

Need another word that means the same as “reserve”? Find 57 synonyms and 30 related words for “reserve” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Reserve” are: allow, appropriate, earmark, set aside, book, hold, put to one side, put aside, lay aside, keep back, retain, keep, secure, make a reservation for, order, arrange in advance, arrange for, defer, postpone, put off, delay, withhold, backlog, stockpile, reservation, reticence, taciturnity, military reserve, second-stringer, substitute, modesty, stock, store, supply, reservoir, pool, fund, bank, accumulation, auxiliaries, reserves, backup, stand-in, relief, replacement, fallback, emergency, national park, animal sanctuary, preserve, conservation area, self-restraint, restraint, qualification, condition, limitation, proviso

Reserve as a Noun

Definitions of "Reserve" as a noun

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

- *A body of troops withheld from action to reinforce or protect others, or additional to the regular forces and available in an emergency.*
- *Armed forces that are not on active duty but can be called in an emergency.*
- *A district that is reserved for particular purpose.*
- *A lack of warmth or openness in manner or expression.*

- *Potential capacity to respond in order to maintain vital functions.*
- *A reservation for an indigenous people.*
- *The second-choice team.*
- *(medicine) potential capacity to respond in order to maintain vital functions.*
- *An extra player who is a possible substitute in a team.*
- *Funds kept available by a bank, company, or government.*
- *Something kept back or saved for future use or a special purpose.*
- *Formality and propriety of manner.*
- *A member of the military reserve.*
- *A part of a company's profits added to capital rather than paid as a dividend.*
- *The trait of being uncommunicative; not volunteering anything more than necessary.*
- *A place set aside for special use.*
- *(in the decoration of ceramics or textiles) an area in which the original material or background colour remains visible.*
- *An athlete who plays only when a starter on the team is replaced.*
- *A protected area for wildlife.*
- *A feeling of doubt qualifying acceptance of a person, statement, or plan.*
- *A supply of a commodity not needed for immediate use but available if required.*



Synonyms of "Reserve" as a noun (35 Words)

<u>accumulation</u>	The act of accumulating. <i>The accumulation of wealth.</i>
animal sanctuary	A living organism characterized by voluntary movement.
auxiliaries	Someone who acts as assistant.
<u>backlog</u>	An accumulation of uncompleted work or matters needing to be dealt with. <i>The company took on extra staff to clear the backlog of work.</i>
<u>backup</u>	The procedure for making backup copies of files or other items of data. <i>There are long backups on all routes.</i>
bank	A building in which the business of banking transacted. <i>The DJ had big banks of lights and speakers on either side of his console.</i>

condition	The procedure that is varied in order to estimate a variable's effect by comparison with a control condition. <i>For a member to borrow money three conditions have to be met.</i>
conservation area	The preservation and careful management of the environment and of natural resources.
<u>emergency</u>	Arising from or used in an emergency. <i>Survival packs were carried in case of emergency.</i>
fallback	An alternative plan that may be used in an emergency. <i>The offering will hit the market after a fallback from record highs.</i>
fund	A financial institution that sells shares to individuals and invests in securities issued by other companies. <i>He had set up a fund to coordinate economic investment.</i>
limitation	The greatest amount of something that is possible or allowed. <i>The limitation of local authorities powers.</i>
military reserve	The military forces of a nation.
modesty	The quality of being relatively moderate, limited, or small in amount, rate, or level. <i>Modesty forbade her to undress in front of so many people.</i>
national park	A person who owes allegiance to that nation.
<u>pool</u>	A swimming pool. <i>The body lay in a pool of blood.</i>
<u>preserve</u>	Fruit preserved by cooking with sugar. <i>Medicine is no longer a male preserve.</i>
proviso	A stipulated condition. <i>He let his house with the proviso that his own staff should remain to run it.</i>
qualification	The qualification stage of a sporting event. <i>This important qualification needs to be remembered when interpreting the results.</i>
relief	A method of moulding carving or stamping in which the design stands out from the surface to a greater high relief or lesser low relief extent. <i>The coach had broken down and a relief vehicle had taken an hour to arrive.</i>
replacement	A person or thing that takes the place of another. <i>Please stay until we find a replacement for you.</i>
reservation	A right or interest retained in an estate being conveyed. <i>Some generals voiced reservations about making air strikes.</i>

