

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

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**The synonyms of “Sketch” are: resume, survey, vignette, study, cartoon, drawing, preliminary drawing, outline, brief idea, rundown, run-through, main points, thumbnail sketch, bones, skeleton, description, portrait, cameo, profile, portrayal, depiction, skit, scene, piece, performance, act, item, turn, routine, number, joker, jester, wit, wag, comic, jokester, chalk out, adumbrate, draw, make a drawing of, draw a picture of, depict, portray, represent, delineate, pencil, describe, give a brief idea of, give a rundown of, give a thumbnail sketch of, rough out, block out, trace out, map out, indicate**

## Sketch as a Noun

### Definitions of "Sketch" as a noun

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

- *Preliminary drawing for later elaboration.*
- *A comical or amusing person or thing.*
- *Short descriptive summary (of events).*
- *A rough or unfinished version of any creative work.*
- *A short humorous play or performance, consisting typically of one scene in a revue or comedy programme.*

- A brief written or spoken account or description, giving only basic details.
- A rough or unfinished drawing or painting, often made to assist in making a more finished picture.
- A humorous or satirical drawing published in a newspaper or magazine.
- A brief literary description.



## Synonyms of "Sketch" as a noun (36 Words)

### **act**

A document attesting a legal transaction.  
*An **act** of heroism.*

### **bones**

A shade of white the color of bleached bones.

### **brief idea**

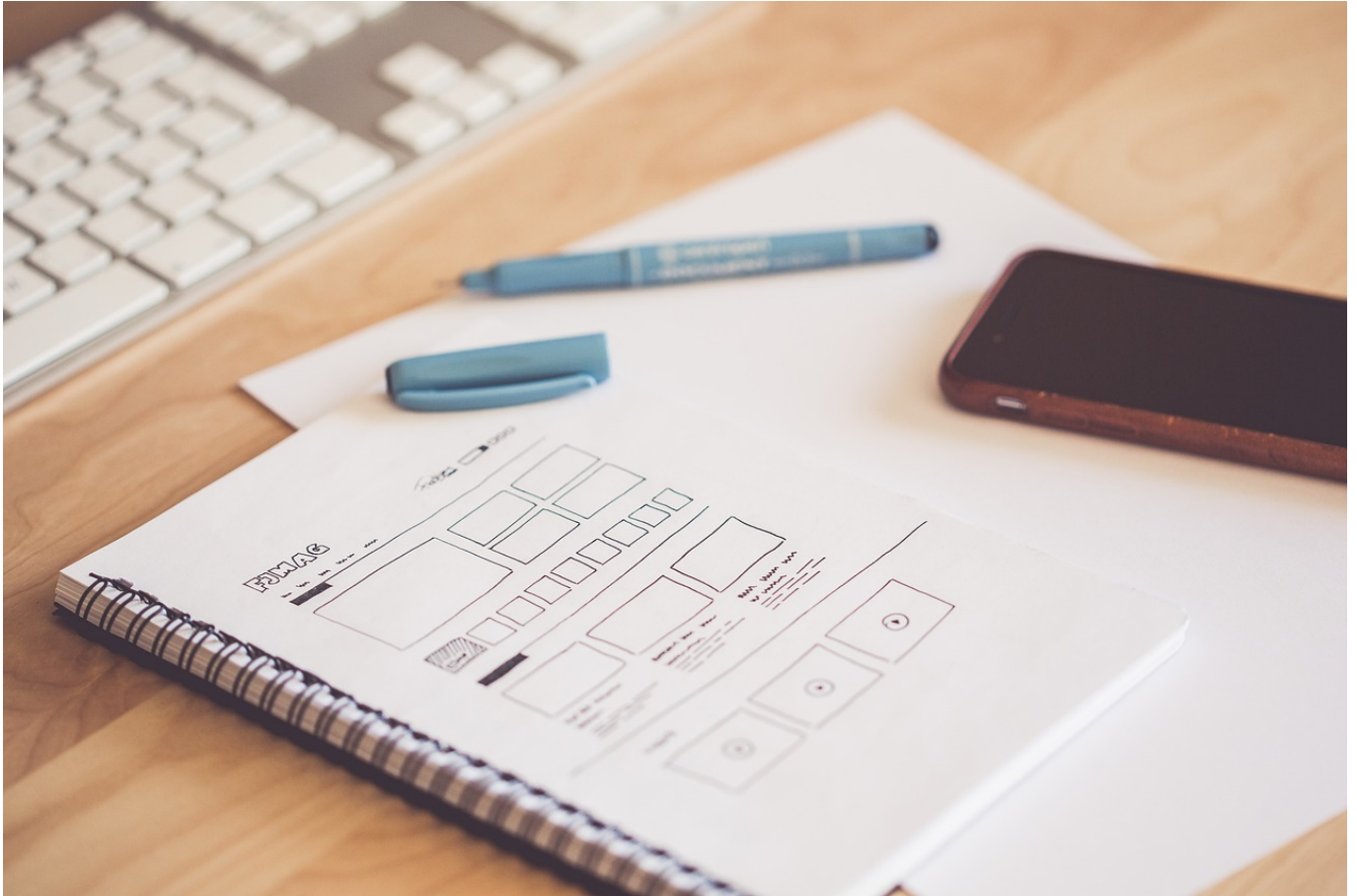
A condensed written summary or abstract.

