

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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# 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 people paid hirelings in their sh

The poorly paid **hireling**s 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)

**acquisitive**Excessively interested in acquiring money or material things.

We live in a competitive and acquisitive society.

avaricious Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth.

They are **avaricious** and will do anything for money.

**bribable** Capable of being corrupted.

covetous Immoderately desirous of acquiring e.g. wealth.

Jealous of his success and **covetous** of his possessions.

**free-lance** Working for yourself.

Self-employed and hired to work for different companies on particular

**freelance** assignments.

A freelance journalist.

**grasping** Avaricious; greedy.

They were regarded as **grasping** landlords.



**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.

Pagazinus landlands

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)

The army of the United States of America the agency that organizes and

trains soldiers for land warfare.

He joined the army at 16.

Of or relating to commercialism. **commercial** 

Commercial products.

**army** 

Reduced in size or pulled together. contracted

The **contracted** pupils of her eyes.



Receive or attain (something welcome.

An easy journey if we don t **cop** any rough weather.

A body of people associated together.

**corps** At 9 30 a m the press **corps** was handed what looked to be a routine list of

orders.

Put into service make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its

**employ** inherent or natural purpose.

Her place of employ.

**employee** A person employed for wages or salary, especially at non-executive level.

A less distinguished follower or imitator of someone, especially an artist or

**epigone** philosopher.

The humdrum compositions of some of Beethoven s **epigone**s.

A French policeman.

**gendarme**The granite pillars and **gendarme**s kept the sun from warming us.

A person who identifies and approaches suitable candidates employed

**headhunter** elsewhere to fill business positions.

A **headhunter** offering you a wonderful new position at a higher salary.

hire A person who is hired an employee.

Wilmot **hire**d a private detective to follow him.

A person who works only for money.

**hireling** The government s paid **hireling**s assure us that we re on our way out of

recession.

induct Introduce someone to (a difficult or obscure subject.

There was a ceremony to **induct** the president of the Academy.

lackey

A person who is obsequiously willing to obey or serve another person.

He denied that he was the **lackey** of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

**manager** A person in charge of the activities, tactics, and training of a sports team.

If I was his **manager** I would offer Lewis 8 m for the fight.

The act of occupying or taking possession of a building.

A property suitable for **occupation** by older people.

**officer** Provide with military officers.

Special Constables provide valuable support to full time **officers**.

The department responsible for hiring and training and placing employees

**personnel** and for setting policies for personnel management.

Sales **personnel**.

**policeman** A male member of a police force.



A body of people engaged in a particular profession.

A **profession** of faith in Jesus Christ.

recruit Cause to assemble or enlist in the military.

The party **recruit**ed many new members.

**recruitment** The incorporation of cells from elsewhere in the body into a tissue or region.

Methods of military **recruitment**.

**salesclerk** A salesperson in a store.

**secretarial** Of or relating to a secretary or to a secretary's work.

**Secretarial** skills.

sergeant A rank of non commissioned officer in the army or air force above corporal

and below staff sergeant.

A person employed in the service of a government.

He was a great **servant** of the Labour Party.

**soldier** Serve as a soldier in the military.

Graham wasn t enjoying this but he **soldier**ed on.

Provide with staff.

He adopted literature as the **staff** of his pilgrimage.

**sycophant** A person who tries to please someone in order to gain a personal advantage.

Act in an obsequious way.

She imagined him **toady**ing to his rich clients.



