

Need another word that means the same as “loiter”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “loiter” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Loiter” are: footle, hang around, lallygag, linger, loaf, lollygag, lounge, lurk, mess about, mill about, mill around, tarry, potter, wait, skulk, dawdle, dally, stroll, saunter, loll, go slowly, take one's time, go at a snail's pace, move at a snail's pace, drag one's feet, delay

Loiter as a Verb

Definitions of "Loiter" as a verb

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

- *Stand or wait around without apparent purpose.*
- *Walk slowly and with no apparent purpose; dawdle.*
- *Be about.*



Synonyms of "Loiter" as a verb (26 Words)

dally	Talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions. <i>Get busy don t dally.</i>
dawdle	Take one's time; proceed slowly. <i>Ruth dawdled back through the wood.</i>
delay	Cause to be slowed down or delayed. <i>Don t delay your application to graduate school or else it won t be considered.</i>
drag one's feet	Persuade to come away from something attractive or interesting.
footle	Act foolishly, as by talking nonsense. <i>Where's that pesky creature that was footling about outside?</i>
go at a snail's pace	Be sounded, played, or expressed.
go slowly	Follow a procedure or take a course.
hang around	Be menacing, burdensome, or oppressive.

lallygag	Be about.
linger	Remain present although waning or gradually dying. <i>The tradition seems to linger on.</i>
loaf	Be lazy or idle.
loll	Be lazy or idle. <i>The boy lolled out his tongue.</i>
lollygag	Be about. <i>She goes to Arizona every January to lollygag in the sun.</i>
lounge	Be about. <i>Several students were lounging about reading papers.</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>
mess about	Eat in a mess hall.
mill about	Grind with a mill.
mill around	Roll out (metal) with a rolling machine.
move at a snail's pace	Live one's life in a specified environment.
potter	Occupy oneself in a desultory but pleasant way. <i>I might potter into Nice for the day.</i>
saunter	Walk leisurely and with no apparent aim. <i>Adam sauntered into the room.</i>
skulk	Avoid responsibilities and duties, e.g., by pretending to be ill. <i>Don't skulk outside the door like a spy.</i>
stroll	Walk in a leisurely way. <i>The horse strolled home by 12 lengths.</i>
take one's time	Be capable of holding or containing.
tarry	Leave slowly and hesitantly.
wait	Wait before acting. <i>He found the train waiting on the platform.</i>

Usage Examples of "Loiter" as a verb

- *The weather had tempted them to loiter along the banks of the Cherwell.*
- *She saw Mary loitering near the cloakrooms.*
- *The high school students like to loiter in the Central Square.*

Associations of "Loiter" (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>My watch is running behind.</i>
continue	Continue after an interruption. <i>The Archive has continued its programme of research.</i>
dally	Consider not very seriously. <i>Get busy don t dally.</i>
dawdle	Waste time; be slow. <i>Ruth dawdled back through the wood.</i>
delay	An electronic device which introduces a delay especially in an audio signal. <i>A two hour delay.</i>
flophouse	A cheap lodging house. <i>They are living in a flophouse and discovering that the streets are not paved with gold.</i>
<u>hover</u>	Move to and fro. <i>If you hover over the video it will play a preview with sound.</i>
<u>lag</u>	Cover with lagging to prevent heat loss. <i>Lag pipes.</i>
latency	The state of existing but not yet being developed or manifest; concealment. <i>The latency of tumours in mice.</i>
levitate	Cause to rise in the air and float, as if in defiance of gravity. <i>The magician levitated the woman.</i>
<u>linger</u>	Stay in a place longer than necessary because of a reluctance to leave. <i>She lingered over her meal.</i>
lingering	Lasting for a long time or slow to end. <i>A painful and lingering death.</i>
lurk	Lie in wait, lie in ambush, behave in a sneaky and secretive manner. <i>A ruthless killer still lurked in the darkness.</i>
onwards	In a forward direction.
persevere	Continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success. <i>His family persevered with his treatment.</i>
<u>persist</u>	Be persistent refuse to stop. <i>If the symptoms persist for more than a few days then contact your doctor.</i>
pitchy	Like or as dark as pitch.

<u>procrastinate</u>	Delay or postpone action; put off doing something. <i>He did not want to write the letter and procrastinated for days.</i>
<u>remain</u>	Stay the same remain in a certain state. <i>Carter remains the only President in recent history under whose Presidency the U S did not fight a war.</i>
<u>reside</u>	Have one's permanent home in a particular place. <i>She resides in Princeton.</i>
<u>residual</u>	A quantity remaining after other things have been subtracted or allowed for. <i>Residual stenosis.</i>
<u>rest</u>	Rest on or as if on a pillow. <i>He rested his bad leg.</i>
<u>slowdown</u>	The act of slowing down or falling behind. <i>A traffic slowdown in the passing lane.</i>
<u>sojourn</u>	Spend a certain length of time; reside temporarily. <i>She had sojourned once in Egypt.</i>
<u>stay</u>	A period of staying somewhere in particular of living somewhere temporarily as a visitor or guest. <i>They had a nice stay in Paris.</i>
<u>tarry</u>	Leave slowly and hesitantly. <i>A length of tarry rope.</i>
<u>time</u>	One's lifetime. <i>This is the first time I have got into debt.</i>
<u>timeless</u>	Unaffected by time. <i>Helen's timeless beauty.</i>
<u>unaltered</u>	Remaining in an original state. <i>Persisting unaltered through time.</i>
<u>unchanged</u>	Not made or become different. <i>An unchanged side for tonight's home game.</i>