### **cameo**

A piece of jewellery, typically oval in shape, consisting of a portrait in profile carved in relief on a background of a different colour.  
*A **cameo** brooch.*

<b><u>cartoon</u></b>	A film made by photographing a series of cartoon drawings to give the illusion of movement when projected in rapid sequence. <i>The tapestries are based on a set of <b>cartoons</b> commissioned by Pope Leo XI.</i>
<b>comic</b>	A periodical containing comic strips intended chiefly for children. <i>He is training as a stand up <b>comic</b>.</i>
<b><u>depiction</u></b>	A graphic or vivid verbal description. <i>The painting s horrific <b>depiction</b> of war.</i>
<b>description</b>	The act of describing something. <i>The emphasis was placed on explanation rather than <b>description</b>.</i>
<b><u>drawing</u></b>	The art or activity of making drawings. <i>He learned <b>drawing</b> from his father.</i>
<b>item</b>	An isolated fact that is considered separately from the whole. <i>The <b>items</b> on the agenda.</i>
<b><u>jester</u></b>	A person who habitually plays the fool.
<b>joker</b>	A person who does something thoughtless or annoying. <i>Some <b>joker</b> is blocking the driveway.</i>
<b>jokester</b>	A person fond of making or telling jokes. <i>He was an outgoing fun loving kid the family <b>jokester</b>.</i>
<b>main points</b>	Any very large body of (salt) water.
<b><u>number</u></b>	A numbered item in a series. <i>Take the <b>number</b> 2 to the main square then change to the <b>number</b> 5.</i>
<b>outline</b>	A schematic or preliminary plan. <i>The <b>outlines</b> of dockside warehouses standing sharp on the skyline.</i>
<b>performance</b>	An act of performing a dramatic role, song, or piece of music. <i>They admired his <b>performance</b> under stress.</i>
<b>piece</b>	A written, musical, or artistic creation. <i>It is not known who created this <b>piece</b>.</i>
<b><u>portrait</u></b>	A word picture of a person's appearance and character. <i>A <b>portrait</b> of George III.</i>
<b>portrayal</b>	A description of someone or something in a particular way; a representation. <i>A realistic <b>portrayal</b> of war.</i>
<b>preliminary drawing</b>	Something that serves as a preceding event or introduces what follows.

