

Need another word that means the same as “shape”? Find 56 synonyms and 30 related words for “shape” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shape” are: cast, form, pattern, embodiment, configuration, conformation, contour, condition, anatomy, bod, build, chassis, figure, flesh, frame, human body, material body, physique, soma, appearance, formation, structure, guise, likeness, semblance, image, aspect, state, health, state of health, trim, fettle, order, repair, forge, mold, mould, work, determine, influence, regulate, fashion, make, create, model, sculpt, sculpture, block, produce, define, develop, construct**

## Shape as a Noun

### Definitions of "Shape" as a noun

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

- *The state of (good) health (especially in the phrases 'in condition' or 'in shape' or 'out of condition' or 'out of shape'.*
- *A perceptual structure.*
- *The correct or original form or contours of something.*
- *The specified condition or state of someone or something.*
- *Any spatial attributes (especially as defined by outline.*
- *Alternative names for the body of a human being.*
- *A geometric figure such as a square, triangle, or rectangle.*

- *The visual appearance of something or someone.*
- *The external form, contours, or outline of someone or something.*
- *A piece of material, paper, etc., made or cut in a particular form.*
- *Definite or orderly arrangement.*
- *The distinctive nature or qualities of something.*
- *A person or thing that is difficult to see and identify clearly.*
- *The spatial arrangement of something as distinct from its substance.*
- *A concrete representation of an otherwise nebulous concept.*
- *The supreme headquarters that advises NATO on military matters and oversees all aspects of the Allied Command Europe.*
- *A specific form or guise assumed by someone or something.*



## Synonyms of "Shape" as a noun (34 Words)

### [anatomy](#)

A detailed analysis.  
*He studied physiology and **anatomy**.*

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| <b>appearance</b>    | An impression given by someone or something.<br><i>I tried to describe his <b>appearance</b> to the police.</i>  |
| <b>aspect</b>        | The side of a building facing a particular direction.<br><i>Personal effectiveness in all <b>aspects</b> of life.</i>  |
| <b>build</b>         | The proportions of a person's or animal's body.<br><i>He had an ideal <b>build</b> for a sprinter.</i>   |
| <b>cast</b>          | A mould used to make an object by casting.<br><i>The delicate <b>cast</b> of his features.</i>   |
| <b>chassis</b>       | The base frame of a car, carriage, or other wheeled vehicle.   |
| <b>condition</b>     | The procedure that is varied in order to estimate a variable's effect by comparison with a control condition.<br><i>She was in a serious <b>condition</b>.</i> |
| <b>configuration</b> | An arrangement of parts or elements.<br><i>The PC comes with a removable hard disk drive as part of the standard <b>configuration</b>.</i>                     |
| <b>conformation</b>  | Any spatial attributes (especially as defined by outline).<br><i>A change of DNA <b>conformation</b> induced by binding of RNA polymerase.</i>                 |
| <b>contour</b>       | A line joining points on a diagram at which some property has the same value.<br><i>It defines a major <b>contour</b> of this administration.</i>              |
| <b>embodiment</b>    | A new personification of a familiar idea.<br><i>A circle was the <b>embodiment</b> of his concept of life.</i>   |
| <b>fettle</b>        | A state of fitness and good health.<br><i>In fine <b>fettle</b>.</i>   |
| <b>figure</b>        | The form of a syllogism, classified according to the position of the middle term.<br><i>A red ground with white and blue geometrical <b>figures</b>.</i>       |
| <b>flesh</b>         | The flesh of an animal regarded as food.<br><i>Halve the avocados and scrape out the <b>flesh</b>.</i>   |
| <b>form</b>          | A set order of words a formula.<br><i>The fifth <b>form</b>.</i>   |
| <b>formation</b>     | The act of forming or establishing something.<br><i>The <b>formation</b> of gas in the intestine.</i>  |
| <b>frame</b>         | The framework for a pair of eyeglasses.<br><i>An old bicycle <b>frame</b>.</i>   |
| <b>guise</b>         | An artful or simulated semblance.<br><i>He visited in the <b>guise</b> of an inspector.</i>  |

