

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 need a **break** from mental activity.*
- breathing space** The bodily process of inhalation and exhalation; the process of taking in oxygen from inhaled air and releasing carbon dioxide by exhalation.
- cessation** The fact or process of ending or being brought to an end.
*A **cessation** of animal testing of cosmetics.*
- check** A move by which a piece or pawn directly attacks the opponent's king and by which the king may be checkmated.
*There was no **check** to the expansion of the market.*

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| 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.
- cease** Come or bring to an end.
*On his retirement the job will **cease** to exist.*
- discontinue** Cease taking (a newspaper or periodical) or paying (a subscription).
*The ferry service was **discontinued** by the proprietors.*
- halt** Come to a halt stop moving.
*She **halted** in mid sentence.*
- hesitate** Interrupt temporarily an activity before continuing.
*He **hesitated** to spoil the mood by being inquisitive.*
- intermit** Suspend or discontinue (an action or practice) for a time.
*He was urged to **intermit** his application.*
- stop** Cause to stop.
*You ll have to **stop** the night.*
- 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.*

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| discontinue | Cease taking (a newspaper or periodical) or paying (a subscription). <i>The ferry service was discontinued by the proprietors.</i> |
| halt | 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> |
| hiatus | A missing piece (as a gap in a manuscript). <i>There was a brief hiatus in the war with France.</i> |
| impasse | 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> |
| lame | 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> |
| quandary | A difficult situation; a practical dilemma. <i>A legal quandary.</i> |
| respite | 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> |
| rest | An instance or period of resting. <i>I m going to rest up before travelling to England.</i> |
| stalemate | 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> |

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