<b>profile</b>	A flat outline piece of scenery on stage. <i>In soft rocks a <b>profile</b> drawn normally to the beach would show a concave form comparable with the long <b>profile</b> of a river.</i>
<b>resume</b>	Short descriptive summary (of events).
<b>routine</b>	A short theatrical performance that is part of a longer program. <i>I settled down into a <b>routine</b> of work and sleep.</i>
<b>run-through</b>	An uninterrupted rehearsal.
<u><b>rundown</b></u>	An analysis or summary of something by a knowledgeable person. <i>A <b>rundown</b> in the business would be a devastating blow to the local economy.</i>
<u><b>scene</b></u>	The pieces of scenery used in a play or opera. <i>The police returned to the <b>scene</b> of the crime.</i>
<u><b>skeleton</b></u>	A sport in which a competitor races down a frozen track on a skeleton sled. <i>The concrete <b>skeleton</b> of an unfinished building.</i>
<b>skit</b>	A short informal performance intended to educate or inform. <i>Students will create <b>skits</b> about bullying and go to each elementary school to perform them.</i>
<b>study</b>	A room used for reading and writing and studying. <i>The <b>study</b> of global problems.</i>
<u><b>survey</b></u>	A written report detailing the findings of a building survey. <i>The author provides a <b>survey</b> of the relevant literature.</i>
<b>thumbnail sketch</b>	Short descriptive summary (of events).
<b>turn</b>	A place where a road meets or branches off another a turning. <i>Malton s comedy <b>turn</b> Mark Poole takes to the stage tonight in Cinderella.</i>
<u><b>vignette</b></u>	A photograph whose edges shade off gradually. <i>A classic <b>vignette</b> of embassy life.</i>
<b>wag</b>	Causing to move repeatedly from side to side. <i>A chirpy <b>wag</b> of the head.</i>
<u><b>wit</b></u>	A witty amusing person who makes jokes. <i>She does not lack perception or native <b>wit</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Sketch" as a noun

- *A charcoal sketch.*
- *A hilarious sketch for their latest BBC series.*
- *You can see how the first movement evolved from the composer's sketches.*
- *A biographical sketch of Ernest Hemingway.*





## Sketch as a Verb

### Definitions of "Sketch" as a verb

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

- *Make a sketch of.*
- *Make a rough drawing of.*
- *Give a brief account or general outline of something.*
- *Perform (a gesture) with one's hands or body.*
- *Describe roughly or briefly or give the main points or summary of.*



## Synonyms of "Sketch" as a verb (20 Words)

<b>adumbrate</b>	Foreshadow (a future event). <i>The walls were only <b>adumbrated</b> by the meagre light.</i>
<b>block out</b>	Prohibit the conversion or use of (assets).
<b>chalk out</b>	Write, draw, or trace with chalk.
<b>delineate</b>	Determine the essential quality of. <i>The law should <b>delineate</b> and prohibit behaviour which is socially abhorrent.</i>
<b>depict</b>	Represent by a drawing, painting, or other art form. <i>This scene <b>depicts</b> country life.</i>
<b>describe</b>	Move in a way which follows the outline of (an imaginary geometrical figure). <i>Discreet Italian police <b>described</b> it in a manner typically continental.</i>

<b>draw</b>	Engage in drawing. <i>It was an outrage and we had to <b>draw</b> people's attention to it.</i>
<b>draw a picture of</b>	Make, formulate, or derive in the mind.
<b>give a brief idea of</b>	Perform for an audience.
<b>give a rundown of</b>	Manifest or show.
<b>give a thumbnail sketch of</b>	Contribute to some cause.
<b>indicate</b>	Indicate a place, direction, person, or thing either spatially or figuratively. <i>These symptoms <b>indicate</b> a serious illness.</i>
<b>make a drawing of</b>	Charge with a function; charge to be.
<b>map out</b>	To establish a mapping (of mathematical elements or sets).
<b>outline</b>	Draw up an outline or sketch for something. <i>Her eyes were darkly <b>outlined</b> with kohl.</i>
<b>pencil</b>	Write, draw, or trace with a pencil. <i>He <b>penciled</b> a figure.</i>
<b>portray</b>	Portray in words. <i>The book <b>portrayed</b> him as a self-serving careerist.</i>
<b>represent</b>	Be a delegate or spokesperson for, represent somebody's interest, or be a proxy or substitute for, as of politicians and office holders representing their constituents or of a tenant representing other tenants in a housing dispute. <i>Our parents <b>represented</b> to us the need for more caution.</i>
<b>rough out</b>	Prepare in preliminary or sketchy form.
<b>trace out</b>	Discover traces of.





