

Need another word that means the same as “roundabout”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “roundabout” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Roundabout” are: circle, rotary, traffic circle, carousel, carrousel, merry-go-round, whirligig, circuitous, devious, indirect, meandering, winding, serpentine, tortuous, oblique, circumlocutory, periphrastic**

## Roundabout as a Noun

### Definitions of "Roundabout" as a noun

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

- *A road junction at which traffic moves in one direction round a central island to reach one of the roads converging on it.*
- *A large revolving device in a playground, for children to ride on.*
- *A revolving machine with model horses or cars on which people ride for amusement; a merry-go-round.*
- *A large, rotating machine with seats for children to ride or amusement.*
- *A road junction at which traffic streams circularly around a central island.*



## Synonyms of "Roundabout" as a noun (7 Words)

<b>carousel</b>	A tournament in which groups of knights took part in demonstrations of equestrian skills. <i>They were waiting for their bags to appear on the <b>carousel</b>.</i>
<b>carrousel</b>	A large, rotating machine with seats for children to ride or amusement.
<b><u>circle</u></b>	Something approximating the shape of a circle. <i>The machine punched out metal <b>circles</b>.</i>
<b>merry-go-round</b>	The activity of playing 18 holes of golf.
<b>rotary</b>	A rotary machine engine or device. <i>The accident blocked all traffic at the <b>rotary</b>.</i>
<b>traffic circle</b>	The aggregation of things (pedestrians or vehicles) coming and going in a particular locality during a specified period of time.
<b>whirligig</b>	A small black predatory beetle which swims rapidly in circles on the surface of still or slow-moving water and dives when alarmed. <i>The <b>whirligig</b> of time.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Roundabout" as a noun

- *Turn right at the next roundabout.*







## Roundabout as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Roundabout" as an adjective

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

- *Not saying what is meant clearly and directly; circumlocutory.*
- *Marked by obliqueness or indirection in speech or conduct.*
- *Deviating from a straight course.*
- *Not following a short direct route; circuitous.*



## Synonyms of "Roundabout" as an adjective (10 Words)

<b>circuitous</b>	Marked by obliqueness or indirection in speech or conduct. <i>The explanation was <b>circuitous</b> and puzzling.</i>
<b>circumlocutory</b>	Using many words where fewer would do, especially in a deliberate attempt to be vague or evasive; long-winded. <i>He has a meandering <b>circumlocutory</b> speaking style.</i>
<u><a href="#">devious</a></u>	Showing a skilful use of underhand tactics to achieve goals. <i>He s as <b>devious</b> as a politician needs to be.</i>
<u><a href="#">indirect</a></u>	Having intervening factors or persons or influences. <i>Local government under the <b>indirect</b> control of the British.</i>
<b>meandering</b>	Of a path e.g. <i>A brilliant sample of <b>meandering</b> discourse.</i>
<b>oblique</b>	Not expressed or done in a direct way. <i>We sat on the settee <b>oblique</b> to the fireplace.</i>
<b>periphrastic</b>	Roundabout and unnecessarily wordy. <i>The <b>periphrastic</b> nature of legal syntax.</i>
<b>serpentine</b>	Complex, cunning, or treacherous. <i><b>Serpentine</b> coils.</i>
<u><a href="#">tortuous</a></u>	Full of twists and turns. <i>A <b>tortuous</b> argument.</i>
<b>winding</b>	Marked by repeated turns and bends. <i>A <b>winding</b> country road.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Roundabout" as an adjective

- *We need to take a roundabout route to throw off any pursuit.*
- *A roundabout paragraph.*
- *A roundabout route avoided rush-hour traffic.*
- *Hear in a roundabout way that her ex-husband was marrying her best friend.*
- *In a roundabout way, he was fishing for information.*



## Associations of "Roundabout" (30 Words)

<b>alternating</b>	Occurring by turns; first one and then the other. <i><b>Alternating</b> current.</i>
<b>backhanded</b>	Made across the body with back of hand facing direction of stroke. <i>A <b>backhanded</b> and dishonest way of reaching his goal.</i>
<b>bulbous</b>	Shaped like a bulb. <i>The <b>bulbous</b> buttercup.</i>
<b>carrousel</b>	A conveyer belt that carries luggage to be claimed by air travelers.
<b><u>circle</u></b>	Something in the shape of a circle. <i>She was pale and rather beautiful with dark <b>circles</b> around deep exhausted eyes.</i>
<b>circuitous</b>	Deviating from a straight course. <i>A <b>circuitous</b> line of reasoning.</i>
<b>circular</b>	Having a circular shape. <i>A <b>circular</b> letter was sent asking for support.</i>
<b>convex</b>	Having an outline or surface curved like the exterior of a circle or sphere. <i>A <b>convex</b> lens.</i>



<b>cowardly</b>	In a way which shows a lack of courage. <i><b>Cowardly</b> dogs ye will not aid me then.</i>
<b>cyclical</b>	Occurring in cycles; recurrent. <i>The <b>cyclical</b> nature of the cement industry.</i>
<b>devious</b>	Indirect in departing from the accepted or proper way; misleading. <i>They have <b>devious</b> ways of making money.</i>
<b>ellipse</b>	A closed plane curve resulting from the intersection of a circular cone and a plane cutting completely through it. <i>The sums of the distances from the foci to any point on an <b>ellipse</b> is constant.</i>
<b>ellipticity</b>	The condition of being elliptic.
<b>globose</b>	Having the shape of a sphere or ball- Zane Grey. <i>The cells are generally <b>globose</b>.</i>
<b>indirect</b>	Extended senses; not direct in manner or language or behavior or action. <i>Making <b>indirect</b> but legitimate inquiries.</i>
<b>junction</b>	A point where two or more things are joined. <i>The <b>junction</b> of Queen s Road and Lancaster Avenue.</i>
<b>mower</b>	A person who cuts grass with a mower. <i>Keep <b>mower</b> blades sharp to prevent damage to the grass.</i>
<b>periodic</b>	Relating to the periodic table of the elements. <i><b>Periodic</b> feelings of anxiety.</i>
<b>periodically</b>	In a sporadic manner. <i>The students received help from a friend only <b>periodically</b>.</i>
<b>periodicity</b>	The quality of recurring at regular intervals. <i>The <b>periodicity</b> of the sunspot cycle.</i>
<b>radius</b>	A circular region whose area is indicated by the length of its radius. <i>They located it within a <b>radius</b> of 2 miles.</i>
<b>repeated</b>	Done or occurring again several times in the same way. <i>There were <b>repeated</b> attempts to negotiate.</i>
<b>repeating</b>	(of a pattern) recurring uniformly over a surface.
<b>rotary</b>	A rotary machine engine or device. <i>The accident blocked all traffic at the <b>rotary</b>.</i>
<b>rotunda</b>	A roundabout. <i>A rotunda that exits on four roads into Greater Manila.</i>
<b>round</b>	Wind around move along a circular course. <i>She turned her glass <b>round</b> and <b>round</b>.</i>

- spherical** Having the shape of a sphere or ball.  
A **spherical** object.
- spin** Spin dry clothes.  
He fiddled with the radio **spinning** the dial.
- swirl** The shape of something rotating rapidly.  
She emerged with a **swirl** of skirts.
- vane** A fin attached to the tail of an arrow, bomb or missile in order to stabilize or guide it.

