

Need another word that means the same as “maxim”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “maxim” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Maxim” are: sir hiram stevens maxim, axiom, saying, adage, aphorism, proverb, motto, saw, dictum, precept, epigram

Maxim as a Noun

Definitions of "Maxim" as a noun

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

- *A saying that is widely accepted on its own merits.*
- *A short, pithy statement expressing a general truth or rule of conduct.*
- *English inventor (born in the United States) who invented the Maxim gun that was used in World War I (1840-1916).*



Synonyms of "Maxim" as a noun (11 Words)

adage

A condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people.

*The old **adage** out of sight out of mind.*

aphorism

A pithy observation which contains a general truth.

*The debate begins and ends at the level of **aphorism** with commentators saying that something must be done.*

axiom

A statement or proposition which is regarded as being established, accepted, or self-evidently true.

*The **axiom** that sport builds character.*

dictum

A formal pronouncement from an authoritative source.

*The old **dictum** might is right.*

epigram

A witty saying.

*A Wildean **epigram**.*

motto

A short sentence or phrase chosen as encapsulating the beliefs or ideals of an individual, family, or institution.

*They were developing the use of leitmotifs or **mottoes** that appear throughout an opera.*

precept

A rate or tax set by a precept.

*The legal **precept** of being innocent until proven guilty.*

proverb

A condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people.

saw

A serrated organ or part such as the toothed snout of a sawfish.

saying

A short, pithy, commonly known expression which generally offers advice or wisdom.

*This is stated in the **sayings** of the Prophet.*

**sir hiram
stevens maxim**

Term of address for a man.



Usage Examples of "Maxim" as a noun

- *The maxim that actions speak louder than words.*



Associations of "Maxim" (30 Words)

[adage](#)

A condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people.

*The old **adage** out of sight out of mind.*

advert

An advertisement.

advise

Give advice to.

*Sleeping pills are not **advised**.*

[allegory](#)

A story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.

*Pilgrim s Progress is an **allegory** of the spiritual journey.*

<u>allude</u>	Mention without discussing at length. <i>The photographs allude to Italian Baroque painting.</i>
<u>aphorism</u>	A pithy observation which contains a general truth. <i>The old aphorism the child is father to the man.</i>
apologue	A moral fable, especially one with animals as characters.
<u>axiom</u>	A statement or proposition on which an abstractly defined structure is based. <i>The axiom that sport builds character.</i>
<u>cite</u>	Mention as an example. <i>He does not cite any source for this assertion.</i>
colloquial	Characteristic of informal spoken language or conversation. <i>Wrote her letters in a colloquial style.</i>
consultation	A conference (usually with someone important). <i>A consultation of several medical specialists.</i>
<u>counsel</u>	Recommend (a course of action). <i>He was counselled by his supporters to return to Germany.</i>
<u>dictum</u>	A formal pronouncement from an authoritative source. <i>The old dictum might is right.</i>
epigram	A pithy saying or remark expressing an idea in a clever and amusing way. <i>A Wildean epigram.</i>
fable	Invent (an incident, person, or story). <i>I do not dream nor fable.</i>
legend	The wording on a map or diagram explaining the symbols used. <i>See legend to Fig 1.</i>
locution	A word or phrase, especially with regard to style or idiom. <i>His impeccable locution.</i>
mention	An instance of being mentioned in dispatches. <i>I haven't mentioned it to William yet.</i>
motto	A favorite saying of a sect or political group. <i>The family motto is Faithful though Unfortunate.</i>
parable	A short moral story (often with animal characters). <i>The parable of the blind men and the elephant.</i>
<u>paraphrase</u>	Rewording for the purpose of clarification. <i>Scattered here and there in the text are frank paraphrases of lines from Virgil Cicero and Quintilian.</i>
proverb	A short, well-known pithy saying, stating a general truth or piece of advice.

quote	Put quote marks around. <i>The examples quoted above could be multiplied from case studies from all over England.</i>
reference	Mention or refer to. <i>Each chapter should have references to books covering the subject in greater depth.</i>
remark	Notice or comment. <i>It passed without remark.</i>
saying	A short, pithy, commonly known expression which generally offers advice or wisdom. <i>This is stated in the sayings of the Prophet.</i>
shibboleth	A manner of speaking that is distinctive of a particular group of people. <i>Liberal shibboleths about education.</i>
talk	Discussion talk about is a less formal alternative for discussion of. <i>There was a slight but noticeable lull in the talk.</i>
tell	Give evidence. <i>I can t tell the difference between margarine and butter.</i>
truism	An obvious truth. <i>The truism that you get what you pay for.</i>

