

Need another word that means the same as “span”? Find 47 synonyms and 30 related words for “span” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Span” are: brace, couple, couplet, distich, duad, duet, duo, dyad, pair, twain, twosome, yoke, bridge, straddle, extent, full extent, length, width, reach, stretch, spread, distance, compass, range, period, space, time, duration, course, interval, season, term, cross, sweep, traverse, pass over, arch over, vault over, extend over, last, stretch across, spread over, cover, range over, comprise

Span as a Noun

Definitions of "Span" as a noun

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

- *A structure that allows people or vehicles to cross an obstacle such as a river or canal or railway etc.*
- *A unit of length based on the width of the expanded human hand (usually taken as 9 inches).*
- *The full extent of something from end to end; the amount of space that something covers.*
- *The distance or interval between two points.*
- *The wingspan of an aircraft or a bird.*
- *An arch or part of a bridge between piers or supports.*

- *Two items of the same kind.*
- *The length of time for which something lasts.*
- *The maximum distance between the tips of the thumb and little finger, taken as the basis of a measurement equal to 9 inches.*
- *A short distance or time.*
- *The act of sitting or standing astride.*
- *The complete duration of something.*



Synonyms of "Span" as a noun (32 Words)

Either of the two marks { and }, used either to indicate that two or more items on one side have the same relationship as each other to the single item to which the other side points, or in pairs to show that words between them are connected.

brace

Thirty **brace** of grouse.

bridge

Something resembling a bridge in form or function.

He pushed his spectacles further up the **bridge** of his nose.

<u>compass</u>	The range or scope of something. <i>The cellos were playing in a rather sombre part of their compass.</i>
<u>couple</u>	A pair of equal and parallel forces acting in opposite directions, and tending to cause rotation about an axis perpendicular to the plane containing them. <i>The engaged couple.</i>
couplet	A pair of successive lines of verse, typically rhyming and of the same length.
course	The way in which something progresses or develops. <i>A four course meal.</i>
<u>distance</u>	The distance from the winning post which a horse must have reached when the winner finishes in order to qualify for a subsequent heat. <i>He stormed home by a distance in the Handicap Chase.</i>
distich	A pair of verse lines; a couplet.
duad	A pair of people or things.
duet	(ballet) a dance for two people (usually a ballerina and a danseur noble). <i>A simple duet for two cellos.</i>
<u>duo</u>	Two items of the same kind. <i>The comedy duo Laurel and Hardy.</i>
duration	Continuance in time. <i>Bicycle hire for the duration of your holiday.</i>
dyad	An operator which is a combination of two vectors. <i>The mother child dyad.</i>
<u>extent</u>	The particular degree to which something is or is believed to be the case. <i>An enclosure ten acres in extent.</i>
full extent	The time when the Moon is fully illuminated.
interval	A component of activity in interval training. <i>United led 3 0 at the interval.</i>
<u>length</u>	The length of a swimming pool as a measure of the distance swum. <i>Delivery must be within a reasonable length of time.</i>
<u>pair</u>	The second member of a pair in relation to the first. <i>Three pairs of shoes.</i>
period	A set of elements occupying a horizontal row in the periodic table. <i>In England they call a period a stop.</i>
range	The compass of a person's voice or a musical instrument. <i>On dude ranches tourists put on crisp new western gear to ride the range.</i>
reach	An act of reaching out with one's arm. <i>The programme's daily reach is 400 000.</i>

season	Each of the four divisions of the year (spring, summer, autumn, and winter) marked by particular weather patterns and daylight hours, resulting from the earth's changing position with regard to the sun. <i>The pies are made with fruit that is in season.</i>
space	The interval between two times. <i>The work gives the sense of a journey in space and time.</i>
spread	A bedspread. <i>The red tailed hawk has a four and a half foot spread.</i>
straddle	The option to buy or sell a given stock (or stock index or commodity future) at a given price before a given date; consists of an equal number of put and call options. <i>A sideways on stance such as a straddle.</i>
stretch	A stretch limo. <i>Stretch jeans.</i>
term	(especially in Scotland) a fixed day of the year appointed for the making of payments, the start or end of tenancies, etc. <i>He learned many medical terms.</i>
time	A period of time considered as a resource under your control and sufficient to accomplish something. <i>Travelling always distorts one's feelings for a time.</i>
twain	Two items of the same kind.
twosome	A pair of people considered together. <i>An inseparable twosome.</i>
width	Wide range or extent. <i>The yard was about seven feet in width.</i>
yoke	A pair of animals yoked together. <i>The pinafore fell amply from a short yoke.</i>



Usage Examples of "Span" as a noun

- *The gannets had black-tipped wings with a six-foot span.*
- *A warehouse with a clear span of 28 feet.*
- *An eight-span bridge.*
- *A short concentration span.*
- *A major setback was the collapse of one span of a flyover.*
- *The job was finished in the span of an hour.*