## Usage Examples of "Sketch" as a verb

- *Sketch the outline of the book.*
- *As they talked, Modigliani began to sketch her.*
- *He sketched a graceful bow in her direction.*
- *Sketch the building.*
- *They sketched out the prosecution case.*
- *Jeanne sketched and painted whenever she had the time.*



## Associations of "Sketch" (30 Words)

- cartoon** Draw cartoons of.  
***Cartoon** characters.*
- contour** Form the contours of.  
*The road **contours** the hillside.*
- delineate** Indicate the exact position of (a border or boundary).  
*The law should **delineate** and prohibit behaviour which is socially abhorrent.*
- dicey** Unpredictable and potentially dangerous.  
*An extremely **dicey** future on a brave new world of liquid nitrogen tar and smog.*
- doodle** Make a doodle draw aimlessly.  
*The text was interspersed with **doodles**.*
- draft** Select a player for a sports team through the draft.  
*He was **drafted** in 1938.*

<b>draw</b>	Engage in drawing. <i>He played only <b>draw</b> and stud.</i>
<b>engraved</b>	Cut or impressed into a surface. <i><b>Engraved</b> invitations.</i>
<b>graffiti</b>	Write words or drawings as graffiti. <i>He and another artist <b>graffitied</b> an entire train.</i>
<b>handwriting</b>	Writing with a pen or pencil. <i>This method of duplicating can reproduce typewriting <b>handwriting</b> or drawings.</i>
<b>hastily</b>	In a hurried or hasty manner. <i>Maybe I acted too <b>hastily</b>.</i>
<b>incomplete</b>	Not full or finished. <i>The analysis remains <b>incomplete</b>.</i>
<b>outline</b>	Draw up an outline or sketch for something. <i>An <b>outline</b> of parliamentary procedure.</i>
<b>precis</b>	Make a precis of a text or speech.
<b>profile</b>	Represent in profile by drawing or painting. <i>He was to <b>profile</b> a backbench MP.</i>
<b>prospectus</b>	A printed booklet advertising a school or university to potential parents or students or giving details of a share offer for the benefit of investors. <i>A <b>prospectus</b> should contain the facts that an investor needs to make an informed decision.</i>
<b>quickly</b>	With little or no delay. <i>Reg s illness progressed frighteningly <b>quickly</b>.</i>
<b>recapitulate</b>	Summarize briefly. <i>Many features of regeneration in the peripheral nervous system <b>recapitulate</b> development.</i>
<b>resume</b>	Begin speaking again after a pause or interruption. <i>He sipped at the glass of water and then <b>resumed</b>.</i>
<b>rough</b>	Work or shape something in a rough preliminary fashion. <i>The first day of a job is <b>rough</b> on everyone.</i>
<b>scrawl</b>	Write carelessly. <i>The page was covered in <b>scrawls</b> and doodles.</i>
<b>scribble</b>	Write carelessly. <i>They <b>scribbled</b> potted and painted.</i>

<b><u>scribe</u></b>	French playwright (1791-1861). <i>Mark the position of the lock body on the door edge then <b>scribe</b> a centre mark.</i>
<b><u>script</u></b>	Write a script for a play film or broadcast. <i>Her neat tidy <b>script</b>.</i>
<b>serrated</b>	Having or denoting a jagged edge; sawlike. <i>A knife with a <b>serrated</b> edge.</i>
<b><u>sketchy</u></b>	(of a picture) resembling a sketch; consisting of outline without much detail. <i>Details of the plan remain <b>sketchy</b>.</i>
<b><u>summarize</u></b>	Be a summary of. <i>These results can be <b>summarized</b> in the following table.</i>
<b>summary</b>	(of a judicial process) conducted without the customary legal formalities. <i>A <b>summary</b> formulation of a wide ranging subject.</i>
<b><u>synopsis</u></b>	A brief summary or general survey of something. <i>A <b>synopsis</b> of the insurance cover provided is set out below.</i>
<b><u>vignette</u></b>	Produce a photograph in the style of a vignette by softening or shading away the edges of the subject. <i>A classic <b>vignette</b> of embassy life.</i>



