

Need another word that means the same as “lock”? Find 44 synonyms and 30 related words for “lock” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Lock” are: ignition lock, lock chamber, curl, ringlet, whorl, bolt, catch, fastener, clasp, bar, hasp, latch, lock away, lock in, lock up, put away, shut away, shut up, interlace, interlock, engage, mesh, operate, fasten, secure, make secure, make fast, seal, join, link, unite, connect, combine, yoke, mate, become stuck, stick, jam, become immovable, make immovable, become rigid, make rigid**

## Lock as a Noun

### Definitions of "Lock" as a noun

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

- *The turning of the front wheels of a vehicle to change its direction of motion.*
- *A player in the second row of a scrum.*
- *Enclosure consisting of a section of canal that can be closed to control the water level; used to raise or lower vessels that pass through it.*
- *A strand or cluster of hair.*
- *A restraint incorporated into the ignition switch to prevent the use of a vehicle by persons who do not have the key.*
- *A mechanism for exploding the charge of a gun.*
- *A mechanism for keeping a door, window, lid, or container fastened, typically operated*

*by a key.*

- *(in wrestling and martial arts) a hold that prevents an opponent from moving a limb.*
- *A device used to prevent the operation or movement of a vehicle or other machine.*
- *A number of interlocked or jammed items.*
- *Any wrestling hold in which some part of the opponent's body is twisted or pressured.*
- *The maximum extent that the front wheels of a vehicle can be turned.*
- *A facility on a computer or mobile phone that requires a user to verify their identity with a passcode or other form of authentication in order to access the full functionality of the device.*
- *A short section of a canal or river with gates and sluices at each end which can be opened or closed to change the water level, used for raising and lowering boats.*
- *A mechanism that detonates the charge of a gun.*
- *A fastener fitted to a door or drawer to keep it firmly closed.*
- *A person or thing that is certain to succeed; a certainty.*



## Synonyms of "Lock" as a noun (12 Words)

<b>bar</b>	The crossbar of a goal. <i>Bar stools.</i>
<b>bolt</b>	The part of a lock that is engaged or withdrawn with a key.
<b>catch</b>	A chance or act of catching the ball to dismiss a batsman. <i>There s a <b>catch</b> in it somewhere.</i>
<b>clasp</b>	A grasp or handshake. <i>He released his <b>clasp</b> on my arm.</i>
<b>curl</b>	A curling movement. <i>The sneering <b>curl</b> of his lip.</i>
<b>fastener</b>	A device that closes or secures something. <i>He found the door fastened and wondered who the <b>fastener</b> was.</i>
<b>hasp</b>	A slotted hinged plate on a trunk or suitcase with a projecting piece which is secured by the lock. <i>The hut was always locked by a large padlock securing a <b>hasp</b>.</i>
<b>ignition lock</b>	The mechanism that ignites the fuel in an internal-combustion engine.
<b>latch</b>	A metal bar with a catch and lever used for fastening a door or gate. <i>Lifting the <b>latch</b> she pushed the gate open.</i>
<b>lock chamber</b>	A mechanism that detonates the charge of a gun.
<b>ringlet</b>	A strand or cluster of hair. <i>Her hair fell loose in <b>ringlets</b>.</i>
<b>whorl</b>	A complete circle in a fingerprint. <i>Shelley drew larger and larger dark <b>whorls</b> on her notepad.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Lock" as a noun

- *I have seen all Albermarle Street closed by a lock of carriages.*
- *There was a lock every quarter of a mile.*
- *There's a security lock on the phone and he doesn't know the code.*
- *A bicycle lock.*
- *The key turned firmly in the lock.*
- *A steering lock.*
- *All of this makes him a lock to make the Hall of Fame.*



## Lock as a Verb

### Definitions of "Lock" as a verb

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

- *Pass by means through a lock in a waterway.*
- *(of a door, window, etc.) become or be able to be secured with a lock.*
- *Build locks in order to facilitate the navigation of vessels.*
- *Go through a lock on a canal.*
- *Place in a place where something cannot be removed or someone cannot escape.*
- *Become engaged or intermeshed with one another.*
- *Hold fast (in a certain state).*
- *Restrict access to the full functionality or data of (a computer, mobile phone, file, etc.), especially by requiring a user to verify their identity with a passcode or other form of authentication.*
- *Enclose or shut in by locking or fastening a door, lid, etc.*
- *Make or become rigidly fixed or immovable.*