reserves	Civilians trained as soldiers but not part of the regular army.
<u>reservoir</u>	A large natural or artificial lake used as a source of water supply. <i>Big oil reservoirs are becoming harder to find.</i>
restraint	A rule or condition that limits freedom. <i>With strings and piano all restraint vanished.</i>
reticence	The quality of being reticent; reserve. <i>The traditional emotional reticence of the British.</i>
second-stringer	An athlete who plays only when a starter on the team is replaced.
self-restraint	Exhibiting restraint imposed on the self.
stand-in	Someone who takes the place of another (as when things get dangerous or difficult).
<u>stock</u>	A portion of a company's stock as held by an individual or group as an investment. <i>She owned 3000 worth of stocks and shares.</i>
stockpile	Something kept back or saved for future use or a special purpose. <i>A stockpile of sandbags was being prepared.</i>
<u>store</u>	A large shop selling different types of goods. <i>Crates started arriving at the quartermaster's stores.</i>
<u>substitute</u>	A sports player nominated as eligible to replace another after a match has begun. <i>Soya milk is used as a substitute for dairy milk.</i>
supply	The activity of supplying or providing something. <i>The demand for tickets greatly exceeds the supply.</i>
taciturnity	The trait of being uncommunicative; not volunteering anything more than necessary.



Usage Examples of "Reserve" as a noun

- *Foreign exchange reserves.*
- *Playing in the first team has been a big step up after the reserves.*
- *Part of the marshes has been managed to create a splendid reserve full of birds.*
- *The men were stationed as a central reserve ready to be transported wherever necessary.*
- *She trusted him without reserve.*
- *The army began calling up reserves for combat training.*
- *She smiled and some of her natural reserve melted.*
- *A reserve was allocated to the tribe on Bear Island.*
- *Australia has major coal, gas, and uranium reserves.*
- *He was reserve hooker for the World Cup team.*
- *The bank built up a cash reserve of £2bn to meet any run on the bank once the loss was revealed.*



Reserve as a Verb

Definitions of "Reserve" as a verb

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

- *Arrange for and reserve (something for someone else) in advance.*
- *(in church use) retain (a portion of the consecrated elements) after Mass for communion of the sick or as a focus for devotion.*
- *Retain for future use.*
- *Retain or hold (a right or entitlement), especially by formal or legal stipulation.*
- *Arrange for (a room, seat, ticket, etc.) to be kept for the use of a particular person.*
- *Refrain from delivering (a judgement or decision) without due consideration or evidence.*
- *Hold back or set aside, especially for future use or contingency.*
- *Obtain or arrange (for oneself) in advance.*
- *Give or assign a resource to a particular person or cause.*
- *Use or engage in something only in or at (a particular circumstance or time).*



Synonyms of "Reserve" as a verb (22 Words)

allow	Allow the presence of or allow an activity without opposing or prohibiting. <i>This short story allows of several different interpretations.</i>
appropriate	Devote (money or assets) to a special purpose. <i>The accused had appropriated the property.</i>
arrange for	Plan, organize, and carry out (an event).
arrange in advance	Make arrangements for.
<u>book</u>	Register in a hotel booker. <i>Book early to avoid disappointment.</i>
defer	Postpone the conscription of (someone). <i>They deferred the decision until February.</i>
delay	Cause to be slowed down or delayed. <i>Don't delay your application to graduate school or else it won't be considered.</i>
 earmark	Designate (funds or resources) for a particular purpose. <i>The cash had been earmarked for a big expansion of the programme.</i>
hold	Have room for hold without crowding. <i>I'll have that coffee now if the offer still holds.</i>
<u>keep</u>	Look after be the keeper of have charge of. <i>Keep my seat please.</i>
keep back	Keep under control; keep in check.
lay aside	Lay eggs.
make a reservation for	Form by assembling individuals or constituents.
order	Bring order to or into. <i>He ordered the anchor dropped.</i>
<u>postpone</u>	Cause or arrange for (something) to take place at a time later than that first scheduled. <i>He postponed implementing the scheme until industry and business were consulted.</i>
put aside	Arrange thoughts, ideas, temporal events.
put off	Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.
put to one side	Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.

retain

Continue to have (something); keep possession of.

