

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

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**The synonyms of “Procrastinate” are: dilly-dally, dillydally, drag one’s feet, drag one’s heels, shillyshally, stall, delay, put off doing something, postpone action, defer action, be dilatory, use delaying tactics, temporize, play for time, play a waiting game, dally, take one’s time**

## Procrastinate as a Verb

### Definitions of "Procrastinate" as a verb

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

- *Postpone doing what one should be doing.*
- *Delay or postpone action; put off doing something.*
- *Postpone or delay needlessly.*

### Synonyms of "Procrastinate" as a verb (17 Words)

<b>be dilatory</b>	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
<b>dally</b>	Waste time. <i>The company was <b>dallying</b> with the idea of opening a new office.</i>
<b>defer action</b>	Yield to another’s wish or opinion.

<b>delay</b>	Cause to be slowed down or delayed. <i>Time being of the essence they <b>delayed</b> no longer.</i>
<b>dilly-dally</b>	Postpone doing what one should be doing.
<b>dillydally</b>	Postpone doing what one should be doing.
<b>drag one's feet</b>	Move slowly and as if with great effort.
<b>drag one's heels</b>	Suck in or take (air).
<b>play a waiting game</b>	Manipulate manually or in one's mind or imagination.
<b>play for time</b>	Engage in recreational activities rather than work; occupy oneself in a diversion.
<b>postpone action</b>	Hold back to a later time.
<b>put off doing something</b>	Formulate in a particular style or language.
<b>shillyshally</b>	Postpone doing what one should be doing.
<b>stall</b>	Cause to stall. <i>Her car <b>stalled</b> at the crossroads.</i>
<b>take one's time</b>	Make a film or photograph of something.
<b>temporize</b>	Draw out a discussion or process in order to gain time. <i>The opportunity was missed because the queen still <b>temporized</b>.</i>
<b>use delaying tactics</b>	Seek or achieve an end by using to one's advantage.

## Usage Examples of "Procrastinate" as a verb

- *He procrastinated the matter until it was almost too late.*
- *The temptation will be to procrastinate until the power struggle plays itself out.*
- *He did not want to write the letter and procrastinated for days.*

## Associations of "Procrastinate" (30 Words)

<b>adjourn</b>	Break off (a meeting, legal case, or game) with the intention of resuming it later. <i>The court <b>adjourned</b>.</i>
<b>await</b>	Look forward to the probable occurrence of. <i>An eagerly <b>awaited</b> debut.</i>
<b>behind</b>	A kick that sends the ball over a behind line or a touch that sends it between the inner posts scoring one point. <i>Ben led the way with Joe a short distance <b>behind</b>.</i>

<b>dally</b>	Act or move slowly. <i>Get busy don t <b>dally</b>.</i>
<b>dawdle</b>	Waste time; be slow. <i>Ruth <b>dawdled</b> back through the wood.</i>
<b>defer</b>	Hold back to a later time. <i>He was no longer <b>deferred</b> from the draft.</i>
<b>delay</b>	The act of delaying inactivity resulting in something being put off until a later time. <i>She <b>delayed</b> the work that she didn t want to perform.</i>
<b>hesitant</b>	Lacking decisiveness of character; unable to act or decide quickly or firmly. <i>Clients are <b>hesitant</b> about buying.</i>
<b>lag</b>	Cover with lagging to prevent heat loss. <i><b>Lag</b> pipes.</i>
<b>latency</b>	The time that elapses between a stimulus and the response to it. <i>Subscribers can expect some <b>latency</b> time when issuing a request.</i>
<b>later</b>	At or toward an end or late period or stage of development. <i>He s going to the store but he ll be back here <b>later</b>.</i>
<b>linger</b>	Spend a long time over (something). <i>The shy student <b>lingered</b> in the corner.</i>
<b>lingering</b>	The act of tarrying. <i>A painful and <b>lingering</b> death.</i>
<b>loiter</b>	Stand or wait around without apparent purpose. <i>She saw Mary <b>loitering</b> near the cloakrooms.</i>
<b>patiently</b>	In a way that shows tolerance of delays, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious. <i>The assembled hordes waited <b>patiently</b> to get in.</i>
<b>pitchy</b>	Like or as dark as pitch.
<b>postdate</b>	Establish something as being later relative to something else.
<b>postpone</b>	Hold back to a later time. <i>Let s <b>postpone</b> the exam.</i>
<b>postponement</b>	The action of postponing something; deferral. <i>The <b>postponement</b> of the elections.</i>
<b>prorogue</b>	Discontinue a session of (a parliament or other legislative assembly) without dissolving it. <i>James <b>prorogued</b> this Parliament never to call another one.</i>

<b>reschedule</b>	Arrange a new scheme of repayments of (a debt). <i>We had to <b>reschedule</b> the doctor's appointment.</i>
<b>slowdown</b>	An act of slowing down. <i>Companies reacted to early signs of <b>slowdown</b> with cuts in production.</i>
<b>sojourn</b>	A temporary stay (e.g., as a guest). <i>She had <b>sojourned</b> once in Egypt.</i>
<b>stay</b>	Stay put in a certain place. <i>The momentary <b>stay</b> enabled him to escape the blow.</i>
<b>suspend</b>	Defer or delay (an action, event, or judgement). <i>Work on the dam was <b>suspended</b>.</i>
<b>tarry</b>	Like or covered with tar. <i>A length of <b>tarry</b> rope.</i>
<b>temporize</b>	Draw out a discussion or process in order to gain time. <i>The opportunity was missed because the queen still <b>temporized</b>.</i>
<b>wait</b>	Time during which some action is awaited. <i>The <b>wait</b> was an ordeal for him.</i>