

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)

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

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

adjourn	Break off (a meeting, legal case, or game) with the intention of resuming it later. <i>The court adjourned.</i>
await	Look forward to the probable occurrence of. <i>An eagerly awaited debut.</i>
behind	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 behind.</i>

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

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