*I **retained** a few French words and phrases.*

secure

Seek to guarantee repayment of (a loan) by having a right to take possession of an asset in the event of non-payment.

*The government is concerned to **secure** the economy against too much foreign ownership.*

set aside

Put into a certain place or abstract location.

withhold

Hold back; refuse to hand over or share.

*My employer is **withholding** taxes.*



Usage Examples of "Reserve" as a verb

- *We managed to reserve a table at Maxim's.*
- *A place was reserved for her in the front row.*
- *Japanese food has been presented as expensive and reserved for special occasions.*
- *I'll reserve my views on his ability until he's played again.*
- *The editor reserves the right to edit letters.*

- *Roll out half the dough and reserve the other half.*
- *Reserve me a seat on a flight.*



Associations of "Reserve" (30 Words)

appointment	The act of disposing of property by virtue of the power of appointment. <i>The appointment had to be approved by the whole committee.</i>
<u>belong</u>	Have the right personal or social qualities to be a member of a particular group. <i>The race belonged completely to Fogarty.</i>
<u>booking</u>	An act of reserving accommodation, a ticket, etc. in advance. <i>It was a rough match with five bookings.</i>
<u>carry</u>	An act of carrying something from one place to another. <i>Nerves carry visual information from the eyes.</i>
caution	Judiciousness in avoiding harm or danger. <i>They let him off with a caution.</i>

circumspection	The quality of being wary and unwilling to take risks; prudence. <i>Circumspection is required in the day to day exercise of administrative powers.</i>
commissary	A snack bar in a film studio.
customer	Someone who pays for goods or services. <i>He s a tough customer.</i>
depository	A facility where things can be deposited for storage or safekeeping. <i>Irish libraries became depositories for material from all over the world.</i>
depot	A place where buses, trains, or other vehicles are housed and maintained and from which they are dispatched for service. <i>An arms depot.</i>
earmark	Give or assign a resource to a particular person or cause. <i>This car has all the earmarks of a classic.</i>
hoard	A stock or store of money or valued objects, typically one that is secret or carefully guarded. <i>He hoarded the memory in his heart.</i>
humbleness	A humble feeling.
humility	A humble feeling. <i>He needs the humility to accept that their way may be better.</i>
keep	Keep in a certain state position or activity. <i>Today s consumers do not keep the Sabbath.</i>
lowliness	The state of being humble and unimportant.
mall	An alley used for pall mall. <i>They spent their weekends at the local malls.</i>
meekness	A disposition to be patient and long suffering. <i>All his best friends make fun of him for his meekness.</i>
modestly	So as to avoid impropriety or indecency. <i>A modestly furnished flat.</i>
modesty	Formality and propriety of manner. <i>Modesty forbade her to undress in front of so many people.</i>
personality	Disparaging remarks about an individual. <i>She has triumphed by sheer force of personality.</i>
prudence	The quality of being prudent; cautiousness. <i>We need to exercise prudence in such important matters.</i>
reservation	(in the Roman Catholic Church) the action of a superior of reserving to himself the power of absolution. <i>The boy s family live on a reservation.</i>

save	Save from sins. <i>The statement was made to save the government some embarrassment.</i>
service	Perform a service or services for someone. <i>They complained of poor bar service.</i>
shy	(of a plant) not bearing flowers or fruit well or prolifically. <i>Otters are very shy animals.</i>
stock	Provide or furnish with a stock of something. <i>A stock item.</i>
stockpile	Have on hand. <i>A stockpile of nuclear weapons.</i>
store	A computer memory. <i>I couldn't store all the books in the attic so I sold some.</i>
visiting	(of a person) on a visit to a person or place. <i>A visiting professor.</i>