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| <b>health</b>          | A healthy state of wellbeing free from disease.<br><i>A <b>health</b> risk.</i>   |
| <b>human body</b>      | Any living or extinct member of the family Hominidae characterized by superior intelligence, articulate speech, and erect carriage.   |
| <b>image</b>           | The general impression that a person, organization, or product presents to the public.<br><i>He provided America with an <b>image</b> of the good father.</i>   |
| <b>likeness</b>        | Picture consisting of a graphic image of a person or thing.<br><i>A family <b>likeness</b> can be seen in all the boys.</i>   |
| <b>material body</b>   | Things needed for doing or making something.  |
| <b>order</b>           | The position in which a rifle is held after ordering arms.<br><i>Law and <b>order</b>.</i>  |
| <b>pattern</b>         | An example for others to follow.<br><i>A visual <b>pattern</b> must include not only objects but the spaces between them.</i>   |
| <b>physique</b>        | The form, size, and development of a person's body.<br><i>A sturdy muscular <b>physique</b>.</i>  |
| <b>repair</b>          | A result of repairing something.<br><i>A coat of French polish was brushed over the <b>repair</b>.</i>  |
| <b>semblance</b>       | Resemblance similarity.<br><i>He hoped his claims would have a <b>semblance</b> of authenticity.</i>  |
| <b>soma</b>            | The body as distinct from the soul, mind, or psyche.  |
| <b>state</b>           | Chemistry the three traditional states of matter are solids fixed shape and volume and liquids fixed volume and shaped by the container and gases filling the container.<br><i>Services provided by the <b>state</b>.</i> |
| <b>state of health</b> | The group of people comprising the government of a sovereign state.   |
| <b>structure</b>       | The quality of being organized.<br><i>Artists must study the <b>structure</b> of the human body.</i>  |
| <b>trim</b>            | A short piece of film cut out during the final editing stage.<br><i>In good <b>trim</b>.</i>  |



## Usage Examples of "Shape" as a noun

- *Geometry is the mathematical science of shape.*
- *He saw a shape through the mist.*
- *Stick paper shapes on for the puppet's eyes and nose.*
- *The stones are irregular in shape.*
- *He could barely make out their shapes.*
- *Most economists think the economy is in good shape.*
- *The company came through a difficult period in excellent financial shape.*
- *Houseplants come in all shapes and sizes.*
- *Her skirt had lost its shape long ago.*
- *A fiend in human shape.*
- *Check that your structure will give shape to your essay.*

- *She liked the shape of his nose.*
- *He was in no shape to drive.*
- *Debates about the future shape of British society.*



## Shape as a Verb

### Definitions of "Shape" as a verb

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

- *Determine the nature of; have a great influence on.*
- *Give shape or form to.*
- *Form or produce (a sound or words).*
- *Shape or influence; give direction to.*
- *Give a particular shape or form to.*

- *(of a sports player or athlete) take up a stance or set oneself to perform a particular action.*
- *Make (something) fit the form of something else.*
- *Make something, usually for a specific function.*



### **Synonyms of "Shape" as a verb (22 Words)**

- block** Support secure or raise with a block.  
*Some companies use these IMEI numbers to **block** stolen phones.*
- build** Commission finance and oversee the building of something.  
*The government is **building** new schools in this state.*
- cast** Make a moulded object by casting metal.  
*The witch **cast** a spell on her to turn her into a beast.*

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| <b>construct</b> | Create by organizing and linking ideas, arguments, or concepts.<br><b>Construct</b> an equilateral triangle.  |
| <b>create</b>    | Create by artistic means.<br><b>Create</b> a poem.  |
| <b>define</b>    | Give the meaning of (a word or phrase), especially in a dictionary.<br><i>The tree was clearly <b>defined</b> by the light.</i>   |
| <b>determine</b> | Find out learn or determine with certainty usually by making an inquiry or other effort.<br><i>She <b>determined</b> to tackle Stephen the next day.</i>                |
| <b>develop</b>   | Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development.<br><i>A strange closeness <b>developed</b>.</i>  |
| <b>fashion</b>   | Make out of components (often in an improvising manner).<br><i>The skins were <b>fashioned</b> into boots and shoes.</i>  |
| <b>forge</b>     | Create by hammering.<br><i>He <b>forged</b> ahead.</i>  |
| <b>form</b>      | Make or be made into a specific shape or form.<br><b>Form</b> the young child s character.  |
| <b>frame</b>     | Enclose in a frame as of a picture.<br><i>He walked out before she could <b>frame</b> a reply.</i>  |
| <b>influence</b> | Have and exert influence or effect.<br><i>The artist s work <b>influenced</b> the young painter.</i>  |
| <b>make</b>      | Make by combining materials and parts.<br><i>Have throw or <b>make</b> a party.</i>   |
| <b>model</b>     | Create a representation or model of.<br><i>He <b>models</b> himself on rock legend Elvis Presley.</i>   |
| <b>mold</b>      | Form by pouring e g wax or hot metal into a cast or mold.<br><i>The furniture <b>molded</b> in the old house.</i>   |
| <b>mould</b>     | Form (an object) out of malleable material.<br><i>Take the marzipan and <b>mould</b> it into a cone shape.</i>  |
| <b>produce</b>   | Supervise the making of (a musical recording), especially by determining the overall sound.<br><i>No conventional drugs had <b>produced</b> any significant change.</i> |
| <b>regulate</b>  | Control or maintain the rate or speed of (a machine or process) so that it operates properly.<br><b>Regulate</b> the temperature.                                       |
| <b>sculpt</b>    | Shape (a material like stone or wood) by whittling away at it.<br><b>Sculpting</b> human figures from ivory.  |



