

Need another word that means the same as “plead”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “plead” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Plead” are: beg, entreat, beseech, implore, appeal to, petition, supplicate, importune, pray to, request, ask earnestly, call on, adjure, claim, use as an excuse, assert, allege

Plead as a Verb

Definitions of "Plead" as a verb

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

- *Offer as an excuse or plea.*
- *Enter a plea, as in courts of law.*
- *Present and argue for (a position), especially in court or in another public context.*
- *Make an allegation in an action or other legal proceeding, especially answer the previous pleading of the other party by denying facts therein stated or by alleging new facts.*
- *Address a court as an advocate on behalf of a party.*
- *Offer or present as an excuse for doing or not doing something.*
- *Appeal or request earnestly.*
- *Invoke (a reason or a point of law) as an accusation or defence.*
- *State formally in court whether one is guilty or not guilty of the offence with which one is charged.*
- *Make an emotional appeal.*



Synonyms of "Plead" as a verb (17 Words)

adjure	Command solemnly. <i>I adjure you to tell me the truth.</i>
allege	Report or maintain. <i>He alleged that he was the victim of a crime.</i>
appeal to	Cite as an authority; resort to.
ask earnestly	Inquire about.
assert	Assert to be true. <i>It was time to assert himself.</i>
beg	Acquire food or money from someone by begging. <i>They had to beg for food.</i>
beseech	Ask (someone) urgently and fervently to do something; implore; entreat. <i>They beseeched him to stay.</i>
call on	Indicate a decision in regard to.
claim	Lay claim to as of an idea. <i>They claimed on the maximum allowable amount.</i>

- entreat** Ask someone earnestly or anxiously to do something.
*His friends **entreated** him not to go.*
- implore** Call upon in supplication; entreat.
*I **implore** mercy.*
- importune** Approach (someone) to request or offer sexual services, especially as a prostitute.
*Reporters **importuned** him with pointed questions.*
- petition** Write a petition for something to somebody request formally and in writing.
*The custodial parent **petitioned** the court for payment of the arrears.*
- pray to** Address a deity, a prophet, a saint or an object of worship; say a prayer.
- request** Express the need or desire for.
*The letter **requested** him to report to London.*
- supplicate** Make a humble, earnest petition.
*He **supplicated** the King for clemency.*
- use as an excuse** Avail oneself to.



Usage Examples of "Plead" as a verb

- *'Don't go,' she pleaded.*
- *She was pleading insanity.*
- *The idea that in public relations work someone is paid to plead a special case is disliked.*
- *On trial for attempted murder, she pleaded self-defence.*
- *He pleaded family commitments as a reason for not attending.*
- *I pleaded with him to stop.*
- *She pleaded with them not to gag the boy.*
- *The youth pleaded guilty to murdering the girl.*
- *She pleaded not guilty.*
- *The Constitution prohibits a retired Supreme Court judge from pleading before any court.*
- *Anne pleaded to go with her.*



Associations of "Plead" (30 Words)

accost	Approach and address (someone) boldly or aggressively. <i>Reporters accosted him in the street.</i>
appeal	A request for donations to support a charity or cause. <i>Appeal to somebody for help.</i>
asking	The verbal act of requesting.
beg	Acquire food or money from someone by begging. <i>He begged their forgiveness.</i>
beseech	Ask (someone) urgently and fervently to do something; implore; entreat. <i>They beseeched him to stay.</i>
cadge	A padded wooden frame on which hooded hawks are carried to the field. <i>He cadged fivers off old school friends.</i>
conjure	Call (an image) to the mind. <i>She conjured him to return.</i>
desperately	In intense despair. <i>He desperately needed a drink.</i>
entreat	Ask for or request earnestly. <i>His friends entreated him not to go.</i>
entreaty	An earnest or humble request. <i>An entreaty to stop the fighting.</i>
exhortation	An address or communication emphatically urging someone to do something. <i>No amount of exhortation had any effect.</i>
implore	Beg earnestly for. <i>Please don't talk that way Ellen implored.</i>
invitation	A situation or action that tempts someone to do something or makes a particular outcome likely. <i>A herb garden where guests can only go at the invitation of the chef.</i>
invite	Invite someone to one's house. <i>We invited the neighbors in for a cup of coffee.</i>
lamentation	The passionate expression of grief or sorrow; weeping. <i>Scenes of lamentation.</i>
necessary	The action or item needed. <i>It's not necessary for you to be here.</i>
perforce	Used to express necessity or inevitability. <i>Amateurs perforce have to settle for less expensive solutions.</i>

<u>petition</u>	Write a petition for something to somebody request formally and in writing. <i>The Act allowed couples to petition for divorce after one year of marriage.</i>
<u>plea</u>	(law) a defendant's answer by a factual matter (as distinguished from a demurrer). <i>He changed his plea to not guilty.</i>
<u>please</u>	Satisfy aesthetically. <i>She was quiet and eager to please.</i>
<u>pray</u>	Address a deity a prophet a saint or an object of worship say a prayer. <i>I prayed that James wouldn't notice.</i>
<u>prayer</u>	A religious service, especially a regular one, at which people gather in order to pray together. <i>500 people were detained as they attended Friday prayers.</i>
request	A tune or song played on a radio programme typically accompanied by a personal message in response to a listener's request. <i>I requested information from the secretary.</i>
<u>solicit</u>	Make a solicitation or petition for something desired. <i>He was accused of soliciting his colleagues to destroy the documents.</i>
<u>solicitation</u>	The act of accosting someone and offering one's or someone else's services as a prostitute. <i>People objected to receiving telephone solicitations.</i>
suppliant	A person making a humble or earnest plea to someone in power or authority. <i>A suppliant for her favors.</i>
supplicant	Making or expressing a plea, especially to someone in power or authority. <i>We are equals and not supplicants begging for work.</i>
supplicate	Ask humbly (for something). <i>Supplicate for permission.</i>
supplication	The act of communicating with a deity (especially as a petition or in adoration or contrition or thanksgiving). <i>He fell to his knees in supplication.</i>
woo	Seek the favour, support, or custom of. <i>He wooed her with quotes from Shakespeare.</i>

