

Need another word that means the same as “scan”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “scan” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Scan” are: glance over, rake, run down, skim, read, study, examine, scrutinize, inspect, survey, search, scour, sweep, glance through, look over, look through, have a look at, cast one's eye over, pass one's eye over, run one's eye over, flick through, flip through, leaf through, thumb through, read quickly, browse through, cat scan, inspection, scrutiny, examination, glance, look, flick, browse, screening**

## Scan as a Noun

### Definitions of "Scan" as a noun

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

- *An image obtained by scanning or with a scanner.*
- *The act of scanning; systematic examination of a prescribed region.*
- *An image produced by scanning.*
- *An act of scanning someone or something.*
- *A medical examination using a scanner.*



## Synonyms of "Scan" as a noun (12 Words)

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| <b>browse</b>      | Vegetation (such as young shoots, twigs, and leaves) that is suitable for animals to eat.<br><i>A <b>browse</b> through the sports pages.</i> |
| <b>cat scan</b>    | Any of several large cats typically able to roar and living in the wild.<br>The action or process of conducting an examination.               |
| <b>examination</b> | <i>The role of the planning system has come under increasing critical <b>examination</b>.</i>   |
| <b>flick</b>       | A light sharp contact (usually with something flexible).<br><i>He sent his cigarette spinning away with a <b>flick</b> of his fingers.</i>    |
| <b>glance</b>      | A quick look.<br><i>Fish sporting with quick <b>glance</b> Show to the Sun their wavy coats.</i>  |
| <b>inspection</b>  | A formal or official examination.<br><i>On closer <b>inspection</b> it looked like a fossil.</i>  |
| <b>look</b>        | An expression of a feeling or thought by looking.<br><i>His camera does his <b>looking</b> for him.</i>                                       |

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| <b><u>screening</u></b> | A showing of a film, video, or television programme.<br><i>Nowhere is drug <b>screening</b> more common than in the federal criminal justice system.</i>                    |
| <b>scrutiny</b>         | Critical observation or examination.<br><i>Every aspect of local government was placed under <b>scrutiny</b>.</i>   |
| <b>search</b>           | An act or instance of searching a database or the World Wide Web.<br><i>The advanced <b>search</b> includes options for sorting by date and specifying the news source.</i> |
| <b><u>skim</u></b>      | An act of reading something quickly or superficially.<br><i>There was a thin <b>skim</b> of oil on the water.</i>   |
| <b><u>survey</u></b>    | A written report detailing the findings of a building survey.<br><i>The author provides a <b>survey</b> of the relevant literature.</i>                                     |



## Usage Examples of "Scan" as a noun

- A brain scan.
- You can't predict anything until he has seen the scan.
- He made a thorough scan of the beach with his binoculars.
- He analyzed the brain scan.
- A quick scan of the sports page.
- You could see the tumor in the CAT scan.





## Scan as a Verb

### Definitions of "Scan" as a verb

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

- *Look at all parts of (something) carefully in order to detect some feature.*
- *Resolve (a picture) into its elements of light and shade in a prearranged pattern for the purposes of television transmission.*
- *Examine minutely or intensely.*
- *Read metrically.*
- *Obtain data from magnetic tapes.*
- *Examine hastily.*
- *Make a wide, sweeping search of.*
- *(of verse) conform to metrical principles.*

- *Move a light beam over; in electronics, to reproduce an image.*
- *Look quickly but not very thoroughly through (a document or other text) in order to identify relevant information.*
- *Conform to a metrical pattern.*
- *Obtain data from magnetic tapes or other digital sources.*
- *Convert (a document or picture) into digital form for storage or processing on a computer.*
- *Cause (a beam) to traverse across a surface or object.*
- *Cause (a surface, object, or part of the body) to be traversed by a detector or an electromagnetic beam.*
- *Analyse the metre of (a line of verse) by reading with the emphasis on its rhythm or by examining the pattern of feet or syllables.*







## Synonyms of "Scan" as a verb (26 Words)

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| <b>browse through</b>      | Shop around; not necessarily buying.   |
| <b>cast one's eye over</b> | Put or send forth.   |
| <b>examine</b>             | Question or examine thoroughly and closely.<br><i>The customs agent <b>examined</b> the baggage.</i>   |
| <b>flick through</b>       | Look through a book or other written material.   |
| <b>flip through</b>        | Lightly throw to see which side comes up.  |
| <b>glance over</b>         | Throw a glance at; take a brief look at.   |
| <b>glance through</b>      | Throw a glance at; take a brief look at.   |
| <b>have a look at</b>      | Have ownership or possession of.   |
| <b>inspect</b>             | Examine (someone or something) to ensure that they reach an official standard.<br><i>Customs officers came aboard to <b>inspect</b> our documents.</i> |
| <b>leaf through</b>        | Produce leaves, of plants.   |
| <b>look over</b>           | Convey by one's expression.  |
| <b>look through</b>        | Have faith or confidence in.   |
| <b>pass one's eye over</b> | Eliminate from the body.   |
| <b>rake</b>                | Make ground smooth with a rake.<br><i>His steady gaze <b>raked</b> over the two men.</i>   |
| <b>read</b>                | Of a piece of writing convey a specified impression to the reader.<br><i>For madam <b>read</b> madman.</i>   |
| <b>read quickly</b>        | Audition for a stage role by reading parts of a role.  |
| <b>run down</b>            | Extend or continue for a certain period of time.   |
| <b>run one's eye over</b>  | Be affected by; be subjected to.   |
| <b><u>scour</u></b>        | Remove dirt or unwanted matter by scouring.<br><i>She <b>scoured</b> the cooker.</i>   |
| <b><u>scrutinize</u></b>   | Examine carefully for accuracy with the intent of verification.<br><i>Customers were warned to <b>scrutinize</b> the small print.</i>                  |
| <b>search</b>              | Subject to a search.<br><i>I must <b>search</b> the internet for one of his pictures.</i>  |
| <b><u>skim</u></b>         | Move or pass swiftly and lightly over the surface of.<br><i>Bring the stock to the boil then <b>skim</b> it to remove any foam.</i>                    |
| <b>study</b>               | Apply oneself to study.<br><i>She bent her head to <b>study</b> the plans.</i>   |

survey

Make a survey of for statistical purposes.  
*He **surveyed** the coasts of New Zealand.*

