

Need another word that means the same as “pause”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “pause” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pause” are: hesitate, break, intermit, stop, cease, halt, discontinue, break off, take a break, take a breath, intermission, interruption, suspension, cessation, stoppage, standstill, check, lull, respite, stay, breathing space, discontinuation, discontinuance, hiatus, gap, lapse, lapse of time, interlude, interval, entr'acte

Pause as a Noun

Definitions of "Pause" as a noun

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

- *A time interval during which there is a temporary cessation of something.*
- *A mark over a note or rest that is to be lengthened by an unspecified amount.*
- *Temporary inactivity.*
- *A control allowing the temporary interruption of recording, playback, or other process.*
- *A temporary stop in action or speech.*



Synonyms of "Pause" as a noun (23 Words)

break	An instance of breaking something or the point where something is broken. <i>I need a break from mental activity.</i>
breathing space	The bodily process of inhalation and exhalation; the process of taking in oxygen from inhaled air and releasing carbon dioxide by exhalation.
<u>cessation</u>	The fact or process of ending or being brought to an end. <i>A cessation of animal testing of cosmetics.</i>
check	A move by which a piece or pawn directly attacks the opponent's king and by which the king may be checkmated. <i>There was no check to the expansion of the market.</i>

discontinuance	The act of discontinuing or breaking off; an interruption (temporary or permanent).
discontinuation	The action of ceasing to do or provide something, especially something that has been provided on a regular basis. <i>There were no serious adverse events and no drug discontinuations.</i>
entr'acte	The interlude between two acts of a play.
gap	A difference, especially an undesirable one, between two views or situations. <i>There are many gaps in our understanding of what happened.</i>
halt	A minor stopping place on a local railway line. <i>A bus screeched to a halt.</i>
hiatus	A pause or break in continuity in a sequence or activity. <i>There was a brief hiatus in the war with France.</i>
interlude	An intervening period or episode. <i>An orchestral interlude.</i>
intermission	The act of suspending activity temporarily. <i>He was granted an intermission in his studies.</i>
interruption	An act, utterance, or period that interrupts someone or something. <i>She ignored the interruption and carried on.</i>
interval	A component of activity in interval training. <i>An interval of mourning.</i>
lapse	The termination of a right or privilege through disuse or failure to follow appropriate procedures. <i>Tracing his lapse into petty crime.</i>
lapse of time	A mistake resulting from inattention.
lull	A temporary interval of quiet or lack of activity. <i>For two days there had been a lull in the fighting.</i>
respite	The act of relieving; postponing or remitting punishment. <i>The refugee encampments will provide some respite from the suffering.</i>
standstill	An interruption of normal activity. <i>The traffic came to a standstill.</i>
stay	A period of staying somewhere in particular of living somewhere temporarily as a visitor or guest. <i>There is likely to be a good public library as a stay against boredom.</i>
stop	The act of stopping something. <i>In England they call a period a stop.</i>

stoppage

An obstruction in a pipe or tube.

*One machine gun crew had a **stoppage**.*

suspension

Temporary cessation or suspension.

*The **suspension** of military action.*



Usage Examples of "Pause" as a noun

- *He chattered away without pause.*
- *She dropped me outside during a brief pause in the rain.*



Pause as a Verb

Definitions of "Pause" as a verb

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

- *Interrupt temporarily an activity before continuing.*
- *Cease an action temporarily.*
- *Interrupt action or speech briefly.*
- *Temporarily interrupt the operation of (a process or device).*



Synonyms of "Pause" as a verb (10 Words)

break

Break down literally or metaphorically.
Break a branch from a tree.

break off	Fracture a bone of nicecutisours.
<u>cease</u>	Come or bring to an end. <i>On his retirement the job will cease to exist.</i>
<u>discontinue</u>	Cease taking (a newspaper or periodical) or paying (a subscription). <i>The ferry service was discontinued by the proprietors.</i>
<u>halt</u>	Come to a halt stop moving. <i>She halted in mid sentence.</i>
hesitate	Interrupt temporarily an activity before continuing. <i>He hesitated to spoil the mood by being inquisitive.</i>
intermit	Suspend or discontinue (an action or practice) for a time. <i>He was urged to intermit his application.</i>
stop	Cause to stop. <i>You ll have to stop the night.</i>
take a break	Admit into a group or community.
take a breath	Pick out, select, or choose from a number of alternatives.



Usage Examples of "Pause" as a verb

- *She had paused a tape on the VCR.*
- *She paused, at a loss for words.*
- *The speaker paused.*
- *We pause for station identification.*



Associations of "Pause" (30 Words)

- abeyance** Temporary cessation or suspension.
*Matters were held in **abeyance** pending further enquiries.*
- cease** Cease is a noun only in the phrase without cease end.
*They were asked to **cease** all military activity.*
- cessation** The fact or process of ending or being brought to an end.
*A **cessation** of the thunder.*
- crippled** (of a person) unable to walk or move normally; disabled.
*His rule left the country with a **crippled** economy.*
- deadlock** Secure a door with a deadlock.
*The meeting is **deadlocked**.*
- desist** Choose not to consume.
*Each pledged to **desist** from acts of sabotage.*

<u>discontinue</u>	Cease taking (a newspaper or periodical) or paying (a subscription). <i>The ferry service was discontinued by the proprietors.</i>
<u>halt</u>	Come to a halt stop moving. <i>A bus screeched to a halt.</i>
halting	Fragmentary or halting from emotional strain. <i>She speaks halting English with a heavy accent.</i>
hesitate	Pause or hold back in uncertainty or unwillingness. <i>He hesitated to spoil the mood by being inquisitive.</i>
<u>hiatus</u>	A missing piece (as a gap in a manuscript). <i>There was a brief hiatus in the war with France.</i>
<u>impasse</u>	A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible. <i>Reached an impasse on the negotiations.</i>
intermission	A time interval during which there is a temporary cessation of something. <i>He was granted an intermission in his studies.</i>
interruption	Some abrupt occurrence that interrupts an ongoing activity. <i>Students returning to education after an interruption in their career.</i>
<u>lame</u>	Make a person or animal lame. <i>She wore a gold lame dress.</i>
momentarily	At any moment. <i>As he passed Jenny's door he paused momentarily.</i>
predicament	A situation from which extrication is difficult especially an unpleasant or trying one. <i>The club's financial predicament.</i>
preside	Act as president. <i>Preside over companies and corporations.</i>
<u>quandary</u>	A difficult situation; a practical dilemma. <i>A legal quandary.</i>
<u>respite</u>	Grant a respite to someone especially a person condemned to death. <i>Some poor criminal from the gibbet or the wheel respited for a day.</i>
<u>rest</u>	An instance or period of resting. <i>I'm going to rest up before travelling to England.</i>
<u>stalemate</u>	Subject to a stalemate. <i>The war had again reached stalemate.</i>
stanch	Stop the flow of a liquid.
standstill	A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible. <i>The traffic came to a standstill.</i>

<u>stasis</u>	An abnormal state in which the normal flow of a liquid (such as blood) is slowed or stopped. <i>Creative stasis.</i>
stop	A short length of rope used to secure something a stopper. <i>Stop the project.</i>
suspension	Temporary cessation or suspension. <i>The agitator in the vat keeps the slurry in suspension.</i>
unmoving	Not arousing emotions. <i>Claudia sat unmoving behind her desk.</i>
waken	Cause to become awake or conscious. <i>She wakened the child and dressed her.</i>
walkout	A sudden angry departure, especially as a protest or strike. <i>Opposition MPs staged a walkout during the budget session.</i>

