

Need another word that means the same as “overtake”? Find 35 synonyms and 30 related words for “overtake” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Overtake” are: overcome, overpower, overwhelm, sweep over, overwhelm, overhaul, pass, catch, catch up with, get past, go past, go by, get ahead of, pull ahead of, leave behind, outdistance, outstrip, surpass, overshadow, eclipse, outshine, outclass, befall, happen to, come upon, hit, strike, fall on, be visited on, engulf, take by surprise, surprise, catch unawares, catch unprepared, catch off guard

Overtake as a Verb

Definitions of "Overtake" as a verb

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

- *(especially of misfortune) come suddenly or unexpectedly upon.*
- *Become greater or more successful than.*
- *(of a feeling) affect (someone) suddenly and powerfully.*
- *Catch up with and possibly overtake.*
- *Overcome, as with emotions or perceptual stimuli.*
- *Catch up with and pass while travelling in the same direction.*
- *Travel past.*



Synonyms of "Overtake" as a verb (35 Words)

be visited on	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
befall	(especially of something bad) happen to (someone). <i>He promised that no harm would befall her.</i>
catch	Discover or come upon accidentally suddenly or unexpectedly catch somebody doing something or in a certain state. <i>Did you catch that allusion.</i>
catch off guard	Be the catcher.
catch unawares	Capture as if by hunting, snaring, or trapping.
catch unprepared	Catch up with and possibly overtake.
catch up with	Catch up with and possibly overtake.
come upon	Move toward, travel toward something or somebody or approach something or somebody.

<u>eclipse</u>	Cause an eclipse of a celestial body by intervention. <i>Jupiter was eclipsed by the Moon.</i>
<u>engulf</u>	Eat or swallow (something) whole. <i>Europe might be engulfed by war.</i>
fall on	Drop oneself to a lower or less erect position.
get ahead of	Move into a desired direction of discourse.
get past	Achieve a point or goal.
go by	Pass, fare, or elapse; of a certain state of affairs or action.
go past	Be in the right place or situation.
happen to	Come upon, as if by accident; meet with.
hit	Hit the intended target or goal. <i>We were hit by really bad weather.</i>
leave behind	Leave behind unintentionally.
outclass	Be far superior to. <i>Villa totally outclassed us in the first half.</i>
outdistance	Leave (a competitor or pursuer) far behind. <i>He outdistanced the other runners.</i>
outshine	Be much better than (someone) in a particular area. <i>What star outshines the sun.</i>
outstrip	Be or do something to a greater degree. <i>During the morning warm up he once again outstripped the field.</i>
<u>overcome</u>	Overcome usually through no fault or weakness of the person that is overcome. <i>She was obviously overcome with excitement.</i>
<u>overhaul</u>	Overtake (someone), especially in a sporting event. <i>You should overhaul your car engine.</i>
<u>overpower</u>	Be too intense for; overwhelm. <i>They were overpowered by the fumes.</i>
<u>overshadow</u>	Cast gloom over. <i>The tall tree overshadowed the house.</i>
<u>overwhelm</u>	Overcome, as with emotions or perceptual stimuli. <i>The Irish side was overwhelmed 15 3 by Scotland.</i>
pass	Pass into a specified state or condition. <i>He was passed fit by army doctors.</i>
pull ahead of	Cause to move by pulling.

strike

Undertake strike action against an employer.
*We must **strike** the enemy's oil fields.*

surpass

Be or do something to a greater degree.
*He continued to **surpass** me at all games.*

surprise

Cause to be surprised.
*The news really **surprised** me.*

sweep over

Cover the entire range of.

take by surprise

Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.

whelm

Engulf, submerge, or bury.
*The brook **whelmed** up from its source.*



Usage Examples of "Overtake" as a verb

- *Germany rapidly overtook Britain in industrial output.*
- *Disaster overtook the town in 1296.*
- *He overtook in the face of oncoming traffic.*
- *Her car overtook a line of vehicles.*

- *Weariness overtook him and he retired to bed.*



Associations of "Overtake" (30 Words)

antagonist	A person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone or something; an adversary. <i>He turned to confront his antagonist.</i>
challenger	A person who makes a rival claim to or threatens someone's hold on a position. <i>Heroic challengers of authority.</i>
<u>compete</u>	Compete for something engage in a contest measure oneself against others. <i>He competed with a number of other candidates.</i>
competitor	An organization or country engaged in commercial or economic competition with others. <i>Two competitors were banned for taking drugs.</i>
<u>contend</u>	Have an argument about something. <i>She had to contend with his uncertain temper.</i>
<u>contender</u>	The contestant you hope to defeat. <i>The major contenders in the football championship.</i>

<u>exceed</u>	Be or do something to a greater degree. <i>Economic growth exceeded expectations this year.</i>
excel	Perform exceptionally well. <i>She excelled in math.</i>
opponent	Someone who competes with or opposes another in a contest, game, or argument. <i>The news will delight opponents of GM foods.</i>
outdistance	Leave (a competitor or pursuer) far behind. <i>She could maintain a fast enough pace to outdistance any pursuers.</i>
outdo	Be superior to in action or performance. <i>Not to be outdone Vicky and Laura reached the same standard.</i>
outmaneuver	Defeat by more skillful maneuvering. <i>My new supervisor knows how to outmaneuver the boss in most situations.</i>
outpace	Go, rise, or improve faster than. <i>Malthus believed that population increase would outpace increases in the means of subsistence.</i>
outrun	Go beyond or exceed. <i>It s harder than anyone imagines to outrun destiny.</i>
outstrip	Go far ahead of. <i>Supply far outstripped demand.</i>
outwit	Deceive by greater ingenuity. <i>Ray had outwitted many an opponent.</i>
<u>over</u>	Over the entire area. <i>Message understood over and out.</i>
<u>overcome</u>	Overcome usually through no fault or weakness of the person that is overcome. <i>You must overcome all difficulties.</i>
overreach	An injury to a forefoot of a horse resulting from its having overreached. <i>The Church overreached itself in securing a territory that would prove impossible to hold.</i>
overstep	Pass beyond or exceed (a limit or standard). <i>You must not overstep your borrowing limit.</i>
pass	Pass time in a specific way. <i>The company has already passed its interim dividend.</i>
rival	Be the rival of be in competition with. <i>She has no rivals as a female rock singer.</i>

rushing	An attempt to advance the ball by running into the line. <i>They have a really good offensive line as far as rushing is concerned.</i>
soon	Used to indicate one's preference in a particular matter. <i>I'd sooner stay where I am.</i>
surmount	Overcome (a difficulty or obstacle). <i>All manner of cultural differences were surmounted.</i>
surpass	Be or do something to a greater degree. <i>One line of soldiers surpassed the other.</i>
transcend	Be greater in scope or size than some standard. <i>He doubts that he will ever transcend Shakespeare.</i>
transgress	Pass beyond (limits or boundaries). <i>Each continent has been transgressed by continental seas.</i>
unseat	Cause (someone) to fall from a horse or bicycle. <i>Rawhide unseated Kevin Bradley at the first fence.</i>
vie	Compete eagerly with someone in order to do or achieve something. <i>The athletes were vying for a place in the British team.</i>

