

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

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The synonyms of “Manipulate” are: cook, fake, falsify, fudge, misrepresent, wangle, pull strings, pull wires, control, keep in line, rig, operate, handle, work, use, employ, utilize, massage, rub, knead, feel, palpate, exploit, influence, turn to one's advantage, use to one's advantage, manoeuvre, engineer, steer, direct, guide, twist round one's little finger, orchestrate, choreograph, distort, alter, change, doctor, juggle, tamper with, fiddle with, tinker with, interfere with, corrupt

Manipulate as a Verb

Definitions of "Manipulate" as a verb

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

- *Control (others or oneself) or influence skillfully, usually to one's advantage.*
- *Influence or control shrewdly or deviously.*
- *Examine or treat (a part of the body) by feeling or moving it with the hand.*
- *Alter or present (data) so as to mislead.*
- *Handle or control (a tool, mechanism, information, etc.) in a skilful manner.*
- *Tamper, with the purpose of deception.*
- *Hold something in one's hands and move it.*
- *Maintain influence over (others or oneself) skillfully, usually to one's advantage.*
- *Alter, edit, or move (text or data) on a computer.*
- *Manipulate in a fraudulent manner.*
- *Treat manually, as with massage, for therapeutic purposed.*
- *Control or influence (a person or situation) cleverly or unscrupulously.*



Synonyms of "Manipulate" as a verb (44 Words)

<u>alter</u>	Make an alteration to. <i>This dress needs to be altered.</i>
change	Undergo a change become different in essence losing one's or its original nature. <i>I changed her on top of the table until she got too big.</i>
choreograph	Plan and control (an event or operation). <i>The ballet was choreographed by Diaghilev.</i>
control	Control others or oneself or influence skillfully usually to one's advantage. <i>He was appointed to control the company's marketing strategy.</i>
<u>cook</u>	Transform and make suitable for consumption by heating. <i>The band used to get up on the bandstand and really cook.</i>
corrupt	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>He has corrupted the boy.</i>

direct	Aim something in a particular direction or at a particular person. <i>Direct your anger towards others not towards yourself.</i>
<u>distort</u>	Twist and press out of shape. <i>A grimace distorted her mouth.</i>
doctor	Treat (someone) medically. <i>Fast bowlers were doctoring the ball.</i>
<u>employ</u>	Put into service make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose. <i>Temporary staff can be employed to undertake the work.</i>
<u>engineer</u>	Design as an engineer. <i>He engineered the water supply project.</i>
exploit	Work excessively hard. <i>We must exploit the resources we are given wisely.</i>
fake	Speak insincerely or without regard for facts or truths. <i>The politician was not well prepared for the debate and faked it.</i>
falsify	Insert words into texts often falsifying it thereby. <i>Changes falsify individual expectations.</i>
feel	Grope or feel in search of something. <i>She started to feel really sick.</i>
fiddle with	Manipulate manually or in one's mind or imagination.
fudge	Adjust or manipulate (facts or figures) so as to present a desired picture. <i>The authorities have fudged the issue.</i>
guide	Use as a guide. <i>Information is available to guide you through the planning and development process.</i>
handle	Handle effectively. <i>Don't handle the merchandise.</i>
influence	Shape or influence give direction to. <i>Government regulations can influence behaviour but often without changing underlying values and motivations.</i>
interfere with	Come between so as to be hindrance or obstacle.
<u>juggle</u>	Hold with difficulty and balance insecurely. <i>The player juggled the ball.</i>
keep in line	Allow to remain in a place or position or maintain a property or feature.

knead

Make bread or pottery by kneading flour or clay.
*She **kneaded** his back.*

manoeuvre

Carefully guide or manipulate (someone or something) in order to achieve an end.
*She tried to **manoeuvre** her trolley round people.*

massage

Give a massage to.
*Gently **massage** the cream on to your face.*

misrepresent

Give a false or misleading account of the nature of.
*This statement **misrepresents** my intentions.*

operate

Happen.
*Neither company had **operated** within the terms of its constitution.*

orchestrate

Plan and direct (a complex undertaking).
*The situation has been **orchestrated** by a tiny minority.*

palpate

Examine (a part of the body) by touch, especially for medical purposes.
*The skin of the lower neck must be **palpated** for cysts and infection.*

pull strings

Take away.

pull wires

Remove, usually with some force or effort; also used in an abstract sense.

