

Need another word that means the same as “observe”? Find 84 synonyms and 30 related words for “observe” in this overview.

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Observe as a Verb

Definitions of "Observe" as a verb

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

- *Conform one's action or practice to.*
- *Notice or perceive (something) and register it as being significant.*
- *Fulfil or comply with (a social, legal, ethical, or religious obligation).*
- *Make mention of.*
- *Discover or determine the existence, presence, or fact of.*

- *Watch attentively.*
- *Watch (someone or something) carefully and attentively.*
- *Perform or take part in (a rite or ceremony).*
- *Maintain (silence) in compliance with a rule or custom, or temporarily as a mark of respect.*
- *Follow with the eyes or the mind.*
- *Make a remark.*
- *Show respect towards.*
- *Stick to correctly or closely.*
- *Observe with care or pay close attention to.*
- *Celebrate or acknowledge (an anniversary).*
- *Behave as expected during of holidays or rites.*
- *Take note of or detect (something) in the course of a scientific study.*



Synonyms of "Observe" as a verb (84 Words)

abide by	Dwell.
accept	Make use of or accept for some purpose. <i>She accepted a temporary post as a clerk.</i>
acquiesce in	To agree or express agreement.
adhere to	Be compatible or in accordance with.
announce	Make known make an announcement. <i>He announced the winners of the spelling bee.</i>
be heedful of	Represent, as of a character on stage.
be mindful of	Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun.
be present at	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
bear in mind	Bring in.
carry out	Transfer (a number, cipher, or remainder) to the next column or unit's place before or after, in addition or multiplication.
celebrate	Reach (a birthday or anniversary). <i>The programme celebrates its 40th birthday this year.</i>
check out	Lessen the intensity of; temper; hold in restraint; hold or keep within limits.
comment	Turn part of a program into a comment so that the computer ignores it when running the program. <i>Teachers commented that children of all abilities would benefit.</i>
comply with	Act in accordance with someone's rules, commands, or wishes.
conform to	Adapt or conform oneself to new or different conditions.
consent to	Give an affirmative reply to; respond favorably to.
contemplate	Look thoughtfully for a long time at. <i>Contemplate one's navel.</i>
<u>declare</u>	Declare to be. <i>The president had declared for denuclearization of Europe.</i>
defer to	Yield to another's wish or opinion.
<u>detect</u>	Discern (something intangible or barely perceptible). <i>Cancer may soon be detected in its earliest stages.</i>

discern

Recognize or find out.

*Pupils quickly **discern** what is acceptable to the teacher.*

discover

See for the first time make a discovery.

*The story is false so far as I can **discover**.*

distinguish

Manage to discern (something barely perceptible).

*It was too dark to **distinguish** anything more than their vague shapes.*

do

Get something done.

*Joe was **doing** sums aloud.*

execute

Carry out the legalities of.

*Not only does she **execute** embroideries she designs them too.*

exercise

Do physical exercise.

*Raise your knee to **exercise** the upper leg muscles.*

eye

Look at someone in a way that reveals a particular, especially sexual, interest.

*Rose **eyed** him warily.*

find

Get or find back recover the use of.

*Phobia sufferers often **find** themselves virtual prisoners in their own home.*

follow

Come as a logical consequence follow logically.

***Follow** the road.*

fulfil

Carry out (a duty or role) as required, promised, or expected.

*Arts grants go to young people who say they wish to **fulfil** themselves.*

heed

Pay close attention to give heed to.

*He should have **heeded** the warnings.*

honor

Bestow honor or rewards upon.

*We **honor** checks and drafts.*

honour

Regard with great respect.

*Make sure the franchisees **honour** the terms of the contract.*

interject

To insert between other elements.

*She **interjected** the odd question here and there.*

interpose

Get involved, so as to alter or hinder an action, or through force or threat of force.

*The memo **interposes** no objection to issuing a discharge.*

keep

Store or keep customarily.

*She had trouble **keeping** her balance.*

keep a weather eye on	Retain possession of.
keep an eye on	Raise.
keep under observation	Maintain in safety from injury, harm, or danger.
keep under scrutiny	Conform one's action or practice to.
keep under surveillance	Retain rights to.
keep watch on	Conform one's action or practice to.
look at	Search or seek.
maintain	Maintain by writing regular records. Maintain a record.
make allowances for	Create or manufacture a man-made product.
make out	Develop into.
mention	Make mention of. <i>I mentioned that my father was meeting me later.</i>
monitor	Maintain regular surveillance over. <i>Listening devices were used to monitor conversations.</i>
note	Make a written note of. <i>Please note that you will not receive a reminder that final payment is due.</i>
notice	Notice or perceive. <i>I noticed that she was looking tired.</i>
<u>obey</u>	Be obedient to. <i>The officer was convicted for refusing to obey orders.</i>
partake in	Have, give, or receive a share of.
participate in	Become a participant; be involved in.
pay attention to	Make a compensation for.
pay heed to	Be worth it.
<u>perceive</u>	Become conscious of. <i>He was quick to perceive that there was little future in such arguments.</i>
perform	Carry out or perform an action. <i>The car performs well at low speeds.</i>
pronounce	Pronounce judgment on. <i>A company whose name no one could pronounce.</i>
put into practice	Cause (someone) to undergo something.
reconnoitre	Explore, often with the goal of finding something or somebody. <i>They reconnoitred the beach some weeks before the landing.</i>

