

Need another word that means the same as “possess”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “possess” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Possess” are: have, own, be the owner of, have in one's possession, be in possession of, be the possessor of, have to one's name, hold, be blessed with, be endowed with, be gifted with, be possessed of, be born with, acquire, obtain, get, get hold of, procure, secure, take, seize, gain possession of, take possession of, get one's hands on, take control of, have power over, take over, have mastery over, cast a spell over, bewitch, enchant, enthrall, control, dominate, influence, mad, crazed, maddened, out of one's mind, obsess, haunt, preoccupy, consume**

## Possess as a Verb

### Definitions of "Possess" as a verb

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

- *(of a man) have sexual intercourse with.*
- *Have possession of as distinct from ownership.*
- *Have as belonging to one; own.*
- *(of an emotion, idea, etc.) dominate the mind of.*
- *(of a demon or spirit, especially an evil one) have complete power over (someone) and be manifested through their speech or actions.*
- *Take for one's own.*
- *Have ownership or possession of.*
- *Maintain (oneself or one's mind or soul) in a state of patience or quiet.*
- *Have as an ability, quality, or characteristic.*

- *Enter into and control, as of emotions or ideas.*
- *Have as an attribute, knowledge, or skill.*



## Synonyms of "Possess" as a verb (43 Words)

<b>acquire</b>	Win something through one's efforts. <i>They <b>acquired</b> a new pet.</i>
<b>be blessed with</b>	Occupy a certain position or area.
<b>be born with</b>	Happen, occur, take place.
<b>be endowed with</b>	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
<b>be gifted with</b>	Form or compose.
<b>be in possession of</b>	Represent, as of a character on stage.
<b>be possessed of</b>	Form or compose.
<b>be the owner of</b>	Be identical or equivalent to.
<b>be the possessor of</b>	Form or compose.
<b><u><a href="#">bewitch</a></u></b>	Attract; cause to be enamored. <i>They both were <b>bewitched</b> by the golden luminosity of Italy.</i>
<b>cast a spell over</b>	Select to play, sing, or dance a part in a play, movie, musical, opera, or ballet.

<b>consume</b>	Serve oneself to or consume regularly. <i>The fire <b>consumed</b> the building.</i>
<b>control</b>	Control others or oneself or influence skillfully usually to one's advantage. <i>There were never enough masters to <b>control</b> the unruly mobs of boys.</i>
<b>crazed</b>	Cause to go crazy; cause to lose one's mind.
<b>dominate</b>	Look down on. <i>A picturesque city <b>dominated</b> by the cathedral tower.</i>
<b><u>enchant</u></b>	Cast a spell over someone or something; put a hex on someone or something. <i>The scenery began to <b>enchant</b> her.</i>
<b>enthral</b>	Enslave. <i>She had been so <b>enthralled</b> by the adventure that she had hardly noticed the cold.</i>
<b>gain possession of</b>	Increase (one's body weight).
<b>get</b>	Take vengeance on or get even. <i>You'll <b>get</b> used to it.</i>
<b>get hold of</b>	Come to have or undergo a change of (physical features and attributes).
<b>get one's hands on</b>	Earn or achieve a base by being walked by the pitcher.
<b><u>haunt</u></b>	Haunt like a ghost pursue. <i>She <b>haunts</b> the ballet.</i>
<b>have</b>	Have a personal or business relationship with someone. <i><b>Have</b> an assistant.</i>
<b>have in one's possession</b>	Get something; come into possession of.
<b>have mastery over</b>	Have as a feature.
<b>have power over</b>	Have a personal or business relationship with someone.
<b>have to one's name</b>	Be confronted with.
<b>hold</b>	Have room for hold without crowding. <i>This basic argument <b>holds</b> for almost any economic model of competition.</i>
<b>influence</b>	Shape or influence give direction to. <i>The artist's work <b>influenced</b> the young painter.</i>

<b>mad</b>	Make someone mad. <i>Had I but seen thy picture in this plight it would have <b>madded</b> me.</i>
<b>maddened</b>	Drive up the wall; go on someone's nerves.
<b><u>obsess</u></b>	Haunt like a ghost; pursue. <i>She is <b>obsessing</b> over her weight.</i>
<b>obtain</b>	Be valid, applicable, or true. <i>The price of silver fell to that <b>obtaining</b> elsewhere in the ancient world.</i>
<b>out of one's mind</b>	Be made known; be disclosed or revealed.
<b><u>own</u></b>	Have ownership or possession of. <i>He was reluctant to <b>own</b> that he was indebted.</i>
<b>preoccupy</b>	Occupy or take possession of beforehand or before another or appropriate for use in advance. <i>His mother was <b>preoccupied</b> with paying the bills.</i>
<b>procure</b>	Arrange for sexual partners for others. <i>He <b>procured</b> his wife to sign the mandate for the joint account.</i>
<b><u>secure</u></b>	Succeed in obtaining (something), especially with difficulty. <i>The government is concerned to <b>secure</b> the economy against too much foreign ownership.</i>
<b>seize</b>	Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force take as one's right or possession. <i>The mother <b>seized</b> her child by the arm.</i>
<b>take</b>	Ascertain or determine by measuring computing or take a reading from a dial. <i><b>Take</b> half the marzipan and roll out.</i>
<b>take control of</b>	Ascertain or determine by measuring, computing or take a reading from a dial.
<b>take over</b>	Carry out.
<b>take possession of</b>	Get into one's hands, take physically.



