

Need another word that means the same as “mercenary”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “mercenary” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Mercenary” are: free-lance, freelance, mercantile, moneymaking, materialistic, worldly-minded, grasping, greedy, acquisitive, avaricious, covetous, rapacious, bribable, venal, soldier of fortune, professional soldier, hireling

Mercenary as a Noun

Definitions of "Mercenary" as a noun

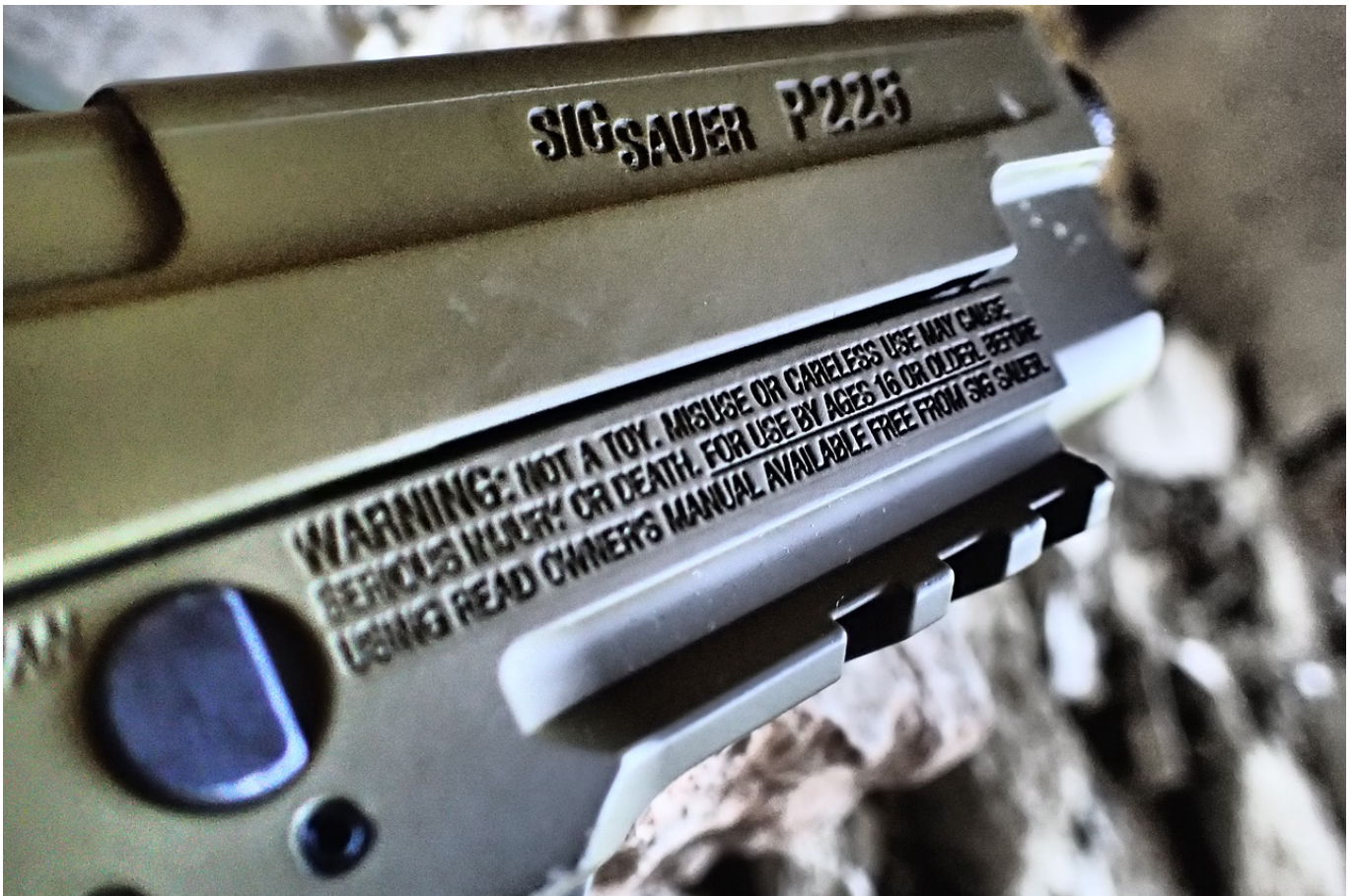
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “mercenary” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A professional soldier hired to serve in a foreign army.*
- *A person hired to fight for another country than their own.*
- *A person primarily motivated by personal gain.*



Synonyms of "Mercenary" as a noun (3 Words)

- hireling** A person who works only for money.
*The poorly paid **hirelings** in their shabby clothes.*
- professional soldier** An athlete who plays for pay.
- soldier of fortune** An enlisted man or woman who serves in an army.