- *Fasten with a lock.*
- *Hold in a locking position.*
- *Fasten or secure (something) with a lock.*
- *Become rigid or immovable.*
- *Keep engaged.*
- *(of a mobile phone) operate only on the network of a particular carrier.*





## Synonyms of "Lock" as a verb (32 Words)

<b>bar</b>	Fasten something especially a door or window with a bar or bars. <i>Nothing is <b>barred</b> in the crime novel.</i>
<b>become immovable</b>	Come into existence.
<b>become rigid</b>	Enhance the appearance of.
<b>become stuck</b>	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
<b>bolt</b>	Secure or lock with a bolt. <i>Don't <b>bolt</b> your food.</i>
<b>combine</b>	Combine so as to form a whole mix. <i><b>Combine</b> the flour with the margarine and salt.</i>
<b>connect</b>	Make a logical or causal connection. <i>The President of this university really <b>connects</b> with the faculty.</i>
<b>engage</b>	Engage for service under a term of contract. <i><b>Engaged</b> the gears.</i>
<b>fasten</b>	Become fixed or fastened. <i>They <b>fastened</b> various nicknames to each other.</i>
<b>interlace</b>	Hold in a locking position. <i>Discussion <b>interlaced</b> with esoteric mathematics.</i>
<b>interlock</b>	Coordinate in such a way that all parts work together effectively. <i>Their fingers <b>interlocked</b>.</i>
<b>jam</b>	Get stuck and immobilized. <i>People <b>jammed</b> their belongings into cars.</i>
<b>join</b>	Be or become joined or united or linked. <i>The tap was <b>joined</b> to a pipe.</i>
<b>link</b>	Link with or as with a yoke. <i>The travelers <b>linked</b> up again at the airport.</i>
<b>lock away</b>	Fasten with a lock.
<b>lock in</b>	Pass by means through a lock in a waterway.
<b>lock up</b>	Build locks in order to facilitate the navigation of vessels.
<b>make fast</b>	Reach a goal, e.g.
<b>make immovable</b>	To compose or represent.
<b>make rigid</b>	Institute, enact, or establish.
<b>make secure</b>	Favor the development of.
<b>mate</b>	Bring (animals) together for breeding. <i>Successful males may <b>mate</b> with many females.</i>



<b><u>mesh</u></b>	Entangle or catch in or as if in a mesh. <i>Her memory of events doesn't <b>mesh</b> with the world around her.</i>
<b>operate</b>	Perform a surgical operation. <i>Surgeons <b>operated</b> on on his jaw yesterday morning.</i>
<b>put away</b>	Arrange thoughts, ideas, temporal events.
<b>seal</b>	Close with or as if with a seal. <i>Heat the oil and <b>seal</b> the lamb on both sides.</i>
<b><u>secure</u></b>	Fill or close tightly with or as if with a plug. <i>A loan <b>secured</b> on your home.</i>
<b>shut away</b>	Move so that an opening or passage is obstructed; make shut.
<b>shut up</b>	Become closed.
<b>stick</b>	Stick to firmly. <i><b>Stick</b> some feathers in the turkey before you serve it.</i>
<b>unite</b>	Act in concert or unite in a common purpose or belief. <i>The two Germanys officially <b>united</b>.</i>
<b>yoke</b>	Put a yoke on a pair of animals couple or attach with or to a yoke. <i>A plough drawn by a camel and donkey <b>yoked</b> together.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Lock" as a verb

- *My computer is locked and I've forgotten my login info.*
- *They were locked in embrace.*
- *She locked her jewels in the safe.*
- *The phone is locked to T-mobile.*
- *He is treated like an unpaid servant and locked in his room.*
- *The therapist noticed that the patient's knees tended to lock in this exercise.*
- *He locked his hands around her neck.*
- *He locked his hands behind her neck.*
- *Lock the bike to the fence.*
- *Their gaze locked for several long moments.*
- *She closed and locked her desk.*
- *The parents locked her daughter up for the weekend.*
- *I don't want people to read my emails—that's why I lock my phone.*
- *He was locked in a laughing fit.*

