

Need another word that means the same as “owe”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “owe” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Owe” are: be in debt, be in debt to, be indebted, be indebted to, be in arrears, be in arrears to, be under an obligation, be under an obligation to, be obligated, be obligated to, be beholden to

Owe as a Verb

Definitions of "Owe" as a verb

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

- *Owe something, especially money, to.*
- *Be obliged to pay or repay.*
- *Be under a moral obligation to give someone (gratitude, respect, etc.*
- *Be in debt.*
- *Be indebted to, in an abstract or intellectual sense.*
- *Have something because of.*
- *Have an obligation to pay or repay (something, especially money) in return for something received.*



Synonyms of "Owe" as a verb (11 Words)

be beholden to	Occupy a certain position or area.
be in arrears	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
be in arrears to	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
be in debt	Form or compose.
be in debt to	Be identical or equivalent to.
be indebted	Happen, occur, take place.
be indebted to	Happen, occur, take place.
be obligated	Have life, be alive.
be obligated to	Be identical or equivalent to.
be under an obligation	Be priced at.
be under an obligation to	Happen, occur, take place.



Usage Examples of "Owe" as a verb

- *Champagne houses owe their success to brand image.*
- *I owe you an apology.*
- *They have denied they owe money to the company.*
- *The thesis owes much to his adviser.*
- *You owe me £19.50 for the electricity bill.*
- *I still owe for the car.*
- *This new theory owes much to Einstein's Relativity Theory.*
- *I owe my life to you.*
- *I owe you for the taxi.*
- *She owes me \$200.*
- *I owe it to him to explain what's happened.*

Associations of "Owe" (30 Words)

<u>amortize</u>	Transfer (land) to a corporation in mortmain. <i>Eighty per cent of the proceeds has been used to amortize the public debt.</i>
assignee	(law) the party to whom something is assigned (e.g., someone to whom a right or property is legally transferred).
<u>bankrupt</u>	Reduce to bankruptcy. <i>His father went bankrupt and the family had to sell their home.</i>
<u>bankruptcy</u>	A legal process intended to insure equality among the creditors of a corporation declared to be insolvent. <i>The intellectual bankruptcy of the corporate media.</i>
borrow	Take (a word or idea) from another language, person, or source and use it in one's own language or work. <i>To meet this deficit the government has to borrow money.</i>
<u>cash</u>	Exchange for cash. <i>The staff were paid in cash.</i>
creditor	A person to whom money is owed by a debtor; someone to whom an obligation exists. <i>Creditor banks.</i>
debenture	The ability of a customer to obtain goods or services before payment, based on the trust that payment will be made in the future.
<u>debt</u>	The state of owing something (especially money). <i>I would like to acknowledge my debt to my teachers.</i>
debtor	A person who owes a creditor; someone who has the obligation of paying a debt. <i>Generally debtors must negotiate with each creditor separately.</i>
<u>default</u>	Declare a party to have defaulted and give judgement against that party. <i>When you start a fresh letter the system will default to its own style.</i>
disbursement	Amounts paid for goods and services that may be currently tax deductible (as opposed to capital expenditures). <i>They established a committee to supervise the disbursement of aid.</i>
fiduciary	A person who holds assets in trust for a beneficiary. <i>The company has a fiduciary duty to shareholders.</i>
finance	Sell or provide on credit. <i>The club's finances are stretched to the limit.</i>
insolvency	The state of being insolvent. <i>The club was facing insolvency.</i>

insolvent	An insolvent person. <i>An insolvent estate.</i>
lender	Someone who lends money or gives credit in business matters. <i>A mortgage lender.</i>
liquidate	Wind up the affairs of (a business) by ascertaining liabilities and apportioning assets. <i>The mafia liquidated the informer.</i>
liquidation	Termination of a business operation by using its assets to discharge its liabilities. <i>The company went into liquidation.</i>
<u>loan</u>	Lend (a sum of money or item of property). <i>Borrowers can take out a loan for 84 000.</i>
moratorium	A legally authorized postponement before some obligation must be discharged. <i>The debt was to be subject to a five year moratorium.</i>
mortgage	The amount of money borrowed in a mortgage. <i>A 60 000 mortgage.</i>
owing	Owed as a debt. <i>No rent was owing.</i>
refinance	Renew the financing of. <i>Companies must refinance 20 billion of warrants and bonds.</i>
refund	The act of returning money received previously. <i>You may be allowed to claim a refund of the tax.</i>
<u>repay</u>	Make repayment for or return something. <i>These sites would repay more detailed investigation.</i>
repayment	The action of paying back a loan. <i>Minimum monthly repayments.</i>
unpaid	Engaged in as a pastime. <i>Unpaid bills.</i>
usurious	Greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation. <i>Usurious interest rate.</i>
<u>wages</u>	A recompense for worthy acts or retribution for wrongdoing. <i>The wages of sin is death.</i>