

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

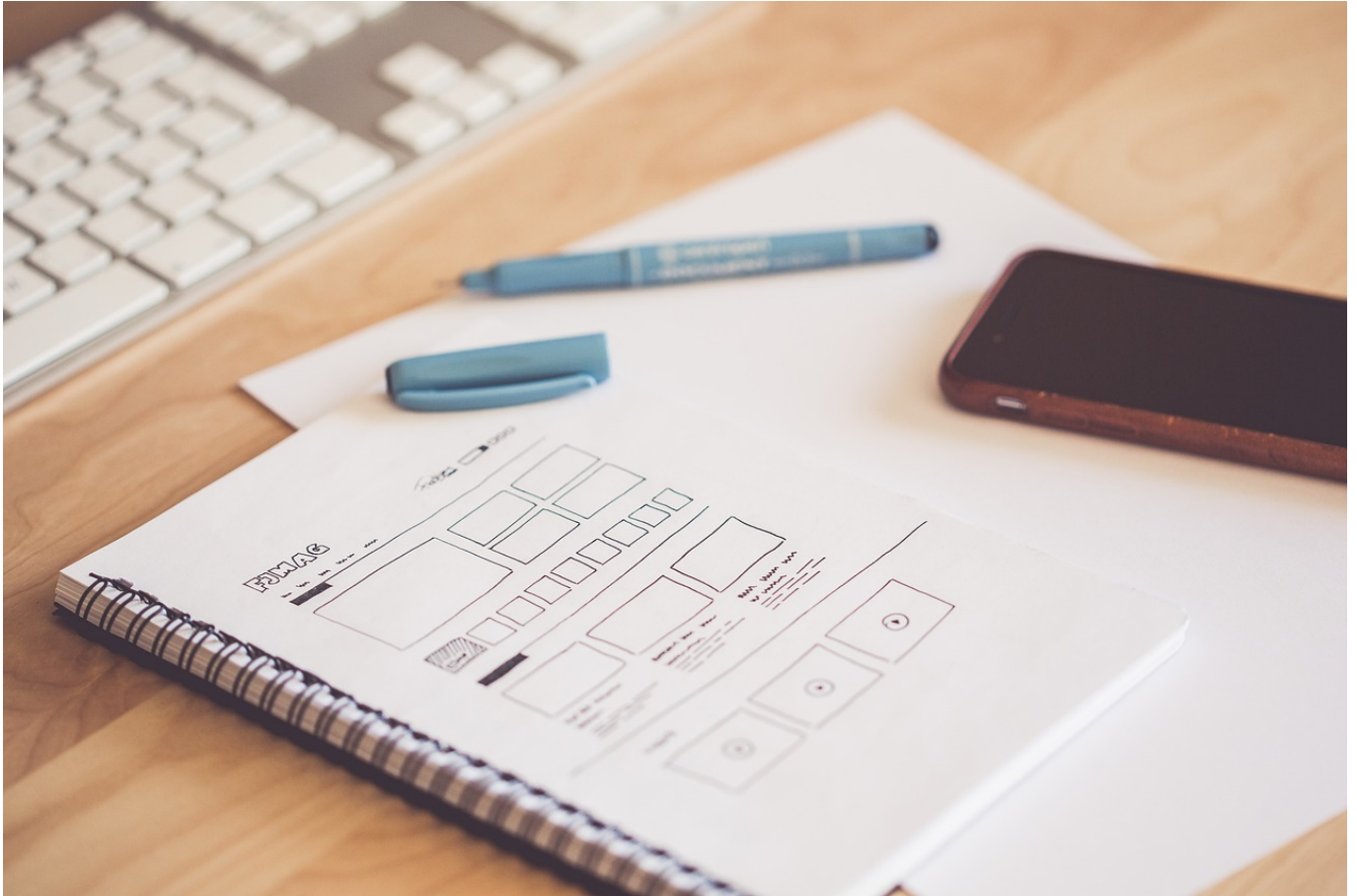
A condensed written summary or abstract.

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.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

