

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

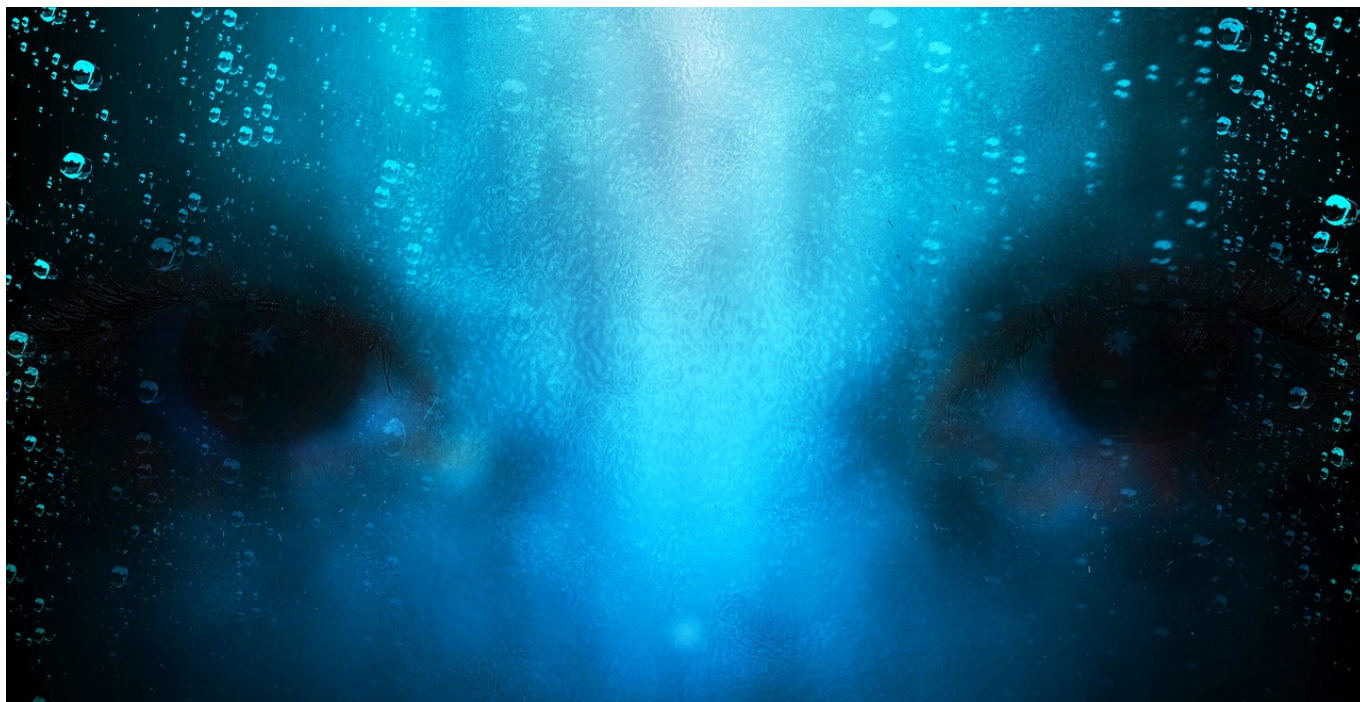
Possess as a Verb

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

