

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 purposes.*
- *Control or influence (a person or situation) cleverly or unscrupulously.*



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

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

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

<b>knead</b>	Make bread or pottery by kneading flour or clay. <i>She <b>kneaded</b> his back.</i>
<b>manoeuvre</b>	Carefully guide or manipulate (someone or something) in order to achieve an end. <i>She tried to <b>manoeuvre</b> her trolley round people.</i>
<b>massage</b>	Give a massage to. <i>Gently <b>massage</b> the cream on to your face.</i>
<b>misrepresent</b>	Give a false or misleading account of the nature of. <i>This statement <b>misrepresents</b> my intentions.</i>
<b>operate</b>	Happen. <i>Neither company had <b>operated</b> within the terms of its constitution.</i>
<b>orchestrate</b>	Plan and direct (a complex undertaking). <i>The situation has been <b>orchestrated</b> by a tiny minority.</i>
<b>palpate</b>	Examine (a part of the body) by touch, especially for medical purposes. <i>The skin of the lower neck must be <b>palpated</b> for cysts and infection.</i>
<b>pull strings</b>	Take away.
<b>pull wires</b>	Remove, usually with some force or effort; also used in an abstract sense.
<b>rig</b>	Provide a sailing boat with sails and rigging. <i>The power plant of the lifeboat had been <b>rigged</b> to explode.</i>
<b>rub</b>	Make dry clean or smooth by rubbing. <i>She found a towel and began <b>rubbing</b> her hair.</i>
<b>steer</b>	Follow (a course) in a specified direction. <i>The fishermen were <b>steering</b> a direct course for Koepang.</i>
<b>tamper with</b>	Intrude in other people's affairs or business; interfere unwantedly.
<b>tinker with</b>	Work as a tinker or tinkerer.
<b>turn to one's advantage</b>	Cause to move along an axis or into a new direction.
<b>twist round one's little finger</b>	Do the twist.
<b>use</b>	Habitually do something or be in a certain state or place use only in the past tense. <i>They <b>used</b> to vacation in the Bahamas.</i>

**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.

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

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



