

Need another word that means the same as “scout”? Find 40 synonyms for “scout” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Scout” are: lookout, lookout man, picket, sentinel, sentry, spotter, watch, guide, pathfinder, talent scout, lookout woman, outrider, advance guard, vanguard, spy, reconnaissance, reconnoitre, talent spotter, recruiter, reconnoiter, search, look, hunt, cast about, cast round, cast around, ferret, ferret about, ferret around, root about, root around, explore, take a look at, make a reconnaissance of, inspect, investigate, spy out, survey, make a survey of

Scout as a Noun

Definitions of "Scout" as a noun

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

- *An instance of gathering information, especially by reconnoitring an area.*
- *Someone employed to discover and recruit talented persons (especially in the worlds of entertainment or sports).*
- *A Boy Scout or Girl Scout.*
- *A man or boy.*
- *A honeybee that searches for a new site for a swarm to settle or for a new food source.*
- *Someone who can find paths through unexplored territory.*
- *A soldier or other person sent out ahead of a main force so as to gather information about the enemy's position, strength, or movements.*

- A domestic worker at a college at Oxford University.
- A person employed to keep watch for some anticipated event.
- A ship or aircraft employed for reconnaissance, especially a small, fast aircraft.
- A member of the Scout Association or a similar organization.



Synonyms of "Scout" as a noun (19 Words)

- advance guard** A movement forward.
- guide** A thing that helps someone to form an opinion or make a decision or calculation.
*His spiritual **guide**.*
- lookout** A person employed to keep watch for some anticipated event.
*A fortified **lookout** tower.*
- lookout man** A person employed to keep watch for some anticipated event.
- lookout woman** An elevated post affording a wide view.
- outrider** A person in a motor vehicle or on horseback who goes in front of or beside a vehicle as an escort or guard.

pathfinder	An aircraft sent ahead to locate and mark the target area for bombing. <i>A pathfinder prospectus.</i>
picket	A blockade of a workplace or other venue staged by a picket. <i>The workers walked out mounting mass pickets at the factory gates.</i>
<u>reconnaissance</u>	Preliminary surveying or research. <i>An excellent aircraft for low level reconnaissance.</i>
reconnoitre	An act of reconnoitring. <i>A nocturnal reconnoitre of the camp.</i>
recruiter	Someone who supplies members or employees. <i>Military recruiters.</i>
sentinel	A soldier or guard whose job is to stand and keep watch. <i>Soldiers stood sentinel with their muskets.</i>
sentry	A soldier stationed to keep guard or to control access to a place. <i>Two men stood sentry on the door every evening.</i>
spotter	A person employed by a company or business to keep watch on employees or customers. <i>Plane spotters.</i>
<u>spy</u>	(military) a secret agent hired by a state to obtain information about its enemies or by a business to obtain industrial secrets from competitors. <i>A spy camera.</i>
talent scout	Natural abilities or qualities.
talent spotter	Natural abilities or qualities.
<u>vanguard</u>	The foremost part of an advancing army or naval force. <i>The prototype was in the vanguard of technical development.</i>
<u>watch</u>	The officers and crew on duty during a watch. <i>A watch of nightingales began flying south.</i>



Usage Examples of "Scout" as a noun

- *I've got nothing against old Adrian—he's a good scout.*
- *Forward scouts reported that the enemy were massing at two points ahead.*
- *Brock slid the ball in from 14 yards to impress watching scouts.*
- *A scout vehicle.*
- *A scout leader.*
- *I returned from a lengthy scout round the area.*
- *A single-seater scout.*



Scout as a Verb

Definitions of "Scout" as a verb

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

- *(especially of a soldier) go ahead of a main force so as to gather information about an enemy's position, strength, or movements.*
- *Explore, often with the goal of finding something or somebody.*
- *Make a search for someone or something in various places.*
- *Look for suitably talented people for recruitment to one's own organization or sports team.*
- *Explore or examine (a place or area of business) so as to gather information about it.*



Synonyms of "Scout" as a verb (21 Words)

cast about

Select to play, sing, or dance a part in a play, movie, musical, opera, or ballet.

cast around

Eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth.

cast round

Form by pouring (e.g., wax or hot metal) into a cast or mold.

explore

Travel to or penetrate into.

*He **explored** the Fontainebleau forest.*

ferret

Clear a hole or area of ground of rabbits with ferrets.

*She had the ability to **ferret** out the facts.*

ferret about

Hound or harry relentlessly.

ferret around

Search and discover through persistent investigation.

hunt

Use a hound or a horse for hunting.

*Police are **hunting** for her attacker.*

inspect

Look at (someone or something) closely, typically to assess their condition or to discover any shortcomings.

*They **inspected** the paintwork for cracks and flaws.*

investigate	Investigate scientifically. <i>The district attorney's office investigated reports of possible irregularities.</i>
look	Look forward to the probable occurrence of. <i>He just didn't look himself at all.</i>
make a reconnaissance of	Develop into.
make a survey of	Represent fictitiously, as in a play, or pretend to be or act like.
reconnoiter	Explore, often with the goal of finding something or somebody.
reconnoitre	Make a military observation of (a region). <i>They reconnoitred the beach some weeks before the landing.</i>
root about	Dig with the snout.
root around	Become settled or established and stable in one's residence or life style.
search	Subject to a search. <i>She searched the house from top to bottom.</i>
spy out	Watch, observe, or inquire secretly.
<u>survey</u>	Make a survey of for statistical purposes. <i>The cottage didn't look unsafe but he had it surveyed.</i>
take a look at	Take into one's possession.



Usage Examples of "Scout" as a verb

- *Butcher has been scouting for United.*
- *American companies are keen to scout out business opportunities.*
- *Outriders went scouting for small settlements to loot.*
- *I was sent to scout around for a place to park the camper.*
- *We scouted for clues.*

