

Need another word that means the same as “prevents”? Find 5 synonyms and 30 related words for “prevents” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Prevents” are: keep, forbid, foreclose, forestall, preclude

Prevents as a Verb

Definitions of "Prevents" as a verb

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

- *Stop (someone or something) from doing something or being in a certain state.*
- *Keep from happening or arising; make impossible.*



Synonyms of "Prevents" as a verb (5 Words)

- forbid** (of a circumstance or quality) make (something) impossible; prevent.
*All vehicles are **forbidden**.*
- foreclose** Keep from happening or arising; make impossible.
*The decision effectively **foreclosed** any possibility of his early rehabilitation.*
- forestall** Act in advance of; deal with ahead of time.
*They will present their resignations to **forestall** a vote of no confidence.*
- keep** Store or keep customarily.
*She **keeps** a sixpack and a week s worth of supplies in the refrigerator.*
- preclude** (of a situation or condition) prevent someone from doing something.
*The secret nature of his work **precluded** official recognition.*



Usage Examples of "Prevents" as a verb

- *We must prevent the cancer from spreading.*



Associations of "Prevents" (30 Words)

- airsickness** Motion sickness experienced while traveling by air (especially during turbulence).
- avert** Prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening.
*She **averted** her eyes while we made stilted conversation.*
- avoid** Declare invalid.
*Her former friends now **avoid** her.*
- blockade** Impose a blockade on.
*They voted to lift the **blockade** of major railway junctions.*
- circumvention** The act of evading by going around.
***Circumvention** of the rules undermines any fairness.*
- deter** Discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.
*Strategists think not only about how to **deter** war but about how war might occur.*
- dislodgement** Forced removal from a position of advantage.

embarrass	Cause to be embarrassed cause to feel self conscious. <i>The state of the rivers will embarrass the enemy.</i>
firewall	Protect a network or system from unauthorized access with a firewall. <i>Our security products offer integral firewalling.</i>
forbid	Refuse to allow (something). <i>I forbid you to call me late at night.</i>
foreclose	Take away someone's power to redeem (a mortgage) and take possession of the mortgaged property. <i>The decision effectively foreclosed any possibility of his early rehabilitation.</i>
forestall	Buy up (goods) in order to profit by an enhanced price. <i>They will present their resignations to forestall a vote of no confidence.</i>
forfend	Avert or prevent (something evil or unpleasant). <i>The fiend forfend said the grim Earl.</i>
fungicide	A chemical that destroys fungus. <i>Cut away any rotten parts before dusting with fungicide.</i>
hamper	A basket or box containing food for a special occasion. <i>A laundry hamper.</i>
hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>The hinder part of a carcass.</i>
illegalize	Declare illegal; outlaw.
impede	Delay or prevent (someone or something) by obstructing them; hinder. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>
inhibit	Control and refrain from showing; of emotions, desires, impulses, or behavior. <i>They felt inhibited by the presence of healthcare professionals.</i>
insecticide	A chemical used to kill insects. <i>The use of chemical insecticides.</i>
insulate	Place or set apart. <i>The service is insulated from outside pressures.</i>
insulation	The state of being isolated or detached. <i>Keep your home warmer through insulation.</i>
lightproof	Able to block out light completely. <i>A lightproof envelope.</i>
obstruct	(in various sports) impede (a player in the opposing team) in a manner which constitutes an offence. <i>Fears that the regime would obstruct the distribution of food.</i>

occlude	Block passage through. <i>It is placed at eye level with one eye occluded.</i>
<u>preclude</u>	(of a situation or condition) prevent someone from doing something. <i>The secret nature of his work precluded official recognition.</i>
prophylactic	Capable of preventing conception or impregnation. <i>The swastika a very ancient prophylactic symbol occurring among all peoples.</i>
stonewall	Obstruct or hinder any discussion. <i>I have repeatedly given him the opportunity to clear this matter up but the estate has met with stonewall after stonewall.</i>
<u>stymie</u>	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>The changes must not be allowed to stymie new medical treatments.</i>
<u>thwart</u>	Prevent (someone) from accomplishing something. <i>The government had been able to thwart all attempts by opposition leaders to form new parties.</i>

