

Need another word that means the same as “pilot”? Find 63 synonyms and 30 related words for “pilot” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pilot” are: archetype, original, pilot film, pilot program, airplane pilot, buffer, cowcatcher, fender, pilot burner, pilot light, airman, airwoman, flyer, aeronaut, navigator, helmsman, guide, steersman, coxswain, trial episode, pilot episode, pilot programme, experimental, exploratory, model, tentative, speculative, preliminary, aviate, fly, navigate, be at the controls of, control, handle, manoeuvre, drive, operate, steer, regulate, monitor, direct, captain, sail, usher, shepherd, show the way to, lead, conduct, escort, convoy, test, trial, put to the test, try out, carry out trials on, experiment with, assess, investigate, examine, appraise, evaluate, check out

Pilot as a Noun

Definitions of "Pilot" as a noun

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

- *A program exemplifying a contemplated series; intended to attract sponsors.*

- *Small auxiliary gas burner that provides a flame to ignite a larger gas burner.*
- *A navigational handbook for use at sea.*
- *An inclined metal frame at the front of a locomotive to clear the track.*
- *Someone who is licensed to operate an aircraft in flight.*
- *A jockey.*
- *A person who operates the flying controls of an aircraft.*
- *A guide or leader.*
- *An unmodulated reference signal transmitted with another signal for the purposes of control or synchronization.*
- *A person qualified to guide ships through difficult waters going into or out of a harbor.*
- *A person with expert local knowledge qualified to take charge of a ship entering or leaving a harbour.*
- *A television or radio programme made to test audience reaction with a view to the production of a series.*
- *Something that serves as a model or a basis for making copies.*



Synonyms of "Pilot" as a noun (22 Words)

aeronaut	Someone who operates an aircraft.
airman	A member of the US air force of the lowest rank, below staff sergeant.
airplane pilot	An aircraft that has a fixed wing and is powered by propellers or jets.
airwoman	A woman aviator.
<u>archetype</u>	An original which has been imitated; a prototype. <i>He was the archetype of the old style football club chairman.</i>
<u>buffer</u>	A person or thing that reduces a shock or that forms a barrier between incompatible or antagonistic people or things. <i>Family and friends can provide a buffer against stress.</i>
cowcatcher	An inclined metal frame at the front of a locomotive to clear the track.
coxswain	The senior petty officer in a small ship or submarine in the Royal Navy.
fender	A low frame bordering a fireplace to prevent burning coals from falling out. <i>In Britain they call a fender a wing.</i>
flyer	A person or thing that flies, especially in a particular way. <i>His free kick was a real flyer.</i>
guide	Someone who shows the way by leading or advising. <i>A comprehensive guide to British hotels and restaurants.</i>
helmsman	The person who steers a ship.
<u>navigator</u>	A person who navigates a ship, aircraft, etc. <i>New Zealand was discovered by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman.</i>
<u>original</u>	An original creation i e an audio recording from which copies can be made. <i>The designer has donated one of her amazing originals a frothy pink evening dress.</i>
pilot burner	An inclined metal frame at the front of a locomotive to clear the track.
pilot episode	Someone who is licensed to operate an aircraft in flight.
pilot film	A program exemplifying a contemplated series; intended to attract sponsors.
pilot light	A program exemplifying a contemplated series; intended to attract sponsors.
pilot program	Small auxiliary gas burner that provides a flame to ignite a larger gas burner.
pilot programme	Someone who is licensed to operate an aircraft in flight.

steersman A person who is steering a boat or ship.
trial episode An annoying or frustrating or catastrophic event.



