

Need another word that means the same as “lay”? Find 70 synonyms and 30 related words for “lay” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Lay” are:** put down, repose, place, pose, position, put, set, set down, deposit, rest, situate, sit, settle, stow, balance, station, drop, leave, let fall, throw down, fling down, deploy, locate, devise, arrange, contrive, make, prepare, work out, hatch, concoct, design, plan, scheme, plot, organize, frame, think up, dream up, cook up, brew, conceive, make ready, get ready, put together, draw up, produce, develop, compose, formulate, bet, wager, gamble, stake, hazard, risk, chance, venture, assign, attribute, ascribe, allocate, allot, impute, attach, impose, fix, ballad, laic, secular

## Lay as a Noun

### Definitions of "Lay" as a noun

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

- *The general appearance of an area of land.*
- *A person with a particular ability or availability as a sexual partner.*

- *The direction or amount of twist in rope strands.*
- *A narrative poem of popular origin.*
- *An act or instance of having sex.*
- *The position or direction in which something lies.*
- *The laying of eggs or the period during which they are laid.*
- *A narrative song with a recurrent refrain.*



### **Synonyms of "Lay" as a noun (1 Word)**

**ballad** A poem or song narrating a story in short stanzas Traditional ballads are typically of unknown authorship having been passed on orally from one generation to the next.



## Usage Examples of "Lay" as a noun

- *The lay of the surrounding countryside.*
- *Roll the carpet against the lay of the nap.*
- *The onset of lay may be marked by a dropping of the duck's abdomen.*



## Lay as a Verb

### Definitions of "Lay" as a verb

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

- *Impose as a duty, burden, or punishment.*
- *Put into a certain place or abstract location.*
- *Put in a horizontal position.*
- *Set cutlery, crockery, etc. on (a table) in preparation for a meal.*
- *Put down and set in position for use.*
- *Prevent (something) from rising off the ground.*

- *Used with an abstract noun so that the phrase formed has the same meaning as the verb related to the noun used, e.g. 'lay the blame on' means 'to blame'.*
- *Have sex with.*
- *Follow (a specified course).*
- *Trim (a hedge) back, cutting the branches half through, bending them down, and interweaving them.*
- *Stake (an amount of money) in a bet.*
- *Prepare (a trap) for someone.*
- *Lay eggs.*
- *Work out (an idea or suggestion) in detail ready for use or presentation.*
- *Prepare or position for action or operation.*
- *Locate (an episode in a play, novel, etc.) in a particular place.*
- *Cover (a surface) with objects or a substance.*
- *(of a female bird, insect, reptile, or amphibian) produce (an egg) from inside the body.*
- *Put the material for (a fire) in place and arrange it.*
- *Put (something) down gently or carefully.*





## Synonyms of "Lay" as a verb (67 Words)

<b>allocate</b>	Distribute according to a plan or set apart for a special purpose. <i>In past years we didn't <b>allocate</b> enough funds to infrastructure maintenance.</i>
<b>allot</b>	Allow to have. <i>I was <b>allotted</b> a little room in the servants block.</i>
<b>arrange</b>	Arrange attractively. <i>The quarrel partly by the interference of the Crown Prince was <b>arranged</b>.</i>
<b>ascribe</b>	Attribute or credit to. <i>Tough mindedness is a quality commonly <b>ascribed</b> to top bosses.</i>
<b>assign</b>	Give an assignment to a person to a post or assign a task to a person. <i>The biologist <b>assigned</b> the mushroom to the proper class.</i>
<b>attach</b>	Be attached be in contact with. <i><b>Attach</b> your safety line to the bridge.</i>
<b>attribute</b>	Attribute or credit to. <i>The building was <b>attributed</b> to Inigo Jones.</i>
<b>balance</b>	Bring into balance or equilibrium. <i>A surplus on the capital account to make the account <b>balance</b>.</i>
<b>bet</b>	Maintain with or as if with a bet. <i>He <b>bet</b> on baseball games.</i>
<b>brew</b>	Prepare by brewing. <i>People have been <b>brewing</b> beer for thousands of years.</i>
<b>chance</b>	Be the case by chance. <i>He <b>chanced</b> upon an interesting advertisement.</i>
<b>compose</b>	(of elements) constitute or make up (a whole, or a specified part of it). <i>Greed and ambition <b>composed</b> his personality.</i>
<b>conceive</b>	Create (an embryo) by fertilizing an egg. <i>I had <b>conceived</b> a passion for another.</i>
<b>concoct</b>	Make a concoction of by mixing. <i>His cronies <b>concocted</b> a simple plan.</i>
<b>contrive</b>	Come up with (an idea, plan, explanation, theory, or principle) after a mental effort. <i>His opponents <b>contrived</b> a cabinet crisis.</i>
<b>cook up</b>	Transform and make suitable for consumption by heating.
<b>deploy</b>	Bring into effective action. <i>Forces were <b>deployed</b> at strategic locations.</i>