rig

Provide a sailing boat with sails and rigging.
*The power plant of the lifeboat had been **rigged** to explode.*

rub

Make dry clean or smooth by rubbing.
*She found a towel and began **rubbing** her hair.*

steer

Follow (a course) in a specified direction.
*The fishermen were **steering** a direct course for Koepang.*

tamper with

Intrude in other people's affairs or business; interfere unwantedly.

tinker with

Work as a tinker or tinkerer.

turn to one's advantage

Cause to move along an axis or into a new direction.

twist round one's little finger

Do the twist.

use

Habitually do something or be in a certain state or place use only in the past tense.
*They **used** to vacation in the Bahamas.*

use to one's advantage

Avail oneself to.

utilize

Convert (from an investment trust to a unit trust.

*Vitamin C helps your body **utilize** the iron present in your diet.*

wangle

Tamper, with the purpose of deception.

*I **wangled** an invitation to her party.*

work

Be engaged in physical or mental activity in order to achieve a result do work.

*She **works** as a waitress to put herself through college.*



Usage Examples of "Manipulate" as a verb

- *Nations may still be able to manipulate their own data.*
- *He manipulated public opinion in his favor.*
- *The masses were deceived and manipulated by a tiny group.*

- *This system of healing is based on manipulating the ligaments of the spine.*
- *He manipulated the dials of the set.*
- *She manipulates her boss.*
- *The pupils can manipulate the data or screen image.*



Associations of "Manipulate" (30 Words)

abominable Very bad; terrible.
***Abominable** treatment of prisoners.*

aileron A hinged surface in the trailing edge of an aircraft wing, used to control roll around the longitudinal axis.

<u>alter</u>	Make an alteration to. <i>Our outward appearance alters as we get older.</i>
<u>brainwash</u>	Submit to brainwashing indoctrinate forcibly. <i>People are brainwashed into believing family life is the best.</i>
contort	Twist and press out of shape. <i>A spasm of pain contorted his face.</i>
crimp	A small connecting piece for crimping wires or lines together. <i>Crimped blonde hair.</i>
deform	Become distorted or misshapen undergo deformation. <i>The heat deformed the plastic sculpture.</i>
<u>deformed</u>	So badly formed or out of shape as to be ugly. <i>Deformed thalidomide babies.</i>
disfigure	Spoil the appearance of. <i>Litter disfigures the countryside.</i>
<u>distort</u>	Make false by mutilation or addition; as of a message or story. <i>Many factors can distort the results.</i>
flex	The action or state of flexing. <i>Set windows in rubber so they flex during an earthquake.</i>
garble	A garbled account or transmission. <i>Upon winning a race a driver spews out a litany of commercial garble.</i>
handle	Handle effectively. <i>The first penalty came as Brown handled.</i>
<u>insinuate</u>	Suggest or hint (something bad) in an indirect and unpleasant way. <i>I insinuated that I did not like his wife.</i>
irreversibly	In an irreversible manner. <i>Our landscape will be irreversibly damaged.</i>
kink	Form a curl curve or kink. <i>Though the system is making some headway there are still some kinks to iron out.</i>
mutate	Undergo mutation. <i>Rhythm and blues mutated into rock and roll.</i>
operate	Keep engaged. <i>Surgeons operated on on his jaw yesterday morning.</i>
overstate	To enlarge beyond bounds or the truth. <i>I overstated my case to make my point.</i>
<u>pervert</u>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>He was charged with conspiring to pervert the course of justice.</i>

retouch	Give retouches to hair. <i>This photograph has been retouched.</i>
torsion	The action of twisting or the state of being twisted, especially of one end of an object relative to the other.
transformed	Given a completely different form or appearance. <i>Shocked to see the transformed landscape.</i>
<u>twist</u>	Twist or pull violently or suddenly especially so as to remove something from that to which it is attached or from where it originates. <i>A barley sugar twist.</i>
warp	In weaving arrange yarn so as to form the warp of a piece of cloth. <i>The warp and weft are the basic constituents of all textiles.</i>
wrench	Turn something especially a nut or bolt with a wrench. <i>She slipped and wrenched her ankle.</i>
wrest	A key for tuning a harp or piano. <i>They wanted people to wrest control of their lives from impersonal bureaucracies.</i>
wrestle	Engage in a wrestling match. <i>As the policeman wrestled with the gunman a shot rang out.</i>
wry	(of the neck or features) distorted or turned to one side. <i>A remedy for wry necks.</i>