## Usage Examples of "Possess" as a verb

- *A terrible rage possessed her.*
- *All that the plaintiffs did was to possess themselves of the securities.*
- *A fading blonde possessed of a powerful soprano voice.*
- *She was possessed by the Devil.*
- *What possessed you to buy this house?*
- *He did not possess a sense of humour.*
- *A two-year suspended sentence for possessing cocaine.*
- *I tried to possess my soul in patience.*
- *He possesses great knowledge about the Middle East.*
- *He just wanted her, to possess her.*
- *I do not possess a television set.*
- *I was possessed by a desire to tell her everything.*



## Associations of "Possess" (30 Words)

<b>ability</b>	Possession of the qualities (especially mental qualities) required to do something or get something done. <i>A man of exceptional <b>ability</b>.</i>
<b>accept</b>	Make use of or accept for some purpose. <i>The cow <b>accepted</b> the bull.</i>
<b>acceptance</b>	The act of taking something that is offered. <i>He anticipated their <b>acceptance</b> of his offer.</i>
<b>acquire</b>	Win something through one's efforts. <i>Children <b>acquire</b> language at an amazing rate.</i>
<b>acquirement</b>	The action of acquiring something. <i>The <b>acquirement</b> of self control.</i>

<b>addressee</b>	The person to whom something is addressed. <i>The contents of the letters were calculated to cause distress to the individual <b>addressee</b>.</i>
<b>belong</b>	(of a thing) be rightly placed in a specified position. <i>These compounds <b>belong</b> to a class of chemical mediators called kairomones.</i>
<b>bring</b>	Go or come after and bring or take back. <i>I ll give you an aspirin to <b>bring</b> down your temperature.</i>
<b>broach</b>	Pierce (a cask) to draw out liquid. <i>The salmon <b>broach</b> then fall to slap the water.</i>
<b>clutch</b>	The pedal operating the clutch in a vehicle. <i>She let the <b>clutch</b> in and the car surged forward.</i>
<b>dispossess</b>	Deprive of the possession of real estate. <i>A champion of the poor and the <b>dispossessed</b>.</i>
<b>fetch</b>	The action of fetching. <i>The devil will <b>fetch</b> you.</i>
<b>get</b>	Take vengeance on or get even. <i>For someone used to the tiny creatures we <b>get</b> in England it was something of a shock.</i>
<b>grab</b>	Capture the attention or imagination of. <i>How does that <b>grab</b> you.</i>
<b>have</b>	Have a personal or business relationship with someone. <i>The only girl who would <b>have</b> him was the miller s daughter.</i>
<b>own</b>	Have something as one s own possess. <i>His father <b>owns</b> a restaurant.</i>
<b>picking</b>	The act of picking crops or fruit or hops etc. <i>He sent the first <b>picking</b> of berries to the market.</i>
<b>possession</b>	The trait of resolutely controlling your own behavior. <i>Fear took <b>possession</b> of my soul.</i>
<b>procure</b>	Cause (something) to happen. <i>He persuaded a friend to <b>procure</b> him a ticket.</i>
<b>proprietorship</b>	The state or right of owning a business or holding property. <i>Plenty of new firms especially sole <b>proprietorships</b> don t make money in their first few years of operation.</i>
<b>receive</b>	Receive as a retribution or punishment. <i>Her new collection of poems was not well <b>received</b>.</i>

<b>receptiveness</b>	Willingness or readiness to receive (especially impressions or ideas). <i>He was testing the government's <b>receptiveness</b> to reform.</i>
<b>resignedly</b>	In a hopeless resigned manner.
<b><u>retention</u></b>	Failure to eliminate a substance from the body. <i>The children's <b>retention</b> of facts.</i>
<b><u>secure</u></b>	Compress (a blood vessel) to prevent bleeding. <i>Check to ensure that all nuts and bolts are <b>secure</b>.</i>
<b>select</b>	Pick out select or choose from a number of alternatives. <i>Children must <b>select</b> their GCSE subjects.</i>
<b>sequestrate</b>	Set apart from others. <i>A trustee in a <b>sequestered</b> estate.</i>
<b>supplant</b>	Take the place or move into the position of. <i>Domestic production has been <b>supplanted</b> by imports and jobs have been lost.</i>
<b>take</b>	Take by force. <i>Some degrees require a student to <b>take</b> a secondary subject.</i>
<b>unavailable</b>	(of a person) not free to do something; otherwise occupied. <i>The men were <b>unavailable</b> for work.</i>



