

Need another word that means the same as “occupy”? Find 60 synonyms and 30 related words for “occupy” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Occupy” are: absorb, engage, engross, concern, interest, worry, take, use up, fill, invade, busy, lodge in, reside, inhabited, live in, inhabit, be the tenant of, tenant, be ensconced in, be established in, establish oneself in, take up residence in, make one's home in, settle in, move into, full, taken, take up, fill up, cover, extend over, utilize, hold, be in, have, employ, distract, preoccupy, hold the attention of, immerse, involve, entertain, divert, amuse, beguile, on the job, capture, seize, take possession of, conquer, overrun, take over, colonize, garrison, annex, dominate, subjugate, hegemonize, commandeer, requisition

Occupy as a Verb

Definitions of "Occupy" as a verb

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

- *Keep (someone) busy and active.*
- *Hold (a position or job).*
- *Be on the mind of.*
- *Consume all of one's attention or time.*
- *Enter and stay in (a building) without authority and often forcibly, especially as a form of protest.*
- *Be situated in or at (a position in a system or hierarchy).*
- *Take control of (a place, especially a country) by military conquest or settlement.*
- *Require (time or space).*
- *Assume, as of positions or roles.*

- *Reside or have one's place of business in (a building).*
- *Fill or preoccupy (the mind).*
- *Fill or take up (a space or time).*
- *Keep busy with.*
- *Live (in a certain place).*
- *March aggressively into another's territory by military force for the purposes of conquest and occupation.*
- *Occupy the whole of.*



Synonyms of "Occupy" as a verb (60 Words)

absorb

Take up, as of debts or payments.
*The sales tax is **absorbed** into the state income tax.*

amuse

Make (somebody) laugh.
*The play **amused** the ladies.*

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| <u>annex</u> | Add (territory) to one's own territory by appropriation. <i>Hitler annexed Lithuania.</i> |
| be ensconced in | Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun. |
| be established in | Represent, as of a character on stage. |
| be in | Represent, as of a character on stage. |
| be the tenant of | Occupy a certain position or area. |
| beguile | Charm or enchant (someone), often in a deceptive way. <i>To beguile some of the time they went to the cinema.</i> |
| <u>busy</u> | Keep busy with. <i>She busied herself with her new home.</i> |
| capture | Bring about the capture of an elementary particle or celestial body and causing it enter a new orbit. <i>Jupiter's gravity captured a small percentage of these planetesimals.</i> |
| colonize | (of a plant or animal) establish itself in (an area). <i>A small town in a part of the Hudson Valley fast being colonized by weekenders.</i> |
| <u>commandeer</u> | Take arbitrarily or by force. <i>The truck was commandeered by a mob.</i> |
| concern | Be relevant to. <i>Don't concern yourself old boy my lips are sealed.</i> |
| conquer | Overcome by conquest. <i>Conquer a country.</i> |
| cover | Cover as if with a shroud. <i>The table had been covered with a checked tablecloth.</i> |
| distract | Divert one's attention from something unpleasant by doing something different or more pleasurable. <i>The thief distracted the bystanders.</i> |
| divert | Send on a course or in a direction different from the planned or intended one. <i>Although the audience members were diverted by this new symphony critics disliked it.</i> |
| dominate | Be greater in significance than. <i>Hispanics predominate in this neighborhood.</i> |

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| employ | Put into service make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose. <i>The firm employs 150 people.</i> |
| engage | Engage or hire for work. <i>They attempted to engage Anthony in conversation.</i> |
| engross | Absorb all the attention or interest of. <i>The country had made the best of its position to engross trade.</i> |
| entertain | Provide entertainment for. <i>Sunday lunchtime is the best time to entertain.</i> |
| establish oneself in | Set up or found. |
| extend over | Continue or extend. |
| fill | Fill to satisfaction. <i>Community land trusts are a way to fill the pressing need for housing.</i> |
| fill up | Plug with a substance. |
| full | Of the moon or tide become full. <i>Full the cloth.</i> |
| garrison | Station troops in a fort or garrison. <i>French troops were garrisoned at Phillipsburg.</i> |
| have | Have a personal or business relationship with someone. <i>Have a lover.</i> |
| hegemonize | Subject (a population, region, process, etc.) to a dominant political or social power. <i>Globalization hegemonizes and controls the urban as well as rural poor.</i> |
| hold | Lessen the intensity of temper hold in restraint hold or keep within limits. <i>I ll have that coffee now if the offer still holds.</i> |
| hold the attention of | Hold the attention of. |
| immerse | Cause to be immersed. <i>She immersed herself in her work.</i> |
| inhabit | Be an inhabitant of or reside in. <i>A bird that inhabits North America.</i> |
| inhabited | Be present in. |
| interest | Excite the curiosity of engage the interest of. <i>I thought the book might interest Eliot.</i> |

