

Need another word that means the same as “prosecute”? Find 54 synonyms and 30 related words for “prosecute” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Prosecute” are: engage, pursue, take to court, bring legal proceedings against, institute legal proceedings against, bring an action against, take legal action against, accuse, cite, summons, sue, try, bring to trial, put on trial, put in the dock, bring a charge against, bring a criminal charge against, charge, prefer charges against, bring a suit against, indict, arraign, carry out, accomplish, perform, implement, effect, bring off, bring about, achieve, carry off, carry through, complete, enact, enforce, put into effect, put into practice, do, discharge, engineer, administer, attain, realize, fulfil, carry on, conduct, direct, engage in, work at, proceed with, continue, continue with, keep on with, go ahead with**

## Prosecute as a Verb

### Definitions of "Prosecute" as a verb

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

- *Carry out or participate in an activity; be involved in.*
- *Institute legal proceedings in respect of (a claim or offence).*
- *Bring a criminal action against (in a trial).*
- *Institute or conduct legal proceedings against (a person or organization).*
- *Carry on (a trade or pursuit).*
- *Continue with (a course of action) with a view to its completion.*
- *Conduct a prosecution in a court of law.*



## Synonyms of "Prosecute" as a verb (54 Words)

### accomplish

Achieve or complete successfully.

*The planes **accomplished** their mission.*

### accuse

Claim that (someone) has done something wrong.

*He was **accused** of murdering his wife's lover.*

### achieve

To gain with effort.

*People striving to **achieve**.*

### administer

Administer or bestow as in small portions.

*He **administered** the Oath of Supremacy to Thomas Percy.*

### arraign

Find fault with; censure.

*Social workers were relieved it was not they who were **arraigned** in the tabloids.*

### attain

Reach (a specified age, size, or amount).

*He **attained** the rank of Brigadier.*

### bring a charge against

Induce or persuade.

### bring a criminal charge against

Induce or persuade.

### bring a suit against

Go or come after and bring or take back.

### bring about

Cause to come into a particular state or condition.

<b>bring an action against</b>	Induce or persuade.
<b>bring legal proceedings against</b>	Cause to happen or to occur as a consequence.
<b>bring off</b>	Take something or somebody with oneself somewhere.
<b>bring to trial</b>	Advance or set forth in court.
<b>carry off</b>	Win approval or support for.
<b>carry on</b>	Be successful in.
<b>carry out</b>	Have on the surface or on the skin.
<b>carry through</b>	Continue or extend.
<b><u>charge</u></b>	File a formal charge against. <b>Charge</b> the wagon with hay.
<b><u>cite</u></b>	Commend. <i>He does not <b>cite</b> any source for this assertion.</i>
<b>complete</b>	Complete or carry out. <i>A child would <b>complete</b> the family.</i>
<b>conduct</b>	Transmit a form of energy such as heat or electricity by conduction. <b>Conduct</b> an orchestra Barenboim <b>conducted</b> the Chicago symphony for years.
<b>continue</b>	Continue in a place position or situation. <b>Continue</b> the family tradition.
<b>continue with</b>	Exist over a prolonged period of time.
<b>direct</b>	Plan and direct a complex undertaking. <i>Can you <b>direct</b> me to the railway station please.</i>
<b>discharge</b>	Go off or discharge. <i>First time bankrupts are <b>discharged</b> automatically after three years.</i>
<b>do</b>	Get something done. <i>I was speeding <b>doing</b> seventy five.</i>
<b>effect</b>	Act so as to bring into existence. <b>Effect</b> a change.
<b>enact</b>	Act out (a role or play) on stage. <i>She <b>reenacted</b> what had happened earlier that day.</i>
<b>enforce</b>	Press home (a demand or argument). <i>There is no outside agency to <b>enforce</b> cooperation between the players.</i>

<b><u>engage</u></b>	Engage for service under a term of contract. <i>She had offered to <b>engage</b> a room in the house of the woman.</i>
<b>engage in</b>	Carry on (wars, battles, or campaigns).
<b><u>engineer</u></b>	Design as an engineer. <i>She <b>engineered</b> another meeting with him.</i>
<b><u>fulfil</u></b>	Achieve or realize (something desired, promised, or predicted). <i>Arts grants go to young people who say they wish to <b>fulfil</b> themselves.</i>
<b>go ahead with</b>	Move away from a place into another direction.
<b>implement</b>	Put (a decision, plan, agreement, etc.) into effect. <i>He <b>implemented</b> a new economic plan.</i>
<b><u>indict</u></b>	Accuse formally of a crime. <i>His former manager was <b>indicted</b> for fraud.</i>
<b>institute legal proceedings against</b>	Advance or set forth in court.
<b>keep on with</b>	Supply with room and board.
<b>perform</b>	Carry out or perform an action. <i>When I go to bed with any other woman I am quite unable to <b>perform</b>.</i>
<b>prefer charges against</b>	Promote over another.
<b>proceed with</b>	Follow a certain course.
<b><u>pursue</u></b>	Carry further or advance. <i>We shall not <b>pursue</b> the matter any further.</i>
<b>put in the dock</b>	Put into a certain place or abstract location.
<b>put into effect</b>	Adapt.
<b>put into practice</b>	Make an investment.
<b>put on trial</b>	Adapt.
<b>realize</b>	Make (a profit) from a transaction. <i>His worst fears have been <b>realized</b>.</i>
<b>sue</b>	Institute legal proceedings against; file a suit against. <i>The rebels were forced to <b>sue</b> for peace.</i>
<b>summons</b>	Serve someone with a summons. <i>He has been <b>summonsed</b> to appear in court next month.</i>
<b>take legal action against</b>	Be capable of holding or containing.
<b>take to court</b>	Take into one's possession.