**sculpture** Form or shape as if by sculpture especially with strong smooth curves.  
*The choir stalls were each carefully **sculptured**.*

**work** Exert oneself by doing mental or physical work for a purpose or out of necessity.  
*The device is designed to go into a special rest state when it s not **working**.*



## Usage Examples of "Shape" as a verb

- *Most caves are shaped by the flow of water through limestone.*
- *His childhood was shaped by a loving relationship with his elder brother.*
- *Her lips shaped barely audible words.*
- *Suits have been shaped to fit so snugly that no curve is undefined.*
- *Shape a figure.*
- *Shape the dough into two-inch balls.*
- *I had plenty of time and shaped to kick to the near touchline.*
- *Shape the dough.*



## Associations of "Shape" (30 Words)

- circular** Having a circular shape.  
*I received a **circular** from a building society.*
- convex** Curving or bulging outward.  
*A **convex** lens.*
- crescent** Having the shape of a crescent.  
*A **crescent** moon.*
- cycloid** A curve (resembling a series of arches) traced by a point on a circle being rolled along a straight line.
- cylindrical** Having straight parallel sides and a circular or oval cross-section; in the shape or form of a cylinder.  
*The cavity is roughly **cylindrical**.*

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| <b>ellipse</b>     | A regular oval shape, traced by a point moving in a plane so that the sum of its distances from two other points (the foci) is constant, or resulting when a cone is cut by an oblique plane which does not intersect the base.<br><i>The sums of the distances from the foci to any point on an <b>ellipse</b> is constant.</i> |
| <b>elliptical</b>  | Characterized by extreme economy of expression or omission of superfluous elements- H.O.Taylor.<br><i>She had completely misunderstood his <b>elliptical</b> declaration.</i>  |
| <b>epicycloid</b>  | A line generated by a point on a circle rolling around another circle.   |
| <b>hexagonal</b>   | Relating to or constituting a hexagon; having six straight sides and six angles.<br><i>Small <b>hexagonal</b> pockets of honeycomb.</i>  |
| <b>hyperbola</b>   | The pair of hyperbolas formed by the intersection of a plane with two equal cones on opposite sides of the same vertex.  |
| <b>lattice</b>     | An interlaced structure or pattern resembling a lattice.<br><i>The lift stopped and he peered through the metal <b>lattice</b>.</i>  |
| <b>nonagon</b>     | A nine-sided polygon.  |
| <b>oblate</b>      | (of a spheroid) flattened at the poles.  |
| <b>octagon</b>     | An object or building with an octagonal plan or cross section.   |
| <b>oval</b>        | An oval sports field or racing track.<br><i>Cut out two small <b>ovals</b> from the felt.</i>  |
| <b>ovoid</b>       | An ovoid body or surface.  |
| <b>parabola</b>    | A symmetrical open plane curve formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane parallel to its side. The path of a projectile under the influence of gravity follows a curve of this shape.  |
| <b>parabolic</b>   | Of or like a parabola or part of one.<br><i><b>Parabolic</b> teaching.</i>   |
| <b>pentagon</b>    | A five-sided polygon.  |
| <b>pentagram</b>   | A five-pointed star that is formed by drawing a continuous line in five straight segments, often used as a mystic and magical symbol.  |
| <b>peristyle</b>   | A space such as a court or porch that is surrounded or edged by a peristyle.   |
| <b>polygon</b>     | A closed plane figure bounded by straight sides.   |
| <b>rectangle</b>   | A plane figure with four straight sides and four right angles, especially one with unequal adjacent sides, in contrast to a square.  |
| <b>rectangular</b> | (of a solid) having a base, section, or side shaped like a rectangle.<br><i>A neat <b>rectangular</b> area.</i>  |
| <b>rounded</b>     | Well developed in all aspects; complete and balanced.<br><i>His writing was firm and <b>rounded</b>.</i>   |

- shaped** Shaped to fit by or as if by altering the contours of a pliable mass as by work or effort.  
*Her oval **shaped** face.*
- spheroid** A solid generated by a half revolution of an ellipse about its major axis prolate spheroid or minor axis oblate spheroid.  
*It looked like a sphere but on closer examination I saw it was really a **spheroid**.*
- square** Bring one's shoulders into a position in which they appear square and broad typically to prepare oneself for a difficult task or event.  
*A circle's area is proportional to the **square** of its radius.*
- triangle** Something approximating the shape of a triangle.  
*An equilateral **triangle**.*
- vertex** The highest point; the top or apex.