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| invade | (of a parasite or disease) spread into (an organism or bodily part). <i>He felt his privacy was being invaded.</i> |
| involve | Cause to participate in an activity or situation. <i>His story completely involved me during the entire afternoon.</i> |
| live in | Lead a certain kind of life live in a certain style. |
| lodge in | Provide housing for. |
| make one's home in | Appear to begin an activity. |
| move into | Move so as to change position, perform a nontranslational motion. |
| on the job | Work occasionally. |
| overrun | Continue beyond or above an expected or allowed time or cost. <i>The Mediterranean has been overrun by tourists.</i> |
| preoccupy | Engage or engross the interest or attention of beforehand or occupy urgently or obsessively. <i>His mother was preoccupied with paying the bills.</i> |
| requisition | Make a formal request for official services. <i>The government had assumed powers to requisition cereal products at fixed prices.</i> |
| reside | Make one's home in a particular place or community. <i>My parents reside in Florida.</i> |
| seize | Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force take as one's right or possession. <i>Fear seized the prisoners.</i> |
| settle in | Settle into a position usually on a surface or ground. |
| subjugate | Put down by force or intimidation. <i>The new ruler firmly subjugated the Church to the state.</i> |
| take | Take as an undesirable consequence of some event or state of affairs. <i>He takes the bus to work.</i> |
| take over | Remove something concrete, as by lifting, pushing, or taking off, or remove something abstract. |
| take possession of | Interpret something in a certain way; convey a particular meaning or impression. |
| take up | Pick out, select, or choose from a number of alternatives. |
| take up residence in | Engage for service under a term of contract. |
| taken | Be designed to hold or take. |

tenant

Occupy as a tenant.
*The house was **tenanted** by his cousin.*

use up

Use up consume fully.

utilize

Put into service; make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose.

*Vitamin C helps your body **utilize** the iron present in your diet.*

worry

(of a dog or other carnivorous animal) tear at or pull about with the teeth.

*I began to **worry** whether I had done the right thing.*



Usage Examples of "Occupy" as a verb

- *A very different job from any that he had occupied before.*
- *Sarah occupied herself taking the coffee cups over to the sink.*

- *The workers occupied the factory.*
- *Her mind was occupied with alarming questions.*
- *The Bank of England occupies a central position in the UK financial system.*
- *The rented flat she occupies in Hampstead.*
- *The young prince will soon occupy the throne.*
- *Two long windows occupied almost the whole of the end wall.*
- *Syria was occupied by France under a League of Nations mandate.*



Associations of "Occupy" (30 Words)

abide

Be unable to tolerate (someone or something).
*Many unskilful Men do **abide** in our City of London.*

abode

A place of residence; a house or home.
*My humble **abode**.*

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| <u>citizen</u> | A legally recognized subject or national of a state or commonwealth, either native or naturalized. <i>A British citizen.</i> |
| county | Relating to or characteristic of aristocratic people with an ancestral home in a particular county. <i>One of the most attractive towns in the county.</i> |
| denizen | A foreigner allowed certain rights in their adopted country. <i>Denizens of the deep.</i> |
| domicile | Law the residence where you have your permanent home or principal establishment and to where whenever you are absent you intend to return every person is compelled to have one and only one domicile at a time. <i>The tenant is domiciled in the United Kingdom.</i> |
| <u> dwell</u> | Live in or at a specified place. <i>This kind of fish dwells near the bottom of the ocean.</i> |
| dweller | A person who inhabits a particular place. <i>City dwellers.</i> |
| <u>dwelling</u> | Housing that someone is living in. <i>He built a modest dwelling near the pond.</i> |
| engross | Devote (oneself) fully to. <i>The country had made the best of its position to engross trade.</i> |
| <u>engulf</u> | (of a natural force) sweep over (something) so as to surround or cover it completely. <i>A feeling of anguish so great that it threatened to engulf him.</i> |
| fill | Material typically loose or compacted which fills a space especially in building or engineering work. <i>The theater filled up slowly.</i> |
| habitable | Suitable or good enough to live in. <i>The habitable world.</i> |
| habitant | An inhabitant. <i>The habitant farmhouses of old Quebec.</i> |
| <u>habitat</u> | A person's usual or preferred surroundings. <i>A marine habitat.</i> |
| habitation | The fact of living in a particular place. <i>He studied the creation and inhabitation and demise of the colony.</i> |
| home | Provide with or send to a home. <i>A home win.</i> |
| homestead | Settle land given by the government and occupy it as a homestead. |

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| <u>inhabit</u> | Be an inhabitant of or reside in. <i>Sweet memories inhabit this house.</i> |
| inhabitant | A person who fulfils the residential or legal requirements for being a member of a state or parish. |
| <u>mansion</u> | A terrace or mansion block. <i>Carlyle Mansions.</i> |
| <u>monopolize</u> | Have or exploit a monopoly of. <i>OPEC wants to monopolize oil.</i> |
| municipal | Of or relating to the government of a municipality. <i>Municipal offices.</i> |
| <u>neighborhood</u> | People living near one another. <i>He always blames someone else in the immediate neighborhood.</i> |
| niche | Place something in a niche or recess. <i>Her bed was tucked into a niche in the wall.</i> |
| populate | Fill in (data). <i>The island is populated by scarcely 40 000 people.</i> |
| <u>reside</u> | (of a quality) be present or inherent in something. <i>She resides in Princeton.</i> |
| resident | An intelligence agent in a foreign country. <i>Arctic residents are joined annually by long distance migrants.</i> |
| <u>territory</u> | An area of knowledge, activity, or experience. <i>Don t go committing murders on my territory.</i> |
| township | (in South Africa) a suburb or city of predominantly black occupation, formerly officially designated for black occupation by apartheid legislation. <i>Township theatre.</i> |

