

Need another word that means the same as “ritual”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “ritual” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ritual” are: rite, formalities, proceedings, business, rigmarole, ado, ceremony, celebration, festivity, ceremonial, observance, formal, official, public, ritualistic, prescribed, set, stately, solemn, dignified, celebratory, sacramental, liturgical

Ritual as a Noun

Definitions of "Ritual" as a noun

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

- *A series of actions or type of behaviour regularly and invariably followed by someone.*
- *The prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies.*
- *Stereotyped behavior.*
- *A prescribed order for performing a ritual ceremony, especially one characteristic of a particular religion or Church.*
- *Any customary observance or practice.*
- *A religious or solemn ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed according to a prescribed order.*



Synonyms of "Ritual" as a noun (11 Words)

- ado** A state of agitation or fuss, especially about something unimportant.
*I hastened there without delay or **ado**.*
- business** Business concerns collectively.
*He bought his brother s **business**.*
- celebration** The action of celebrating an important day or event.
*The birth of his son was a cause for **celebration**.*
- ceremonial** A formal event performed on a special occasion.
*The procedure was conducted with all due **ceremonial**.*
- ceremony** An act or series of acts performed according to a traditional or prescribed form.
*The new Queen was proclaimed with due **ceremony**.*
- festivity** Any joyous diversion.
*A time of great rejoicing and **festivity**.*
- formalities** A requirement of etiquette or custom.

- observance** The act of observing; taking a patient look.
*Official anniversary **observances**.*
- proceedings** A written account of what transpired at a meeting.
*You should read the **proceedings**.*
- rigmarole** A lengthy and complicated procedure.
*She went into a long **rigmarole** about the different jobs she d had.*
- rite** Any customary observance or practice.
*The British family Christmas **rite**.*



Usage Examples of "Ritual" as a noun

- *Ancient fertility rituals.*
- *Her visits to Joy became a ritual.*
- *She likes the High Church ritual.*
- *The role of ritual in religion.*



Ritual as an Adjective

Definitions of "Ritual" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "ritual" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of an action) arising from convention or habit.*
- *Relating to or done as a religious or solemn rite.*
- *Of or relating to or employed in social rites or rituals- Nadine Gordimer.*
- *Of or relating to or characteristic of religious rituals.*



Synonyms of "Ritual" as an adjective (13 Words)

celebratory Feeling or expressing happiness and pride.
*Several **celebratory** birthday champagnes.*

ceremonial	Relating to or used for formal religious or public events. <i>Ceremonial garb.</i>
dignified	Having or showing self-esteem. <i>Her dignified demeanor.</i>
formal	Being in accord with established forms and conventions and requirements as e.g. of formal dress. <i>The paper was written in formal English.</i>
liturgical	Of or relating to or in accord with liturgy.
official	Of a church given official status as a national or state institution. <i>An official representative.</i>
prescribed	Set down as a rule or guide. <i>In prescribed order.</i>
public	Of, for, or acting for a university. <i>Public parks.</i>
ritualistic	Invariably performed in the same way. <i>The party's ritualistic display of support for their leader.</i>
sacramental	Relating to or constituting a sacrament or the sacraments. <i>A native sacramental tradition.</i>
set	Set down according to a plan. <i>We are set to go at any time.</i>
solemn	Characterized by a firm and humorless belief in the validity of your opinions. <i>A solemn promise.</i>
stately	Impressive in appearance. <i>Stately columns.</i>



Usage Examples of "Ritual" as an adjective

- *Ritual burial.*
- *A ritual murder.*
- *The players gathered for the ritual pre-match huddle.*



Associations of "Ritual" (30 Words)

- ablution** An act of washing oneself.
*The women performed their **ablutions**.*
- baptism** The Christian religious rite of sprinkling water on to a person's forehead or of immersing them in water symbolizing purification or regeneration and admission to the Christian Church. In many denominations baptism is performed on young children and is accompanied by name giving.
*The sacrament of **baptism**.*
- baptismal** Of or relating to baptism.
***Baptismal** rites.*
- cannibalism** The practice of eating the flesh of your own kind.
*To avoid **cannibalism** caterpillars were reared individually.*
- ceremonial** (of a post or role) conferring or involving only nominal authority or power.
*The procedure was conducted with all due **ceremonial**.*

ceremony	The proper or conventional behavior on some solemn occasion. <i>A public ceremony.</i>
coven	An assembly of witches; usually 13 witches. <i>Covens of militants within the party.</i>
dedicated	Solemnly dedicated to or set apart for a high purpose. <i>Dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.</i>
devout	Deeply religious. <i>A rabbi s devout prayers.</i>
fanatically	In a passionately fanatic manner.
funeral	A sermon delivered at a funeral. <i>Her funeral had to pass.</i>
godly	Emanating from God-Saturday Review. <i>How to live the godly life.</i>
impurity	A constituent which impairs the purity of something. <i>A struggle to rid the soul of sin and impurity.</i>
incantation	A ritual recitation of words or sounds believed to have a magical effect. <i>An incantation to raise the dead.</i>
liturgy	A religious service conducted according to a liturgy. <i>A tradition which found its expression in ritual and liturgy.</i>
oblation	The presentation of bread and wine to God in the Eucharist. <i>Oblations for aid to the poor.</i>
ordination	A statistical technique in which data from a large number of sites or populations are represented as points in a multidimensional space. <i>The rabbi s family was present for his ordination.</i>
pilgrimage	Go on a pilgrimage. <i>Now is the thirty first year of my dark pilgrimage on this earth.</i>
pious	Making or constituting a hypocritical display of virtue. <i>Pious readings.</i>
proselyte	A Gentile who has converted to Judaism.
religious	A member of a religious order who is bound by vows of poverty and chastity and obedience. <i>Religious houses were built on ancient pagan sites.</i>
rite	A religious or other solemn ceremony or act. <i>The British family Christmas rite.</i>
sacrament	A thing of mysterious and sacred significance; a religious symbol. <i>He heard Mass and received the sacrament.</i>

- sacred** Regarded as too valuable to be interfered with; sacrosanct.
*Cows are **sacred** and the eating of beef is taboo.*
- saintly** Relating to a saint.
*A truly **saintly** woman.*
- savagery** The property of being untamed and ferocious.
*Without adult society the children descend into **savagery**.*
- shaman** In societies practicing shamanism one acting as a medium between the visible and spirit worlds practices sorcery for healing or divination.
- shrine** Enclose in a shrine.
*A goddess **shrined** in every tree.*
- witch** A follower or practitioner of Wicca or of modern witchcraft.
*Mrs Mucharski had somehow **witched** the house.*
- witchcraft** (in a modern context) religious practice involving magic and affinity with nature, usually within a pagan tradition.
*Children and goods were believed to be vulnerable to the **witchcraft** of jealous neighbours.*

