

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.*

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

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

