

Need another word that means the same as “loose”? Find 71 synonyms and 30 related words for “loose” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Loose” are: open, escaped, on the loose, lax, unaffixed, free, liberal, easy, light, promiscuous, sluttish, wanton, slack, idle, informal, not fixed in place, not secure, insecure, unsecured, unattached, untied, unbound, down, flowing, floppy, baggy, loose-fitting, roomy, vague, indefinite, inexact, imprecise, ill-defined, unrigorous, loosen, liberate, release, unloose, unloosen, let loose, unleash, relax, set free, turn loose, set loose, let go, remove, detach, disentangle, extricate, separate, disconnect, unfasten, unclasp, unclick, uncouple, decouple, undo, unhook, unhitch, untie, unyoke, slacken, fire, discharge, shoot, eject, catapult, let fly with

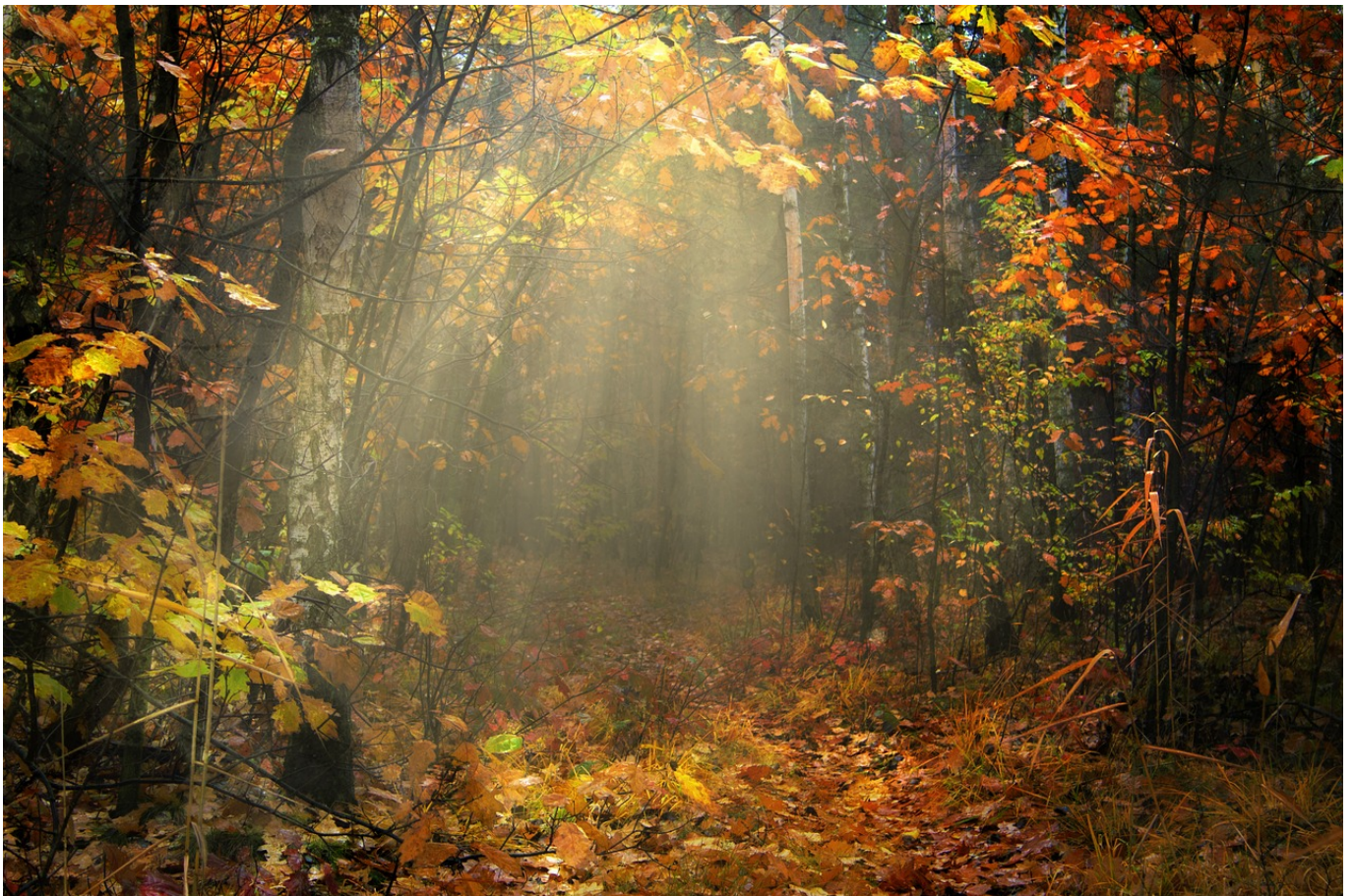
Loose as a Verb

Definitions of "Loose" as a verb

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

- *Make (something) loose; untie or undo.*

- *Grant freedom to; free from confinement.*
- *Make loose or looser.*
- *Fire (a bullet, arrow, etc.*
- *Relax (one's grip.*
- *Turn loose or free from restraint.*
- *Set free; release.*
- *Become loose or looser or less tight.*