<b><u>deposit</u></b>	Put or set down (something or someone) in a specific place. <i>Beds where salt is <b>deposited</b> by the tide.</i>
<b>design</b>	Create the design for create or execute in an artistic or highly skilled manner. <i><b>Design</b> a new sales strategy.</i>
<b>develop</b>	Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development. <i><b>Develop</b> the rook.</i>
<b><u>devise</u></b>	Leave (something, especially real estate) to someone by the terms of a will. <i>A training programme should be <b>devised</b>.</i>
<b>draw up</b>	Bring, take, or pull out of a container or from under a cover.
<b>dream up</b>	Experience while sleeping.
<b>drop</b>	Let or cause to fall in drops. <i>East <b>drops</b> the 10 on the second round.</i>
<b>fix</b>	Make fixed stable or stationary. <i>Her words have remained <b>fixed</b> in my memory.</i>
<b>fling down</b>	Indulge oneself.
<b><u>formulate</u></b>	Put into words or an expression. <i>He <b>formulated</b> his concerns to the board of trustees.</i>
<b><u>frame</u></b>	Place a picture or photograph in a frame. <i>He had had the photo <b>framed</b>.</i>
<b><u>gamble</u></b>	Bet (a sum of money). <i>They <b>gambled</b> their money on cards.</i>
<b>get ready</b>	Take the first step or steps in carrying out an action.
<b>hatch</b>	Sit on (eggs). <i>Young birds fish and reptiles <b>hatch</b>.</i>
<b><u>hazard</u></b>	Put (something) at risk of being lost. <i>The cargo business is too risky to <b>hazard</b> money on.</i>
<b>impose</b>	Impose and collect. <i>The decision was theirs and was not <b>imposed</b> on them by others.</i>
<b>impute</b>	Ascribe (righteousness, guilt, etc.) to someone by virtue of a similar quality in another. <i>People <b>impute</b> great cleverness to cats.</i>
<b>leave</b>	Leave behind unintentionally. <i><b>Leave</b> the room.</i>
<b>let fall</b>	Grant use or occupation of under a term of contract.