- *We locked through at Moore Haven.*
- *The door will automatically lock behind you.*





## Associations of "Lock" (30 Words)

<b>brake</b>	Make a moving vehicle slow down or stop by using a brake. <i>She was not ready to put the <b>brakes</b> on her life with a marriage.</i>
<b>breaking</b>	The act of breaking something.
<b>buckle</b>	Fasten with a buckle or buckles. <i>The bridge started shaking and then it began to <b>buckle</b>.</i>
<b>cipher</b>	A mathematical element that when added to another number yields the same number. <i>Journalists are not mere interchangeable <b>ciphers</b> in the propaganda battle.</i>
<a href="#"><u>code</u></a>	Write code for a computer program. <i>Most developers <b>code</b> C like C.</i>
<b>coding</b>	The process or fact of being the genetic code or determiner for an amino acid, protein, or characteristic. <i>A <b>coding</b> region in human DNA.</i>
<b>computing</b>	The procedure of calculating; determining something by mathematical or logical methods. <i><b>Computing</b> facilities.</i>
<b>cryptography</b>	The science of analyzing and deciphering codes and ciphers and cryptograms.
<a href="#"><u>decipher</u></a>	Convert code into ordinary language. <i>Authorized government agencies can <b>decipher</b> encrypted telecommunications.</i>
<a href="#"><u>decode</u></a>	Convert code into ordinary language. <i>He put down the phone and <b>decoded</b> the message.</i>
<a href="#"><u>encode</u></a>	Convert (information or an instruction) into a particular form. <i><b>Encode</b> pictures digitally.</i>
<b>encrypt</b>	Convert (information or data) into a code, especially to prevent unauthorized access. <i><b>Encrypted</b> data.</i>
<b>encryption</b>	The activity of converting data or information into code. <i>I use <b>encryption</b> to protect sensitive information transmitted online.</i>
<b>firewall</b>	Protect a network or system from unauthorized access with a firewall. <i>Our security products offer integral <b>firewalling</b>.</i>
<b>hash</b>	Make meat or other food into a hash. <i><b>Hash</b> the chicken well and season.</i>

<b>hieroglyph</b>	Writing that resembles hieroglyphics usually by being illegible. <i><b>Hieroglyphs</b> describing the Mayan calendar.</i>
<b>interlock</b>	A fabric knitted with closely interlocking stitches allowing it to stretch. <i>Car theives know how to bypass the ignition <b>interlock</b>.</i>
<b>interlocking</b>	The act of interlocking or meshing. <i>A design of <b>interlocking</b> leaves.</i>
<b>lace</b>	Of a garment or shoe be fastened by means of laces. <i>He <b>laced</b> the twine through the eyelets and pulled it tight.</i>
<b>latch</b>	Fasten with a latch. <i>Lifting the <b>latch</b> she pushed the gate open.</i>
<b><u>mechanism</u></b>	A system of parts working together in a machine; a piece of machinery. <i>His Irma La Douce is a musical based on the farce <b>mechanism</b>.</i>
<b><u>mesh</u></b>	Entangle or catch in or as if in a mesh. <i>Cell fragments which agglutinate and form intricate <b>meshes</b>.</i>
<b>net</b>	Cover with a net. <i>Rabbits can be <b>netted</b> all the year round.</i>
<b>password</b>	A secret word or phrase that must be used to gain admission to a place. <i>He forgot the <b>password</b>.</i>
<b>scanner</b>	An electronic device that generates a digital representation of an image for data input to a computer. <i>They used <b>scanners</b> to monitor police radio channels.</i>
<b><u>shut</u></b>	Move so that an opening or passage is obstructed make shut. <i>She <b>shut</b> her lips tight.</i>
<b><u>unlock</u></b>	Become unlocked. <i>When you <b>unlock</b> your phone you re presented with the home screen the interface that shows off all your apps.</i>
<b>vise</b>	A holding device attached to a workbench; has two jaws to hold workpiece firmly in place.
<b><u>zip</u></b>	Fasten the zip of a garment that someone is wearing. <i>A <b>zip</b> pocket.</i>