Synonyms of "Loose" as a verb (36 Words)

- catapult** Shoot forth or launch as if from a catapult.
*The enemy **catapulted** rocks towards the fort.*
- decouple** Regard as unconnected.
*The mountings effectively **decouple** movements of the engine from those of the wheels.*

detach	Come to be detached. <i>A figure in brown detached itself from the shadows.</i>
discharge	Go off or discharge. <i>Industrial plants discharge highly toxic materials into rivers.</i>
disconnect	Make disconnected disjoin or unfasten. <i>I phoned them in Edinburgh but we got disconnected.</i>
disentangle	Free from involvement or entanglement. <i>How can I disentangle myself from her personal affairs.</i>
eject	Leave an aircraft rapidly using an ejection seat or capsule. <i>Angry supporters were forcibly ejected from the court.</i>
extricate	Free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty. <i>I cannot extricate myself from this task.</i>
fire	Start or maintain a fire in. <i>He fired up the laptop to find the address of his hostel.</i>
free	Grant freedom to free from confinement. <i>They were freed from jail.</i>
let fly with	Leave unchanged.
let go	Cause to move; cause to be in a certain position or condition.
let loose	Make it possible through a specific action or lack of action for something to happen.
liberate	Release (gas or energy) as a result of a chemical reaction or physical decomposition. <i>The students liberated their slaves upon graduating from the university.</i>
loosen	Become relaxed or less tight. <i>He loosened his hold so she could pull her arms free.</i>
relax	Cause to feel relaxed. <i>The team relax with a lot of skiing.</i>
release	Release gas or energy as a result of a chemical reaction or physical decomposition. <i>The plant releases a gas.</i>
remove	Remove something concrete as by lifting pushing or taking off or remove something abstract. <i>He removed his children to the countryside.</i>
separate	Separate into parts or portions. <i>Separate the eggs and beat the egg yolks.</i>
set free	Put or set (seeds, seedlings, or plants) into the ground.
set loose	Put into a certain state; cause to be in a certain state.

shoot	Shoot game over an estate or other area of countryside. Shoot craps.
slacken	Make slack as by lessening tension or firmness. He slackened his grip.
turn loose	Cause to move along an axis or into a new direction.
unclasp	Release from a clasp. I unclasped her fingers from my hair.
unclick	Deselect (an option on an electronic interface) by pressing a button on a mouse or screen. I put my hand down to unclick my seatbelt but realized I forgot to buckle it in the first place.
uncouple	Release (hunting dogs) from being fastened together in couples. They uncoupled the engine.
undo	Cancel or reverse the effects or results of (a previous action or measure). Undo the shoelace.
unfasten	Open the fastening of; undo (something). Unfasten your belt.
unhitch	Unfasten or release from or as if from a hitch. He unhitched the side of the trailer.
unhook	Unfasten or detach (something that is held or caught by a hook). She unhooked a towelling robe from behind the door.
unleash	Release from a leash. The failure of the talks could unleash more fighting.
unloose	Loosen the ties of. He rushed across to unloose the dog.
unloosen	Undo or let free; unloose. I felt hands unloosening my blindfold.
untie	Undo or unfasten (something that is tied or tied up). She knelt to untie her laces.
unyoke	Release (a pair of animals) from a yoke. Unyoke the cow.