Span as a Verb

Definitions of "Span" as a verb

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

- *To cover or extend over an area or time period.*
- *To cover or extend over an area or time period.*
- *Extend across (a period of time or a range of subjects).*
- *Cover or enclose with the length of one's hand.*
- *(of a bridge, arch, etc.) extend from side to side of.*



Synonyms of "Span" as a verb (15 Words)

arch over	Form an arch or curve.
bridge	Be or make a bridge over something. <i>Earlier attempts to bridge St George s Channel had failed.</i>
compass	Get the meaning of something. <i>We were compassed round by a thick fog.</i>
comprise	Be composed of. <i>This single breed comprises 50 per cent of the Swiss cattle population.</i>
cover	Cover as if with a shroud. <i>Smith covered again.</i>
cross	Fold so as to resemble a cross. <i>Cross your t.</i>
extend over	Reach outward in space.
last	Continue to live and avoid dying. <i>How long can a person last without food and water.</i>
pass over	Pass over across or through.
range over	Lay out orderly or logically in a line or as if in a line.
spread over	Distribute over a surface in a layer.
stretch across	Extend one's body or limbs.
sweep	Clean by sweeping. <i>We knew we had to sweep these three home games.</i>
traverse	To cover or extend over an area or time period. <i>Ski patrol workers traverse the slope.</i>
vault over	Jump across or leap over (an obstacle).



Usage Examples of "Span" as a verb

- *The stream was spanned by a narrow bridge.*
- *The parking lot spans 3 acres.*
- *The novel spans three centuries.*
- *Her waist was slender enough for him to span with his hands.*
- *Their interests span almost all the conventional disciplines.*



Associations of "Span" (30 Words)

- aeon** (Gnosticism) a divine power or nature emanating from the Supreme Being and playing various roles in the operation of the universe.
*The Precambrian **aeon**.*
- ago** Before the present; earlier (used with a measurement of time).
***Agone** is an archaic word for **ago**.*
- annals** Historical records.
*Eighth century Northumberland **annals**.*
- continuance** The act of continuing an activity without interruption.
*The king's ministers depended on his favour for their **continuance** in office.*
- continuation** The consequence of being lengthened in duration.
*The **continuation** of discussions about a permanent peace.*
- dalliance** A period of brief or casual involvement with something.
*Berkeley was my last **dalliance** with the education system.*

decade	A period of ten years beginning with a year ending in 0. <i>He taught at the university for nearly a decade.</i>
duration	The property of enduring or continuing in time. <i>A flight of over eight hours duration.</i>
enduring	Lasting over a period of time; durable. <i>He formed a number of enduring relationships with women.</i>
ensuing	Occurring afterwards or as a result. <i>Ensuing events confirmed the prediction.</i>
eon	The longest division of geological time. <i>Oh that happened eons ago.</i>
epoch	A period marked by distinctive character or reckoned from a fixed point or event. <i>These events marked an epoch in their history.</i>
era	A measure of a pitcher's effectiveness calculated as the average number of earned runs allowed by the pitcher for every nine innings pitched. <i>The Mesozoic era.</i>
historic	Of or concerning history; of the past. <i>The area's numerous historic sites.</i>
hour	The distance travelled in one hour. <i>Ocean City is less than an hour away.</i>
lastingly	In an enduring or permanent manner.
length	The length of a horse boat etc as a measure of the lead in a race. <i>Lewis tended to bowl short of a length.</i>
meantime	Meanwhile. <i>Scotland meantime had her own monarchs.</i>
meanwhile	On the other hand. <i>He has said little meanwhile about how he plans to live his life.</i>
millennium	The point at which one period of a thousand years ends and another begins. <i>Archer's treatise predicted that the millennium was close at hand.</i>
outmoded	Out of fashion. <i>Demode or outmoded attire.</i>
paleolithic	Of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age (following the eolithic). <i>Paleolithic artifacts.</i>
past	A verb tense that expresses actions or states in the past. <i>She found it hard to make ends meet in the past.</i>
period	A set of elements occupying a horizontal row in the periodic table. <i>He had long periods of depression.</i>

- prehistoric** Relating to or denoting the period before written records.
***Prehistoric** peoples.*
- spirit** Infuse with spirit.
*They were arrested in the middle of the night and **spirited** off to prison.*
- time** The length of time taken to run a race or complete an event or journey.
*The **time** is 10 o'clock.*
- timing** The regulation of occurrence, pace, or coordination to achieve a desired effect (as in music, theater, athletics, mechanics).
*One of the secrets of cricket is good **timing**.*
- while** At the same time meanwhile.
*He starts to draw talking the **while**.*
- zeitgeist** The defining spirit or mood of a particular period of history as shown by the ideas and beliefs of the time.
*The story captured the **zeitgeist** of the late 1960s.*

