede	Give an interpretation or explanation to. <i>Therefore my son I rede thee stay at home.</i>
regard	Connect closely and often incriminatingly. <i>Professor Ryker regarded him with a faint smile.</i>
render	To surrender someone or something to another. <i>Render a verdict.</i>
represent	Be representative or typical for. <i>Numbers 1 15 represent the red balls.</i>
resolve	Reach a decision. <i>She resolved to ring Dana as soon as she got home.</i>
rewrite	Rewrite so as to make fit to suit a new or different purpose. <i>I cobbled together a rough draft and then rewrote it.</i>
<u>see</u>	Go to see for professional or business reasons. <i>I see from your appraisal report that you have asked for training.</i>
shed light on	Get rid of.
solve	Find the solution to (a problem or question) or understand the meaning of. <i>Solve for x.</i>
take	Take into consideration for exemplifying purposes. <i>Here take it I don t need it any more.</i>
take to mean	Engage for service under a term of contract.
throw light on	Be confusing or perplexing to; cause to be unable to think clearly.
<u>transcribe</u>	Arrange (a piece of music) for a different instrument, voice, or group of these. <i>His largest early work was transcribed for organ.</i>
translate	Convey (someone who is not dead) to heaven. <i>He translates for the U N.</i>

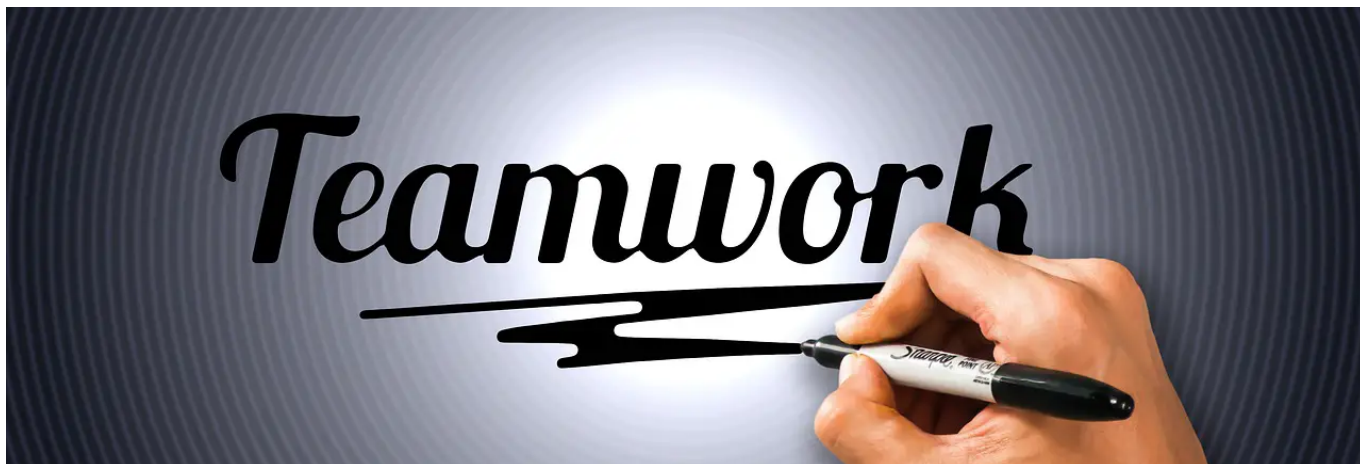
transliterate	Write or print (a letter or word) using the closest corresponding letters of a different alphabet or script. <i>The Sanskrit text had to be transliterated.</i>
understand	Be understanding of. <i>She understands French.</i>
unravel	(of twisted, knitted or woven threads) become undone. <i>His painstaking diplomacy of the last eight months could quickly unravel.</i>
<u>untangle</u>	Become or cause to become undone by separating the fibers or threads of. <i>He knew he d have to untangle a financial mess and somehow restore investor confidence.</i>



Usage Examples of "Interpret" as a verb

- *How do you interpret his behavior?*
- *I agreed to interpret for Jean-Claude.*

- *Can you interpret the speech of the visiting dignitaries?*
- *He would no longer interpret her silence as indifference.*
- *Interpreting the music well takes hours of listening and experimentation.*
- *The evidence is difficult to interpret.*



Associations of "Interpret" (30 Words)

bilingual	A person fluent in two languages. <i>Bilingual dictionaries.</i>
construe	Interpret (a word or action) in a particular way. <i>Both verbs can be construed with either infinitive.</i>
decipher	Convert (a text written in code, or a coded signal) into normal language. <i>Authorized government agencies can decipher encrypted telecommunications.</i>
define	Make clear the outline of; delineate. <i>The camera could define the smallest object.</i>
depict	Represent by a drawing, painting, or other art form. <i>Paintings depicting Old Testament scenes.</i>
depiction	A drawing of the outlines of forms or objects. <i>The painting s horrific depiction of war.</i>
describe	Make a mark or lines on a surface. <i>On the diameter of a circle an equilateral triangle is described.</i>
english	Of or relating to the English language.
explain	Define. <i>Her father s violence explains her pacifism.</i>

explanation	A statement that makes something comprehensible by describing the relevant structure or operation or circumstances etc. <i>Freud tried to make sex the explanation for everything.</i>
expound	Present and explain (a theory or idea) in detail. <i>He declined to expound on his decision.</i>
express	Give expression to. <i>She expressed the letter to Florida.</i>
figuratively	In a style representing forms that are recognizably derived from life. <i>Chinese art influenced her to paint figuratively.</i>
<u>interpretation</u>	An explanation that results from interpreting something. <i>This action is open to a number of interpretations.</i>
interpreter	(computer science) a program that translates and executes source language statements one line at a time. <i>His paintings reveal a sensitive interpreter of nature.</i>
language	Coarse or offensive language. <i>The language introduced is standard throughout the text.</i>
linguist	A person who studies linguistics.
multilingual	Using or knowing more than one language. <i>A multilingual nation.</i>
<u>paraphrase</u>	A rewording of something written or spoken. <i>It is characteristic of poetic metaphors that they are not susceptible to paraphrase.</i>
polyglot	Knowing or using several languages. <i>Slovenians being surrounded by many countries are mostly polyglots.</i>
portray	Portray in words. <i>The book portrayed him as a self serving careerist.</i>
read	Audition for a stage role by reading parts of a role. <i>I can t read his strange behavior.</i>
speaking	Capable of or involving speech or speaking. <i>You have a clear speaking voice.</i>
<u>spoken</u>	Speaking in a specified way. <i>Sharp spoken.</i>
subjectively	In a way that is dependent on the mind for existence. <i>Samples of the product were subjectively evaluated.</i>
translate	Move from one place or condition to another. <i>Shiatsu literally translates as finger pressure.</i>

translation	A uniform movement without rotation. <i>The translation of the relics of St Thomas of Canterbury.</i>
translator	A person who translates written messages from one language to another. <i>The translator of Hardy's poems into Icelandic.</i>
transliterate	Write or print (a letter or word) using the closest corresponding letters of a different alphabet or script. <i>Names from one language are often transliterated into another.</i>
understand	Be understanding of. <i>I understand you have no previous experience.</i>

