

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)

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bolt	The part of a lock that is engaged or withdrawn with a key.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

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

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

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

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

