

Need another word that means the same as “protagonist”? Find 48 synonyms and 30 related words for “protagonist” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Protagonist” are: admirer, booster, champion, friend, supporter, agonist, leading actor, leading actress, leading performer, leading player, leading lady, leading man, lead, star, chief character, central character, leading character, main character, principal character, central participant, chief participant, leading participant, main participant, principal participant, principal, hero, heroine, title role, player, key player, figure, leading figure, leading light, upholder, adherent, backer, proponent, advocate, promoter, exponent, standard-bearer, torchbearer, flagbearer, prime mover, mainstay, spokesman, spokesperson, spokeswoman

Protagonist as a Noun

Definitions of "Protagonist" as a noun

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

- *The leading character or one of the major characters in a play, film, novel, etc.*
- *The principal character in a work of fiction.*
- *An advocate or champion of a particular cause or idea.*
- *The main figure or one of the most prominent figures in a situation.*
- *A person who backs a politician or a team etc.*



Synonyms of "Protagonist" as a noun (48 Words)

adherent	Someone who believes and helps to spread the doctrine of another. <i>He was a strong adherent of monetarism.</i>
<u>admirer</u>	A person who admires; someone who esteems or respects or approves. <i>She had many admirers.</i>
advocate	A barrister. <i>Care managers can become advocates for their clients.</i>
agonist	The principal character in a work of fiction. <i>When bending the elbow the biceps are the agonist.</i>

backer	A person, institution, or country that supports someone or something, especially financially. <i>He was the principal backer of the company.</i>
<u>booster</u>	The first stage of a multistage rocket. <i>A booster injection.</i>
central character	A workplace that serves as a telecommunications facility where lines from telephones can be connected together to permit communication.
central participant	A workplace that serves as a telecommunications facility where lines from telephones can be connected together to permit communication.
champion	A knight who fought in single combat on behalf of the monarch. <i>A champion hurdler.</i>
chief character	The head of a tribe or clan.
chief participant	A person who exercises control over workers.
exponent	A person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea. <i>An early exponent of the teachings of Thomas Aquinas.</i>
figure	An amount of money. <i>He cut a fine figure.</i>
flagbearer	A person who is responsible for carrying the flag of their country at a ceremony, particularly at the opening or closing of an international sports contest. <i>She has become a flagbearer for abuse victims.</i>
friend	A familiar or helpful thing. <i>She s a friend of mine.</i>
<u>hero</u>	The best or most important thing in a set or group. <i>Jumpsuits are hands down our hottest hero piece right now.</i>
heroine	The main good female character in a work of fiction. <i>Jane Austen s heroines.</i>
key player	Something crucial for explaining.
lead	An artificial watercourse leading to a mill. <i>The newswire will be offering two different leads for certain stories so editors can pick and choose.</i>
leading actor	Thin strip of metal used to separate lines of type in printing.
leading actress	The activity of leading.
leading character	Thin strip of metal used to separate lines of type in printing.
leading figure	The activity of leading.

leading lady	Thin strip of metal used to separate lines of type in printing.
leading light	The activity of leading.
leading man	Thin strip of metal used to separate lines of type in printing.
leading participant	Thin strip of metal used to separate lines of type in printing.
leading performer	Thin strip of metal used to separate lines of type in printing.
leading player	The activity of leading.
main character	A principal pipe in a system that distributes water or gas or electricity or that collects sewage.
main participant	A principal pipe in a system that distributes water or gas or electricity or that collects sewage.
<u>mainstay</u>	The forestay that braces the mainmast. <i>Farming is the mainstay of the rural economy.</i>
<u>player</u>	A person taking part in a sport or game. <i>The country's isolationism made it a secondary player in world political events.</i>
prime mover	The time of maturity when power and vigor are greatest.
principal	An actor who plays a principal role. <i>The singing style of the principals.</i>
principal character	Any person involved in a criminal offense, regardless of whether the person profits from such involvement.
principal participant	The educator who has executive authority for a school.
promoter	A person involved in setting up and funding a new company. <i>A boxing promoter.</i>
proponent	A person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea. <i>A strong proponent of the free market and liberal trade policies.</i>
spokesman	A person who makes statements on behalf of a group or individual. <i>A spokesman for Greenpeace.</i>
spokesperson	A spokesman or spokeswoman (used as a neutral alternative). <i>A spokesperson for the Scottish Office.</i>
spokeswoman	A woman who makes statements on behalf of a group or individual. <i>A spokeswoman for the agency said it would not be investigating the case.</i>
standard-bearer	An outstanding leader of a political movement.
<u>star</u>	Used in names of starfishes and similar echinoderms with five or more radiating arms e.g. cushion star brittlestar. <i>A sport star.</i>