<b>locate</b>	Situate in a particular place. <i>Our sense of sight enables us to <b>locate</b> objects in space.</i>
<b>make</b>	Make or cause to be or to become. <i>How many are there I <b>make</b> it sixteen.</i>
<b>make ready</b>	Give certain properties to something.
<b><u>organize</u></b>	Cause to be structured or ordered or operating according to some principle or idea. <i>We all believed in the need to <b>organize</b> women.</i>
<b>place</b>	Take a place in a competition often followed by an ordinal. <i>She eventually said she couldn't <b>place</b> him.</i>
<b>plan</b>	Make a design of plan out in systematic often graphic form. <i>He <b>plans</b> to be in graduate school next year.</i>
<b><u>plot</u></b>	Make (a curve) by marking out a number of points on a graph. <i>The two men are serving sentences for <b>plotting</b> a bomb campaign.</i>
<b>pose</b>	Assume a posture as for artistic purposes. <i>The prime minister <b>posed</b> for photographers.</i>
<b>position</b>	Put or arrange (someone or something) in a particular place or way. <i>She <b>positioned</b> herself on a bench.</i>
<b><u>prepare</u></b>	To prepare verbally either for written or spoken delivery. <i>I wasn't <b>prepared</b> to go along with that.</i>
<b>produce</b>	Make or manufacture from components or raw materials. <i>The tree would not <b>produce</b> fruit.</i>
<b>put</b>	Put into a certain place or abstract location. <i>I wouldn't <b>put</b> it that way.</i>
<b>put down</b>	Make an investment.
<b>put together</b>	Formulate in a particular style or language.
<b>repose</b>	Put or confide something in a person or thing. <i>I'll go to him and <b>repose</b> our distresses on his friendly bosom.</i>
<b><u>rest</u></b>	Not move be in a resting position. <i>The final say <b>rests</b> with the regional assemblies.</i>
<b>risk</b>	Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome. <i>He <b>risked</b> his life to save his dog.</i>
<b>scheme</b>	Arrange according to a colour scheme. <i>I <b>scheme</b> it could work.</i>
<b>set</b>	Set in type. <i><b>Set</b> clocks or instruments.</i>
<b>set down</b>	Equip with sails or masts.

<b>settle</b>	End a legal dispute by arriving at a settlement. <i>He <b>settled</b> the farm 200 years ago.</i>
<b><u>sit</u></b>	Be or remain in a particular position or state. <i>Pupils are required to <b>sit</b> nine subjects at GCSE.</i>
<b>situate</b>	Fix or build (something) in a certain place or position. <i>Amy is now comfortably <b>situated</b>.</i>
<b><u>stake</u></b>	Tie or fasten to a stake. <i><b>Stake</b> out the path.</i>
<b><u>station</u></b>	Assign to a station. <i>A young girl had <b>stationed</b> herself by the door.</i>
<b>stow</b>	Pack or store (an object) carefully and neatly in a particular place. <i><b>Stow</b> the cart.</i>
<b>think up</b>	Decide by pondering, reasoning, or reflecting.
<b>throw down</b>	Place or put with great energy.
<b>venture</b>	Proceed somewhere despite the risk of possible dangers. <i>She <b>ventured</b> out into the blizzard.</i>
<b><u>wager</u></b>	Risk (a sum of money or valued item) against someone else's on the basis of the outcome of an unpredictable event; bet. <i>A total of 770 700 was <b>wagered</b> by fans at other sites on the track.</i>
<b>work out</b>	Proceed towards a goal or along a path or through an activity.



## Usage Examples of "Lay" as a verb

- *Lay the patient carefully onto the bed.*
- *The floor was laid with mattresses.*
- *She suspected he was pulling her leg, but she wouldn't have laid money on it.*
- *Lay the foundation for a new health care plan.*
- *The hens were laying at the same rate as usual.*
- *Most hedges are no longer laid.*
- *No one who knew the area could be in doubt where the scene was laid.*
- *He was making newspaper knots before laying a fire in the fireplace.*
- *Flamingos lay only one egg.*
- *Lay the books on the table.*
- *This hen doesn't lay.*
- *There may have been the odd light shower just to lay the dust.*
- *She laid the table for dinner.*



- *She wouldn't put it past him to lay a trap for her.*
- *I'd like more time to lay my plans.*
- *He laid a comforting hand over hers.*
- *It is advisable to have your carpet laid by a professional.*
- *Lay a responsibility on someone.*
- *She laid great stress on little courtesies.*
- *Lay a fire.*
- *She laid the baby in his cot.*
- *I'm going to lay a course for Ibiza harbour.*



## Lay as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Lay" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "lay" as an adjective can have the following definitions:



- *Not of or from a profession.*
- *Characteristic of those who are not members of the clergy.*



### Synonyms of "Lay" as an adjective (2 Words)

- laic** Of the laity; secular.  
*Set his collar in **laic** rather than clerical position.*
- secular** Characteristic of those who are not members of the clergy.  
***Secular** architecture.*