regard	Deem to be. <i>He was highly regarded by senators of both parties.</i>
remark	Say something as a comment; mention. <i>Tom s looking peaky she remarked.</i>
remember	Convey greetings from one person to (another). <i>Can you remember her phone number.</i>
respect	Show respect towards. <i>I respect his judgement.</i>
say	Have or contain a certain wording or form. <i>What does the law say.</i>
<u>scrutinize</u>	To look at critically or searchingly, or in minute detail. <i>He scrutinized his likeness in the mirror.</i>
<u>see</u>	See or watch. <i>I shall not live to see it.</i>
show consideration for	Be or become visible or noticeable.
show regard for	Give an exhibition of to an interested audience.
<u>spot</u>	Mark or become marked with spots. <i>Andrew spotted the advert in the paper.</i>
spy on	Watch, observe, or inquire secretly.
stand by	Occupy a place or location, also metaphorically.
state	Specify the facts of (a case) for consideration. <i>People will be invited to state their views.</i>
<u>survey</u>	Make a survey of for statistical purposes. <i>95 per cent of patients surveyed were satisfied with the health service.</i>
take cognizance of	Obtain by winning.
take into account	Head into a specified direction.
take into consideration	Take into consideration for exemplifying purposes.
take note	Interpret something in a certain way; convey a particular meaning or impression.
<u>utter</u>	Express audibly utter sounds not necessarily words. <i>He uttered strange sounds that nobody could understand.</i>
view	See (a fox) break cover. <i>The public can view the famous hall with its unique staircase.</i>
<u>watch</u>	See or watch. <i>Most women watch their diet during pregnancy.</i>

watch like a hawk

Observe or determine by looking.

watch over

Observe or determine by looking.

witness

Be a witness to.

*His writings **witness** to an inner toughness.*



Usage Examples of "Observe" as a verb

- *Please observe the reaction of these two chemicals.*
- *A tribunal must observe the principles of natural justice.*
- *A stockbroker once observed that dealers live and work in hell.*
- *She observed that his presentation took up too much time.*
- *Rob stood in the hallway, from where he could observe the happenings on the street.*
- *The behaviour observed in groups of chimpanzees.*
- *'It's chilly,' she observed.*
- *A minute's silence will be observed.*
- *Relations gather to observe the funeral rites.*
- *She observed that all the chairs were already occupied.*
- *They observed the one-year anniversary of the flood.*



Associations of "Observe" (30 Words)

behold

See or observe (someone or something, especially of remarkable or impressive nature).

*The botanical gardens were a wonder to **behold**.*

continence

The exercise of self constraint in sexual matters.

*Complete sexual **continence** is considered an essential feature of the monastic life.*

discovered

Discovered or determined by scientific observation.

***Discovered** differences in achievement.*

eye

The visual or light detecting organ of many invertebrate animals that corresponds to the eye of humans and vertebrate animals.

*The smaller the **eye** the more intense the winds.*

glance

Throw a glance at take a brief look at.

*He **glanced** the ball into the corner of the net.*

look	Look forward to the probable occurrence of. <i>My backyard look onto the pond.</i>
lookout	A place from which to keep watch or view the landscape. <i>They acted as lookouts at the post office.</i>
mention	Make mention of. <i>I mentioned that my father was meeting me later.</i>
microscopy	Research with the use of microscopes.
observant	Adhering strictly to the rules of a particular religion, especially Judaism. <i>Her observant eye took in every detail.</i>
observation	The act of noticing or paying attention. <i>Detailed observations were carried out on the students behaviour.</i>
observatory	A structure commanding a wide view of its surroundings.
ocular	Of or relating to or resembling the eye. <i>Ocular muscles.</i>
optic	A lens or other optical component in an optical instrument. <i>An optical illusion.</i>
optical	Relating to sight, especially in relation to the action of light. <i>An optical illusion.</i>
optician	A person qualified to prescribe and dispense glasses and contact lenses and to detect eye diseases ophthalmic optician or to make and supply glasses and contact lenses dispensing optician.
<u>perceive</u>	Become aware or conscious of (something); come to realize or understand. <i>His mouth fell open as he perceived the truth.</i>
probation	A process of testing or observing the character or abilities of a person who is new to a role or job. <i>For an initial period of probation your manager will closely monitor your progress.</i>
<u>see</u>	Imagine conceive of see in one s mind. <i>He is blind he cannot see.</i>
seeing	The action of seeing someone or something. <i>He had given the seeing as fair.</i>
sentinel	A person employed to keep watch for some anticipated event. <i>A sentinel surveillance programme for influenza.</i>
sentry	A soldier stationed to keep guard or to control access to a place. <i>On sentry duty.</i>
sight	Take aim by looking through the sights of a gun or other device. <i>He was getting used to seeing unpleasant sights.</i>

- spectacle** A blunder that makes you look ridiculous used in the phrase make a spectacle of yourself.
*The show is pure **spectacle**.*
- surveillance** Close observation of a person or group (usually by the police).
*He found himself put under **surveillance** by British military intelligence.*
- telescopic** Visible through a telescope.
***Telescopic** observations.*
- visibility** The state of being able to see or be seen.
*A windshield with good **visibility**.*
- visible** Visible imports or exports.
*Mountains **visible** in the distance.*
- visual** Visible- Shakespeare.
***Visual** navigation.*
- watch** A watchman or group of watchmen who patrolled and guarded the streets of a town before the introduction of the police force.
*Credit card fraud is on the increase so **watch** out.*

