

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, whelm, 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)

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

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

<b>strike</b>	Undertake strike action against an employer. <i>We must <b>strike</b> the enemy's oil fields.</i>
<b>surpass</b>	Be or do something to a greater degree. <i>He continued to <b>surpass</b> me at all games.</i>
<b>surprise</b>	Cause to be surprised. <i>The news really <b>surprised</b> me.</i>
<b>sweep over</b>	Cover the entire range of.
<b>take by surprise</b>	Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.
<b>whelm</b>	Engulf, submerge, or bury. <i>The brook <b>whelmed</b> up from its source.</i>



## 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)

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

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

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

