

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)

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| carousel | 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 carousel.</i> |
| carrousel | A large, rotating machine with seats for children to ride or amusement. |
| circle | Something approximating the shape of a circle. <i>The machine punched out metal circles.</i> |
| merry-go-round | The activity of playing 18 holes of golf. |
| rotary | A rotary machine engine or device. <i>The accident blocked all traffic at the rotary.</i> |
| traffic circle | The aggregation of things (pedestrians or vehicles) coming and going in a particular locality during a specified period of time. |
| whirligig | 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 whirligig 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)

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

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

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

