

Need another word that means the same as “linger”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “linger” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Linger” are: dawdle, hover, footle, hang around, lallygag, loaf, loiter, lollygag, lounge, lurk, mess about, mill about, mill around, tarry, wait around, stay, remain, stay put, wait, persist, continue**

## Linger as a Verb

### Definitions of "Linger" as a verb

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

- *Leave slowly and hesitantly.*
- *Stay in a place longer than necessary because of a reluctance to leave.*
- *Move to and fro.*
- *Remain present although waning or gradually dying.*
- *Spend a long time over (something).*
- *Take one's time; proceed slowly.*
- *Be slow to disappear or die.*
- *Be about.*



## Synonyms of "Linger" as a verb (21 Words)

<b>continue</b>	Continue talking he continued. <i>We <b>continue</b> the story from the point reached in Chapter 1.</i>
<b>dawdle</b>	Take one's time; proceed slowly. <i>She mustn't <b>dawdle</b> she had to make the call now.</i>
<b>footle</b>	Be about. <i>Where's that pesky creature that was footling about outside?</i>
<b>hang around</b>	Let drop or droop.
<b>hover</b>	Linger close at hand, especially in a hesitant or uncertain manner. <i>If you <b>hover</b> over the video it will play a preview with sound.</i>
<b>lallygag</b>	Be about.
<b>loaf</b>	Be about.

<b>loiter</b>	Walk slowly and with no apparent purpose; dawdle. <i>The high school students like to <b>loiter</b> in the Central Square.</i>
<b>lollygag</b>	Spend time aimlessly; idle. <i>We re <b>lollygagging</b> along.</i>
<b>lounge</b>	Lie, sit, or stand in a relaxed or lazy way. <i>Several students were <b>lounging</b> about reading papers.</i>
<b>lurk</b>	Wait in hiding to attack. <i>A ruthless killer still <b>lurked</b> in the darkness.</i>
<b>mess about</b>	Make a mess of or create disorder in.
<b>mill about</b>	Move about in a confused manner.
<b>mill around</b>	Roll out (metal) with a rolling machine.
<b>persist</b>	Be persistent refuse to stop. <i>The minority of drivers who <b>persist</b> in drinking.</i>
<b>remain</b>	Stay the same remain in a certain state. <i>Despite student protests he <b>remained</b> Dean for another year.</i>
<b>stay</b>	Stay the same remain in a certain state. <i>The smell <b>stayed</b> in the room.</i>
<b>stay put</b>	Stay put in a certain place.
<b>tarry</b>	Leave slowly and hesitantly.
<b>wait</b>	Wait before acting. <i>I told my parents not to <b>wait</b> supper.</i>
<b>wait around</b>	Stay in one place and anticipate or expect something.



## Usage Examples of "Linger" as a verb

- *The tradition seems to linger on.*
- *We are thankful that she didn't linger on and suffer.*
- *She lingered over her meal.*
- *Her perfume lingered on.*
- *She let her eyes linger on him suggestively.*
- *She lingered in the yard, enjoying the warm sunshine.*
- *The shy student lingered in the corner.*



## Associations of "Linger" (30 Words)

<b>behind</b>	A kick that sends the ball over a behind line or a touch that sends it between the inner posts scoring one point. <i>She was <b>behind</b> with her rent.</i>
<b>continue</b>	Continue a certain state condition or activity. <i>We <b>continued</b> to work into the night.</i>
<b>dally</b>	Have a casual romantic or sexual liaison with. <i>Get busy don't <b>dally</b>.</i>
<b>dawdle</b>	Move slowly and idly in a particular direction. <i>She mustn't <b>dawdle</b> she had to make the call now.</i>
<b>decelerate</b>	Reduce the speed of. <i>The train began to <b>decelerate</b>.</i>
<b>delay</b>	The action of delaying or being delayed. <i>The train was <b>delayed</b>.</i>

<b>existing</b>	Existing in something specified. <i>Depletion of the oxygen <b>existing</b> in the bloodstream.</i>
<b>glitch</b>	A fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine. <i>The only <b>glitch</b> in his year is failing to qualify for the Masters.</i>
<b>hover</b>	Move to and fro. <i>You can <b>hover</b> your cursor over any button to see an explanation.</i>
<b>lag</b>	Cover with lagging to prevent heat loss. <i><b>Lag</b> pipes.</i>
<b>latency</b>	The time that elapses between a stimulus and the response to it. <i>Poor performance due to network <b>latency</b>.</i>
<b>levitate</b>	Rise or cause to rise and hover in the air, typically by means of supposed magical powers. <i>The guru claimed that he could <b>levitate</b>.</i>
<b>lingering</b>	Lasting for a long time or slow to end. <i>There are still some <b>lingering</b> doubts in my mind.</i>
<b>loiter</b>	Walk slowly and with no apparent purpose; dawdle. <i>She saw Mary <b>loitering</b> near the cloakrooms.</i>
<b>lurk</b>	(of an unpleasant quality) be present in a latent or barely discernible state, although still presenting a threat. <i>Danger <b>lurks</b> beneath the surface.</i>
<b>onwards</b>	In a forward direction.
<b>persevere</b>	Be persistent, refuse to stop. <i>His family <b>persevered</b> with his treatment.</i>
<b>persist</b>	Be persistent refuse to stop. <i>He <b>persisted</b> to call me every night.</i>
<b>pitchy</b>	Having the characteristics of pitch or tar.
<b>postpone</b>	Hold back to a later time. <i>The visit had to be <b>postponed</b> for some time.</i>
<b>procrastinate</b>	Delay or postpone action; put off doing something. <i>The temptation will be to <b>procrastinate</b> until the power struggle plays itself out.</i>
<b>remain</b>	Stay the same remain in a certain state. <i>Despite student protests he <b>remained</b> Dean for another year.</i>
<b>residual</b>	Remaining after the greater part or quantity has gone. <i>The eroded <b>residuals</b> of reefs built in relation to earlier higher sea levels.</i>
<b>retardation</b>	Any agent that retards or delays or hinders. <i>The goals of treatment include <b>retardation</b> of disease progression.</i>

<b>slowdown</b>	The act of slowing down or falling behind. <i>The drop in earnings was due to an extreme economic <b>slowdown</b>.</i>
<b>sojourn</b>	A temporary stay (e.g., as a guest). <i>She had <b>sojourned</b> once in Egypt.</i>
<b>stay</b>	Fasten with stays. <i>They had a nice <b>stay</b> in Paris.</i>
<b>tarry</b>	Having the characteristics of pitch or tar. <i>A length of <b>tarry</b> rope.</i>
<b>time</b>	One's lifetime. <i>It's <b>time</b> for bed.</i>
<b>waste</b>	Run off as waste. <i>We can't afford to <b>waste</b> electricity.</i>