Usage Examples of "Pilot" as a noun

- *He returns to our TV screens in a pilot for a Channel 4 sitcom.*
- *A strike by local airline pilots.*
- *The crash had been due to pilot error.*
- *Many expected him to get the job as Desert Orchid's pilot.*



Pilot as a Verb

Definitions of "Pilot" as a verb

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

- *Act as the navigator in a car, plane, or vessel and plan, direct, plot the path and position of the conveyance.*
- *Guide or steer.*
- *Operate an airplane.*
- *Test (a scheme, project, etc.) before introducing it more widely.*
- *Be the pilot of (an aircraft or ship).*



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

appraise	Evaluate or estimate the nature, quality, ability, extent, or significance of. <i>There is a need to appraise existing techniques.</i>
assess	Calculate or estimate the price or value of. <i>It is difficult to assess whether this is a new trend.</i>
aviate	Pilot or fly in an aircraft. <i>An aircraft that can be aviated without effort.</i>
be at the controls of	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
captain	Be the captain of a sports team. <i>All the boats are captained by professional sailors.</i>
carry out trials on	Have on hand.
check out	Block or impede (a player from the opposing team) in ice hockey.

conduct	Transmit a form of energy such as heat or electricity by conduction. <i>He conducted us to the palace.</i>
control	Exercise authoritative control or power over. <i>Are you controlling for the temperature.</i>
convoy	Escort in transit. <i>American destroyers helped to convoy much needed supplies to Britain in 1917 18.</i>
direct	Plan and direct a complex undertaking. <i>He directed that no picture from his collection could be sold.</i>
<u>drive</u>	Of a motor vehicle travel under the control of a driver. <i>We need to allow market forces to drive growth in the telecommunications sector.</i>
evaluate	Evaluate or estimate the nature quality ability extent or significance of. <i>Substitute numbers in a simple formula and evaluate the answer.</i>
examine	Question or examine thoroughly and closely. <i>The customs agent examined the baggage.</i>
experiment with	To conduct a test or investigation.
<u>fly</u>	Release a bird to fly especially a hawk for hunting or a pigeon for racing. <i>You must fly the country for a while.</i>
guide	Use as a guide. <i>The groove in the needle guides the thread.</i>
handle	Handle effectively. <i>The first penalty came as Brown handled.</i>
investigate	Investigate scientifically. <i>Everyone with a possible interest in your brother's death must be thoroughly investigated.</i>
lead	Cause something to pass or lead somewhere. <i>They are waiting for an expansion of world trade to lead a recovery.</i>
manoeuvre	Perform a movement in military or naval tactics in order to secure an advantage in attack or defense. <i>She tried to manoeuvre her trolley round people.</i>
monitor	Listen to and report on (a foreign radio broadcast or a phone conversation). <i>It was not easy to discover exactly how many calls were monitored.</i>

navigate	Act as the navigator in a car, plane, or vessel and plan, direct, plot the path and position of the conveyance. <i>She navigated the car safely through the traffic.</i>
operate	Perform a surgical operation. <i>The doctors operated on the patient but failed to save his life.</i>
put to the test	Adapt.
regulate	Control or maintain the rate or speed of (a machine or process) so that it operates properly. <i>The standard time by which other clocks were regulated.</i>
sail	Travel in a ship or boat using sails or engine power. <i>The QE2 will sail to Southampton tomorrow.</i>
<u>shepherd</u>	Watch over like a shepherd as a teacher of her pupils. <i>Although the sheep are shepherded they re generally only counted when we bring them in.</i>
show the way to	Give an exhibition of to an interested audience.
<u>steer</u>	Direct the course; determine the direction of travelling. <i>The teacher steered the gifted students towards the more challenging courses.</i>
test	Carry out a medical test on a person a part of the body or a body fluid. <i>The teacher tests us every week.</i>
<u>trial</u>	Of a horse dog or other animal compete in trials. <i>Teachers all over the UK are triallying the materials.</i>
try out	Take a sample of.
<u>usher</u>	Cause or mark the start of something new. <i>A waiter ushered me to a table.</i>



Usage Examples of "Pilot" as a verb

- *He piloted the helicopter from Paris to Deauville.*
- *Melissa piloted her through the booking hall.*
- *The pilot flew to Cuba.*
- *One-day workshops for part-time staff were piloted in June.*



Pilot as an Adjective

Definitions of "Pilot" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "pilot" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Done as an experiment or test before being introduced more widely.*



Synonyms of "Pilot" as an adjective (6 Words)

- experimental** Based on experience as opposed to authority or conjecture.
Experimental results.
- exploratory** Serving in or intended for exploration or discovery.
Exploratory talks.
- model** Worthy of imitation.
Model citizens.