Usage Examples of "Loose" as a verb

- *Let loose mines.*
- *The ropes were loosed.*
- *He loosed off a shot at the vehicle.*
- *Loosen the tension on a rope.*
- *He loosed his grip suddenly.*
- *The noose loosened.*
- *The hounds have been loosed.*



Loose as an Adjective

Definitions of "Loose" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "loose" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Lacking a sense of restraint or responsibility.*
- *Careless and indiscreet in what is said.*
- *Not affixed.*
- *Not rigidly organized.*
- *(of play in cricket) inaccurate or careless.*
- *(of faeces) containing excessive liquid.*
- *Engaging in casual sexual encounters or relationships.*
- *Not compact or dense in structure or arrangement.*
- *Emptying easily or excessively.*

- *Not tense or taut.*
- *(of textures) full of small openings or gaps.*
- *(of the ball or puck in a game) in play but not in any player's possession.*
- *Not carefully arranged in a package.*
- *Full of small openings or gaps.*
- *Not held or tied together or contained within something.*
- *(of play, especially in rugby) with the players not close together.*
- *Not in the possession or control of any player.*
- *Relaxed; physically slack.*
- *Having escaped, especially from confinement.*
- *(of a garment) not fitting tightly or closely.*
- *(of a person or animal) not tied up or shut in.*
- *Not tight; not closely constrained or constricted or constricting.*
- *(of a ball in sport) not in the possession or control of any player.*
- *Casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior.*
- *Not literal.*
- *Not strict or exact.*
- *Not close, compact, or solid in structure or formation.*
- *Not officially recognized or controlled.*
- *Not firmly or tightly fixed in place; detached or able to be detached.*



Synonyms of "Loose" as an adjective (34 Words)

- baggy** Not fitting closely; hanging loosely.
Baggy trousers.
- down** Denoting a flavour variety of stable quark having relatively low mass and an electric charge of $-\frac{1}{3}$. In the Standard Model protons and neutrons are composed of up and down quarks.
*The shades were **down**.*
- easy** Casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior.
*An **easy** victory.*
- escaped** Having escaped especially from confinement.
*Searching for two **escaped** prisoners.*
- floppy** Tending to flop or hang loosely.
*A spaniel with **floppy** ears.*

flowing	(especially of long hair or clothing) hanging or draping loosely and gracefully. <i>A flowing prose style.</i>
free	Able or permitted to take a specified action. <i>You are free to leave.</i>
idle	Without a basis in reason or fact. <i>The mill has been standing idle for eight years.</i>
ill-defined	Poorly stated or described.
imprecise	Not precise. <i>The terms he used were imprecise and emotional.</i>
indefinite	Lasting for an unknown or unstated length of time. <i>Were indefinite about their plans.</i>
inexact	Not exact. <i>An inexact description.</i>
informal	Having or fostering a warm or friendly and informal atmosphere. <i>An informal free and easy manner.</i>
<u>insecure</u>	(of a job or situation) liable to change for the worse; not permanent or settled. <i>A top model who is notoriously insecure about her looks.</i>
<u>lax</u>	Of a speech sound especially a vowel pronounced with the vocal muscles relaxed. <i>He d been a bit lax about discipline in school lately.</i>
<u>liberal</u>	Having political or social views favoring reform and progress. <i>A liberal democratic state.</i>
light	Psychologically light especially free from sadness or troubles. <i>Light housework.</i>
loose-fitting	Not fitting closely; hanging loosely.
not fixed in place	Having a fixed and unchanging value.
not secure	Not likely to fail or give way.
on the loose	Not carefully arranged in a package.
open	Openly straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness. <i>I was quite open about my views.</i>
<u>promiscuous</u>	Demonstrating or implying an unselective approach; indiscriminate or casual. <i>They ran wild indulging in promiscuous sex and experimenting with drugs.</i>

roomy	(of buildings and rooms) having ample space. <i>The cabin is roomy and well planned.</i>
slack	(of business or trade) characterized by a lack of work or activity; quiet. <i>They were working at a slack pace.</i>
sluttish	Having low standards of cleanliness. <i>Drunken sluttish behaviour.</i>
unaffixed	Not affixed.
unattached	Not married or having an established partner; single. <i>Local people unattached to any organization.</i>
unbound	Not bound or tied up. <i>Unbound electrons.</i>
unrigorous	Not thorough, careful, or strictly applied. <i>The medical societies dismissed the practice as unrigorous and unethical.</i>
unsecured	Of a creditor having made an unsecured loan. <i>An unsecured note.</i>
untied	(of an international loan or aid) not given subject to the condition that it should be used for purchases from the donor country. <i>Untied German credits to the Soviet Union.</i>
<u>vague</u>	Of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning. <i>Saw a vague outline of a building through the fog.</i>
<u>wanton</u>	Growing profusely; luxuriant. <i>Sheer wanton vandalism.</i>