Usage Examples of "Mercenary" as a noun

- *He had planned to seize power with the aid of a group of mercenaries.*
- *Cricket's most infamous mercenary.*



Mercenary as an Adjective

Definitions of "Mercenary" as an adjective

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

- *Profit oriented- John Buchan.*
- *Marked by materialism.*
- *Primarily concerned with making money at the expense of ethics.*
- *Serving for wages in a foreign army.*
- *Profit oriented.*



Synonyms of "Mercenary" as an adjective (14 Words)

<u>acquisitive</u>	Excessively interested in acquiring money or material things. <i>We live in a competitive and acquisitive society.</i>
avaricious	Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth. <i>They are avaricious and will do anything for money.</i>
bribable	Capable of being corrupted.
covetous	Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth. <i>Jealous of his success and covetous of his possessions.</i>
free-lance	Working for yourself.
<u>freelance</u>	Self-employed and hired to work for different companies on particular assignments. <i>A freelance journalist.</i>
grasping	Avaricious; greedy. <i>They were regarded as grasping landlords.</i>

- greedy** Ardently or excessively desirous.
*Don't be **greedy** with the cookies.*
- materialistic** Conforming to the standards and conventions of the middle class.
*We're living in a highly **materialistic** society.*
- mercantile** Relating to or characteristic of trade or traders.
*The shift of wealth to the **mercantile** classes.*
- moneymaking** Producing a profit, especially with little effort; profitable.
*A **moneymaking** business.*
- rapacious** Devouring or craving food in great quantities.
***Rapacious** landlords.*
- venal** Showing or motivated by susceptibility to bribery; corrupt.
*A **venal** police officer.*
- worldly-minded** Marked by materialism.



Usage Examples of "Mercenary" as an adjective

- *Mercenary killers.*
- *A mercenary enterprise.*
- *She's nothing but a mercenary little gold-digger.*



Associations of "Mercenary" (30 Words)

army

The army of the United States of America the agency that organizes and trains soldiers for land warfare.

*He joined the **army** at 16.*

commercial

Of or relating to commercialism.

***Commercial** products.*

contracted

Reduced in size or pulled together.

*The **contracted** pupils of her eyes.*

cop	Receive or attain (something welcome). <i>An easy journey if we don't cop any rough weather.</i>
corps	A body of people associated together. <i>At 9 30 a m the press corps was handed what looked to be a routine list of orders.</i>
employ	Put into service make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose. <i>Her place of employ.</i>
employee	A person employed for wages or salary, especially at non-executive level.
epigone	A less distinguished follower or imitator of someone, especially an artist or philosopher. <i>The humdrum compositions of some of Beethoven's epigones.</i>
gendarme	A French policeman. <i>The granite pillars and gendarmes kept the sun from warming us.</i>
headhunter	A person who identifies and approaches suitable candidates employed elsewhere to fill business positions. <i>A headhunter offering you a wonderful new position at a higher salary.</i>
hire	A person who is hired an employee. <i>Wilmot hired a private detective to follow him.</i>
hireling	A person who works only for money. <i>The government's paid hirelings assure us that we're on our way out of recession.</i>
induct	Introduce someone to (a difficult or obscure subject). <i>There was a ceremony to induct the president of the Academy.</i>
lackey	A person who is obsequiously willing to obey or serve another person. <i>He denied that he was the lackey of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.</i>
manager	A person in charge of the activities, tactics, and training of a sports team. <i>If I was his manager I would offer Lewis 8 m for the fight.</i>
occupation	The act of occupying or taking possession of a building. <i>A property suitable for occupation by older people.</i>
officer	Provide with military officers. <i>Special Constables provide valuable support to full time officers.</i>
personnel	The department responsible for hiring and training and placing employees and for setting policies for personnel management. <i>Sales personnel.</i>
policeman	A male member of a police force.

<u>profession</u>	A body of people engaged in a particular profession. <i>A profession of faith in Jesus Christ.</i>
recruit	Cause to assemble or enlist in the military. <i>The party recruited many new members.</i>
recruitment	The incorporation of cells from elsewhere in the body into a tissue or region. <i>Methods of military recruitment.</i>
salesclerk	A salesperson in a store.
secretarial	Of or relating to a secretary or to a secretary's work. <i>Secretarial skills.</i>
sergeant	A rank of non commissioned officer in the army or air force above corporal and below staff sergeant.
<u>servant</u>	A person employed in the service of a government. <i>He was a great servant of the Labour Party.</i>
<u>soldier</u>	Serve as a soldier in the military. <i>Graham wasn't enjoying this but he soldiered on.</i>
<u>staff</u>	Provide with staff. <i>He adopted literature as the staff of his pilgrimage.</i>
sycophant	A person who tries to please someone in order to gain a personal advantage.
toady	Act in an obsequious way. <i>She imagined him toadying to his rich clients.</i>