- preliminary** Denoting an action or event preceding or in preparation for something more important.
A ***preliminary*** draft.
- speculative** Not based on fact or investigation.
Speculative business enterprises.
- tentative** Not certain or fixed; provisional.
Drew a few ***tentative*** conclusions.



Usage Examples of "Pilot" as an adjective

- A *pilot* scheme for training workers.



Associations of "Pilot" (30 Words)

aeronaut	Someone who operates an aircraft.
<u>airborne</u>	Moved or conveyed by or through air. <i>Airborne pollutants.</i>
<u>aircraft</u>	A vehicle that can fly.
airliner	A large passenger aircraft.
airman	A pilot or member of the crew of an aircraft, especially in an air force.
<u>airplane</u>	A powered flying vehicle with fixed wings and a weight greater than that of the air it displaces; an aeroplane. <i>The flight was delayed due to trouble with the airplane.</i>
aviator	A pair of aviator sunglasses. <i>He has a short grey beard and wears a flannel shirt jeans and aviator glasses.</i>

blimp	A small nonrigid airship used for observation or as a barrage balloon. <i>I could work out four hours a day and still end up a blimp.</i>
bombardier	A member of a bomber crew in the US air force responsible for aiming and releasing bombs.
butterfly	Flutter like a butterfly. <i>A social butterfly.</i>
cockpit	A compartment for the pilot, and sometimes also the crew, in an aircraft or spacecraft. <i>Most conventional army training takes place on the cockpit of Salisbury Plain.</i>
fighter	Someone who fights (or is fighting). <i>World War II fighter planes.</i>
fledged	Equipped with feathers. <i>A newly fledged Detective Inspector.</i>
fly	Cause to fly or float. <i>Rumors and accusations are flying.</i>
footloose	(of a commercial, industrial, or financial operation) unrestricted in its location or field of operations and able to respond to fluctuations in the market. <i>A footloose young man eager to see the big city.</i>
hangar	House an aircraft in a hangar. <i>The army choppers that were hangared out at Springs.</i>
hijacking	An act of unlawfully seizing an aircraft, vehicle, or ship while in transit; a hijack. <i>He was involved in a hijacking in 1981.</i>
hover	Be suspended in the air, as if in defiance of gravity. <i>Her hand hovered over the console.</i>
jet	Fly a jet plane. <i>Blood jetted from his nostrils.</i>
kite	Fly a kite. <i>The pilot kited for a long time over the mountains.</i>
levitate	Be suspended in the air, as if in defiance of gravity. <i>The guru claimed that he could levitate.</i>
maneuverable	Capable of maneuvering or changing position. <i>A highly maneuverable ship.</i>
moth	A clothes moth. <i>I store my sweaters in plastic bags to protect them from moths.</i>

plane	Cut or remove with or as if with a plane. <i>He lived on a worldly plane.</i>
pterodactyl	(in general use) any pterosaur.
pterosaur	A fossil flying reptile of the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, with membranous wings supported by a greatly lengthened fourth finger.
sortie	A short trip or journey. <i>An early morning sortie into the garden of our hotel.</i>
volant	Relating to or characterized by flight. <i>Her sails caught a volant wind.</i>
wing	Travel on wings or by aircraft fly. <i>One bird was winged for every bird killed.</i>
winged	Having one or more lateral parts, appendages, or projections. <i>Her winged spectacles.</i>