Usage Examples of "Loose" as an adjective

- *The bull was loose with cattle in the field.*
- *There is too much loose talk about the situation.*
- *Pockets bulging with loose change.*
- *Loose bowel movements.*
- *Wear your hair loose.*
- *Lucas punished some loose bowling severely.*
- *A loose weave.*
- *A loose ball.*
- *Dogs loose on the streets.*
- *The fabric's loose weave.*
- *She ran the risk of being called a loose woman.*
- *A box of loose nails.*
- *The tethered horses broke loose.*
- *The old man's skin hung loose and grey.*

- *A loose tooth.*
- *Loose clothing.*
- *A loose tongue.*
- *A loose organization of the local farmers.*
- *Loose soil.*
- *She swung into her easy, loose stride.*
- *The stamp came loose.*
- *She slipped into a loose T-shirt.*
- *A loose interpretation.*
- *He was told to avoid loose (or light) women.*
- *A loose federation of political groups.*
- *The lorry's trailer came loose.*
- *Loose gravel.*
- *The large shoes were very loose.*
- *Criminals on the loose in the neighborhood.*
- *A loose interpretation of what she had been told.*
- *Loose bowels.*



Loose as an Adverb

Definitions of "Loose" as an adverb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "loose" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- *Without restraint.*



Synonyms of "Loose" as an adverb (1 Word)

free Without restraint.
*Ladies were admitted **free**.*



Usage Examples of "Loose" as an adverb

- *Cows in India are running loose.*



Associations of "Loose" (30 Words)

baggy	Loose, wide-legged trousers or shorts. <i>His eyes were baggy with the fatigue of overwork.</i>
belt	Attach or secure with a belt. <i>A belt of high pressure.</i>
boot	Kick give a boot to. <i>The laptop boots up in 14 seconds flat.</i>
decompression	The process of expanding computer data to its normal size so that it can be read by a computer. <i>Itching and rashes often occur following decompression.</i>
disengage	Become free. <i>The ceasefire gave the commanders a chance to disengage their forces.</i>
disentangle	Free from involvement or entanglement. <i>Can you disentangle the cord.</i>
doublet	The same number on two dice thrown at once. <i>They were wearing red velvet doublets and hose.</i>
droop	An act or instance of drooping a limp or weary attitude. <i>A long black cloak drooped from his shoulders.</i>
floppy	A small plastic magnetic disk enclosed in a stiff envelope with a radial slit; used to store data or programs for a microcomputer. <i>Floppy disks are noted for their relatively slow speed and small capacity and low price.</i>
free	Grant freedom to free from confinement. <i>She spent her free time shopping.</i>
hat	Put on or wear a hat. <i>He was unsuitably hatted.</i>
lax	Of a speech sound especially a vowel pronounced with the vocal muscles relaxed. <i>The merger of tense and lax vowels before l.</i>
lenient	Tolerant or lenient. <i>Lenient magistrates.</i>
limp	A tendency to limp a gait impeded by injury or stiffness. <i>The conversation limped on for half an hour.</i>
loll	Hang loosely or laxly. <i>His tongue lolled.</i>

<u>loosely</u>	In a loose manner. <i>He moved loosely from side to side.</i>
loosen	Make loose or looser. <i>Loosen the soil.</i>
rein	Control and direct with or as if by reins. <i>The government had failed to rein in public spending.</i>
<u>remiss</u>	Lacking care or attention to duty; negligent. <i>It would be very remiss of me not to pass on that information.</i>
sag	The amount of a sag measured as the perpendicular distance from the middle of the curve to the straight line between the two supporting points. <i>She let her head sag lower and lower.</i>
slack	The part of a rope or line which is not held taut; the loose or unused part. <i>Soon the water will become slack and the tide will turn.</i>
<u>sloppy</u>	Careless and unsystematic; excessively casual. <i>She wore a sloppy sweater and jeans.</i>
sweatshirt	Cotton knit pullover with long sleeves worn during athletic activity.
<u>undo</u>	Cause to become loose. <i>The knot was difficult to undo.</i>
unfasten	Cause to become undone. <i>The dress unfastened easily.</i>
unknot	Become or cause to become undone by separating the fibers or threads of. <i>His shoulders unknotted.</i>
<u>unleash</u>	Release or vent. <i>They dig up badger setts and unleash terriers into them.</i>
unravel	(of twisted, knitted or woven threads) become undone. <i>They were attempting to unravel the cause of death.</i>
untie	Undo or unfasten (something that is tied or tied up). <i>She knelt to untie her laces.</i>
unwrap	Make known to the public information that was previously known only to a few people or that was meant to be kept a secret. <i>I began to unwrap my presents.</i>