## Usage Examples of "Lay" as an adjective

- *The lay ministry.*
- *A lay opinion as to the cause of the disease.*





## Associations of "Lay" (30 Words)

<b>armchair</b>	Lacking or not involving practical or direct experience of a particular subject or activity. <i>An <b>armchair</b> traveller.</i>
<b>bedroom</b>	A room used primarily for sleeping. <i>A two <b>bedroom</b> flat.</i>
<b>brocade</b>	Thick heavy expensive material with a raised pattern. <i>The quilt was of white silk <b>brocade</b>.</i>
<b>calmness</b>	The state or condition of being free from disturbance or violent activity. <i>Those who worked with him refer time and again to his <b>calmness</b> under pressure.</i>
<b>couch</b>	Express (something) in language of a specified style. <i>The child was lying on the examination <b>couch</b>.</i>
<b>cushion</b>	A mechanical damper; absorbs energy of sudden impulses. <i>The bag <b>cushions</b> equipment from inevitable knocks.</i>
<b>furnished</b>	(of accommodation) available to be rented with furniture. <i>A full sized fully <b>furnished</b> apartment.</i>
<b>lounge</b>	A seating area in an airport for waiting passengers. <i>The departure <b>lounge</b>.</i>
<b>outspread</b>	Fully extended in width. <i><b>Outspread</b> wings.</i>
<b>perch</b>	Cause to perch or sit. <i>Peter <b>perched</b> a pair of gold rimmed spectacles on his nose.</i>
<b>pillow</b>	Serve as a pillow for. <i>Her transparent cheek all pale and warm <b>pillow</b> d his deathlike forehead.</i>
<b>posture</b>	Assume a posture as for artistic purposes. <i>Trade unions adopted a more militant <b>posture</b> in wage negotiations.</i>
<b>preside</b>	Act as president. <i>The prime minister will <b>preside</b> at an emergency cabinet meeting.</i>
<b>propagation</b>	The action of widely spreading and promoting an idea, theory, etc. <i>The <b>propagation</b> of plants by root cuttings.</i>
<b>put</b>	Put into a certain place or abstract location. <i>She set a women s record by <b>putting</b> the shot 56 7.</i>
<b>recline</b>	Cause to recline. <i>All the seats <b>recline</b>.</i>



<b>recliner</b>	An armchair whose back can be lowered and foot can be raised to allow the sitter to recline in it.
<b>recumbent</b>	Lying down; in a position of comfort or rest. <b><i>Recumbent</i></b> statues.
<b>repose</b>	A disposition free from stress or emotion. <i>He had lost none of his grace or his <b>repose</b>.</i>
<b><u>rest</u></b>	Put something in a resting position as for support or steadying. <i>The gun was steadied on a special <b>rest</b>.</i>
<b>set</b>	Set down according to a plan. <b><i>Set</i></b> your watch immediately to local time at your destination.
<b><u>slouch</u></b>	A stooping carriage in standing and walking. <i>My brother was no <b>slouch</b> at making a buck.</i>
<b><u>sofa</u></b>	A long upholstered seat with a back and arms, for two or more people. <b><i>Sofa</i></b> cushions.
<b>statics</b>	The branch of mechanics concerned with bodies at rest and forces in equilibrium.
<b><u>stationary</u></b>	Not capable of being moved. <b><i>Stationary</i></b> machinery.
<b>stool</b>	Grow shoots in the form of stools or tillers. <i>Concentrations of the substance in normal <b>stool</b>.</i>
<b>supine</b>	Lying face upward. <i>The government was <b>supine</b> in the face of racial injustice.</i>
<b><u>tranquility</u></b>	A disposition free from stress or emotion.
<b>unmoving</b>	Not moving; still. <i>This must be the most <b>unmoving</b> performance of Verdi's opera ever recorded.</i>
<b>upright</b>	In or into an upright position. <i>An <b>upright</b> vacuum cleaner.</i>

