

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)

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

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

behind	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 behind with her rent.</i>
continue	Continue a certain state condition or activity. <i>We continued to work into the night.</i>
dally	Have a casual romantic or sexual liaison with. <i>Get busy don t dally.</i>
dawdle	Move slowly and idly in a particular direction. <i>She mustn t dawdle she had to make the call now.</i>
decelerate	Reduce the speed of. <i>The train began to decelerate.</i>
delay	The action of delaying or being delayed. <i>The train was delayed.</i>

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

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