**try**

Visit (a place) or contact (a person) in order to find someone or obtain something.

*They decided to **try** for another baby.*

**work at**

Prepare for crops.



### **Usage Examples of "Prosecute" as a verb**

- *They were prosecuted for obstructing the highway.*
- *A serious threat to the government's ability to prosecute the war.*
- *The company didn't prosecute because of his age.*
- *The state's attorney's office seemed to decide that this was a case worth prosecuting.*
- *I am waiting for permission to prosecute my craft.*



## Associations of "Prosecute" (30 Words)

	To gain with effort.
<b>accomplish</b>	Once this form has been <b>accomplished</b> the applicant needs to secure supporting documents.
<b>act</b>	Take action do something. An <b>act</b> called the Apple Blossom Sisters.
<b>action</b>	Take action on deal with. The United Nations must have the power to propose and organize <b>action</b> without being hobbled by irrelevant issues.
<b>behave</b>	Behave in a certain manner. It is not acceptable for a student to <b>behave</b> like that towards a teacher.
<b>behavior</b>	Behavioral attributes the way a person behaves toward other people. The <b>behavior</b> of small particles can be studied in experiments.
<b>behavioral</b>	Of or relating to behavior. <b>Behavioral</b> sciences.

<b>behaviour</b>	(psychology) the aggregate of the responses or reactions or movements made by an organism in any situation. <i>The feeding <b>behaviour</b> of predators.</i>
<b>comport</b>	Conduct oneself; behave. <i>Articulate students who <b>comported</b> themselves well in interviews.</i>
<b>conduct</b>	Transmit a form of energy such as heat or electricity by conduction. <i>In the second trial he <b>conducted</b> his own defence.</i>
<b>deed</b>	Convey or transfer property or rights by legal deed. <i>Their <b>deeds</b> will live on in song.</i>
<b>demeanor</b>	(behavioral attributes) the way a person behaves toward other people.
<b>do</b>	Doctor's degree in osteopathy. <i>Very little work has been <b>done</b> in this field.</i>
<b>enforcement</b>	The act of enforcing; ensuring observance of or obedience to. <i>The strict <b>enforcement</b> of environmental regulations.</i>
<b>ethology</b>	The branch of zoology that studies the behavior of animals in their natural habitats.
<b>feasibly</b>	In a way that possible or practical to do or achieve. <i>We take customer feedback very seriously and strive to make additional improvements that can be met <b>feasibly</b>.</i>
<b>fulfil</b>	Fill or meet a want or need. <i>He wouldn't be able to <b>fulfil</b> his ambition to visit Naples.</i>
<b>fulfill</b>	Put in effect.
<b>fulfillment</b>	The act of consummating something (a desire or promise etc).
<b>instigator</b>	A person who brings about or initiates something. <i>She was the <b>instigator</b> of their quarrel.</i>
<b>moralistic</b>	Overfond of making moral judgements about others' behaviour; too ready to moralize. <i>Modernized fairy tales are often <b>moralistic</b> and cleaned up.</i>
<b>participation</b>	The act of sharing in the activities of a group. <i><b>Participation</b> in chapel activities.</i>
<b>perform</b>	Carry out or perform an action. <i>When I go to bed with any other woman I am quite unable to <b>perform</b>.</i>
<b>perfunctorily</b>	In a set manner without serious attention. <i>He kissed her cheek <b>perfunctorily</b>.</i>
<b>practise</b>	Actively pursue or be engaged in (a particular profession or occupation). <i>He <b>practised</b> as a barrister.</i>

- psychopathic** Suffering from an undiagnosed mental disorder.  
A **psychopathic** disorder.
- pursue** (of something unpleasant) persistently afflict (someone).  
The officer **pursued** the van.
- satisfy** Fill satisfy or meet a want or need or condition or restriction.  
There was insufficient collateral to **satisfy** the loan.
- volitional** Relating to the use of one's will.  
Acceptance is a **volitional** act.
- voluntary** Controlled by individual volition.  
**Voluntary** contraction of the calf muscles.
- wanted** Desired or wished for or sought.  
A **wanted** poster.

