

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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