**sweep**

Clean by sweeping.  
*We knew we had to **sweep** these three home games.*

**thumb through**

Travel by getting free rides from motorists.



## Usage Examples of "Scan" as a verb

- *The surgeon scanned the X-ray.*
- *The beams scanned the night sky.*
- *Their brains are scanned so that researchers can monitor the progress of the disease.*
- *Scan verses.*
- *Well, it doesn't rhyme and certainly doesn't scan.*
- *We scanned the beam over a sector of 120.*
- *We scan the papers for news from the trouble spots.*
- *He raised his binoculars to scan the coast.*
- *Text and pictures can be scanned into the computer.*
- *I scanned through the reference materials.*
- *She scanned the newspaper headlines while waiting for the taxi.*





## Associations of "Scan" (30 Words)

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| <b>binocular</b>        | Relating to both eyes.<br><i>A <b>binocular</b> microscope.</i>   |
| <b>binoculars</b>       | An optical instrument with a lens for each eye, used for viewing distant objects.   |
| <b><u>detective</u></b> | A person, especially a police officer, whose occupation is to investigate and solve crimes.<br><i>A <b>detective</b> inspector.</i> |
| <b>enquire</b>          | Have a wish or desire to know something.  |
| <b>examine</b>          | Question or examine thoroughly and closely.<br><i>This forced us to <b>examine</b> every facet of our business.</i>                 |
| <b>experiment</b>       | To conduct a test or investigation.<br><i>Not all <b>experimentation</b> is done in laboratories.</i>                               |

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| <b>fastness</b>      | The ability of a material or dye to maintain its colour without fading or washing away.<br><i>A remote Himalayan mountain <b>fastness</b>.</i>   |
| <b>feasibility</b>   | The quality of being doable.<br><i>The <b>feasibility</b> of screening athletes for cardiac disease.</i>   |
| <b>glimpse</b>       | Catch a glimpse of or see briefly.<br><i>From the window he could catch a <b>glimpse</b> of the lake.</i>  |
| <b>grazing</b>       | The act of grazing.<br><i>Large areas of rough <b>grazing</b>.</i>   |
| <b>instantaneous</b> | Existing or measured at a particular instant.<br><i>Measurement of the <b>instantaneous</b> velocity.</i>  |
| <b>investigate</b>   | Investigate scientifically.<br><i>When you didn't turn up I thought I'd better come back to <b>investigate</b>.</i>  |
| <b>investigation</b> | The work of inquiring into something thoroughly and systematically.<br><i>An <b>investigation</b> into fresh allegations of malpractice.</i>   |
| <b>microbe</b>       | A minute life form (especially a disease-causing bacterium); the term is not in technical use.   |
| <b>microorganism</b> | Any organism of microscopic size.  |
| <b>microscope</b>    | An optical instrument used for viewing very small objects, such as mineral samples or animal or plant cells, typically magnified several hundred times.<br><i>The invention of the <b>microscope</b> led to the discovery of the cell.</i> |
| <b>microscopy</b>    | The use of the microscope.   |
| <b>nimble</b>        | (of the mind) able to think and understand quickly.<br><i><b>Nimble</b> fingers.</i>   |
| <b>optical</b>       | Of or relating to or resembling the eye.<br><i><b>Optical</b> telescopes.</i>  |
| <b>probe</b>         | Examine physically with or as if with a probe.<br><i>What right had he to <b>probe</b> into her personal life.</i>   |
| <b>quick</b>         | At a fast rate quickly.<br><i>Come here <b>quick</b>.</i>  |
| <b>rake</b>          | An implement similar to a rake used for other purposes e.g. by a croupier drawing in money at a gaming table.<br><i>He <b>raked</b> through his pockets and brought out a five pound note.</i>   |
| <b>scrutinize</b>    | Examine carefully for accuracy with the intent of verification.<br><i>He <b>scrutinized</b> his likeness in the mirror.</i>  |



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| <b><u>security</u></b> | A department responsible for the security of the institution s property and workers.<br><i>Military <b>security</b> has been stepped up since the recent uprising.</i> |
| <b>seek</b>            | Attempt to find (something).<br><i>It s his job to <b>seek</b> out new customers.</i>  |
| <b><u>skim</u></b>     | Remove from the surface.<br><i>There was a thin <b>skim</b> of oil on the water.</i>   |
| <b>spectroscope</b>    | An apparatus for producing and recording spectra for examination.  |
| <b><u>speedy</u></b>   | Done or occurring quickly.<br><i>Hoped for a <b>speedy</b> resolution of the problem.</i>  |
| <b>spry</b>            | (especially of an old person) active; lively.<br><i>He continued to look <b>spry</b> and active well into his eighties.</i>  |
| <b>surveillance</b>    | Close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal.<br><i>He found himself put under <b>surveillance</b> by British military intelligence.</i>               |