supporter	A person who is actively interested in and wishes success for a particular sports team. <i>Labour supporters.</i>
title role	An established or recognized right.
torchbearer	A person who leads or inspires others in working towards a valued goal. <i>Some of the original feminist torchbearers.</i>
upholder	Someone who upholds or maintains. <i>Firm upholders of tradition.</i>



Usage Examples of "Protagonist" as a noun

- *The novel's main protagonist is an American intelligence officer.*
- *In this colonial struggle the main protagonists were Great Britain and France.*
- *The hard-boiled protagonist of the movie Blade Runner.*
- *He's a strenuous protagonist of the new agricultural policy.*

Associations of "Protagonist" (30 Words)

basal	Of primary importance. <i>A basal reader.</i>
capital	One of the large alphabetic characters used as the first letter in writing or printing proper names and sometimes for emphasis. <i>A conflict of interest between capital and labour.</i>
chief	A person who is in charge. <i>The chief of the village.</i>
constitutive	Forming a part or constituent of something. <i>Language is constitutive of thought.</i>
directive	An official or authoritative instruction. <i>A new EC directive.</i>
fiction	Literature in the form of prose that describes imaginary events and people. <i>The notion of the country being a democracy is a polite fiction.</i>
fundamentally	In central or primary respects. <i>Two fundamentally different concepts of democracy.</i>
guiding	Exerting control or influence. <i>A guiding principle.</i>
key	Vandalize a car by scraping its paint with a key. <i>His new Mercedes was keyed last night in the parking lot.</i>
leading	The activity of leading. <i>The leading team in the pennant race.</i>
main	(of a clause) capable of standing syntactically alone as a complete sentence. <i>The camcorder can be run directly off the mains.</i>
major	A major key interval or scale. <i>The key of D major.</i>
monologue	A (usually long) dramatic speech by a single actor. <i>He had a long and exacting monologue at the end of the film.</i>
moralize	Comment on issues of right and wrong, typically with an unfounded air of superiority. <i>Moralize a story.</i>
narrator	A person who delivers a commentary accompanying a film, broadcast, piece of music, etc. <i>A religious broadcast with Johnny Morris as narrator.</i>

<u>novel</u>	The literary genre represented or exemplified by novels. <i>His bookcases were filled with nothing but novels.</i>
<u>overseer</u>	A person who supervises others, especially workers.
<u>persona</u>	A personal facade that one presents to the world. <i>Bowie burned through one persona after another.</i>
prima	Used primarily as eating apples. <i>Prima ballerina.</i>
<u>primal</u>	Serving as an essential component. <i>He preys on people s primal fears.</i>
<u>primarily</u>	For the most part; mainly. <i>Around 80 per cent of personal computers are used primarily for word processing.</i>
prime	A prime number. <i>Prime cuts of meat.</i>
principal	An actor who plays a principal role. <i>Principals in general practice are self employed and controlled by their practice agreements.</i>
prologue	The actor who delivers the prologue in a play. <i>The events from 1945 to 1956 provided the prologue to the post imperial era.</i>
reading	The action or skill of reading. <i>He could not believe the meter reading.</i>
<u>recite</u>	Recite in elocution. <i>The pupil recited his lesson for the day.</i>
<u>soliloquy</u>	A part of a play involving a soliloquy. <i>In the opening soliloquy he declares his true intent.</i>
<u>staple</u>	Secure or fasten with a staple or staples. <i>Staple the papers together.</i>
storybook	Denoting something that is as idyllic or perfect as things typically are in children's stories. <i>It was a storybook finish to an illustrious career.</i>
teller	Someone who tells a story. <i>A foul mouthed teller of lies.</i>