

Need another word that means the same as “specify”? Find 42 synonyms and 30 related words for “specify” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Specify” are: define, determine, fix, limit, set, delimit, delimitate, delineate, condition, qualify, stipulate, assign, set apart, designate, destine, intend, particularise, particularize, specialise, specialize, nail down, narrow, narrow down, peg down, pin down, state, name, identify, describe, set out, set down, draw up, frame, itemize, detail, list, spell out, enumerate, catalogue, cite, instance, be specific about**

## Specify as a Verb

### Definitions of "Specify" as a verb

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

- *Design or destine.*
- *Identify clearly and definitely.*
- *Select something or someone for a specific purpose.*
- *Include in an architect's or engineer's specifications.*
- *Determine the essential quality of.*
- *Decide upon or fix definitely.*
- *Specify as a condition or requirement in a contract or agreement; make an express demand or provision in an agreement.*
- *Be specific about.*
- *Define clearly.*
- *State a fact or requirement clearly and precisely.*



## Synonyms of "Specify" as a verb (42 Words)

- assign** Give an assignment to a person to a post or assign a task to a person.  
*She has been **assigned** to a new job.*
- be specific about** Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
- catalogue** Enter an item in a catalogue.  
*It will be some time before the collection is fully **catalogued**.*
- [cite](#)** Mention as an example.  
*He has been **cited** many times for his contributions in the intelligence area.*
- condition** Apply conditioner to in order to make smooth and shiny.  
*Our minds are heavily **conditioned** and circumscribed by habit.*
- define** Give a definition for the meaning of a word.  
*The tree was clearly **defined** by the light.*

<b>delimit</b>	Be opposite to; of angles and sides, in geometry. <i>Agreements <b>delimiting</b> fishing zones.</i>
<b>delimitate</b>	Determine the essential quality of.
<b>delineate</b>	Trace the shape of. <i>His finger found a precisely outlined section <b>delineated</b> in red marker.</i>
<b>describe</b>	Give a detailed account in words of. <i>The man was <b>described</b> as tall clean shaven and with short dark hair.</i>
<b>designate</b>	Decree or designate beforehand. <i>He was <b>designated</b> as prime minister.</i>
<b>destine</b>	Design or destine. <i>She was <b>destined</b> to become a great pianist.</i>
<b>detail</b>	Provide details for. <i>The report <b>details</b> proposals to improve public transport.</i>
<b>determine</b>	Find out learn or determine with certainty usually by making an inquiry or other effort. <i>It will be her mental attitude that <b>determines</b> her future.</i>
<b>draw up</b>	Remove the entrails of.
<b>enumerate</b>	Specify individually. <i>She <b>enumerated</b> the many obstacles she had encountered.</i>
<b>fix</b>	Make fixed stable or stationary. <i>The club attempted to <b>fix</b> last Thursday s league match.</i>
<b>frame</b>	Enclose in a frame as of a picture. <i>He claims he was <b>framed</b>.</i>
<b>identify</b>	Identify as in botany or biology for example. <i>A system that ensures that the pupil's real needs are identified.</i>
<b>instance</b>	Cite (a fact, case, etc.) as an example. <i>I <b>instanced</b> Bob as someone whose commitment had certainly got things done.</i>
<b>intend</b>	Mean or intend to express or convey. <i>She was <b>intended</b> to become the director.</i>
<b>itemize</b>	Place on a list of items. <i><b>Itemize</b> one s tax deductions.</i>
<b>limit</b>	Restrict or confine within limits. <i><b>Limit</b> the time you can spend with your friends.</i>
<b>list</b>	Give a building company etc listed status. <i>Am I <b>listed</b> in your register.</i>
<b>nail down</b>	Complete a pass.

<b><u>name</u></b>	Mention and identify by name. <i>The club have asked United to <b>name</b> their price for the striker.</i>
<b>narrow</b>	Make or become more narrow or restricted. <i>The Victoria Embankment was built to <b>narrow</b> the river.</i>
<b>narrow down</b>	Define clearly.
<b>particularise</b>	Be specific about.
<b>particularize</b>	Treat individually or in detail. <i>He was the first to <b>particularize</b> themes in the poetry.</i>
<b>peg down</b>	Bring down or defeat (an opponent).
<b>pin down</b>	Attach or fasten with pins or as if with pins.
<b><u>qualify</u></b>	Alter the strength or flavour of (something, especially a liquid). <i>A pensioner who does not <b>qualify</b> for income support.</i>
<b>set</b>	Put or set seeds seedlings or plants into the ground. <i><b>Set</b> this poem to music.</i>
<b>set apart</b>	Get ready for a particular purpose or event.
<b>set down</b>	Put into a certain state; cause to be in a certain state.
<b>set out</b>	Make ready or suitable or equip in advance for a particular purpose or for some use, event, etc.
<b>specialise</b>	Suit to a special purpose.
<b><u>specialize</u></b>	Suit to a special purpose. <i>He could <b>specialize</b> in tropical medicine.</i>
<b>spell out</b>	Write or name the letters that comprise the conventionally accepted form of (a word or part of a word).
<b>state</b>	Indicate through a symbol, formula, etc. <i>A bold theme is <b>stated</b> at the beginning driving the entire ten minute <i>allegro</i>.</i>
<b>stipulate</b>	Specify as a condition or requirement in a contract or agreement; make an express demand or provision in an agreement. <i>The will <b>stipulates</b> that she can live in the house for the rest of her life.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Specify" as a verb

- *Specify the parameters.*
- *Naval architects specified circular portholes.*
- *The agency failed to specify that the workers were not their employees.*
- *Could you please specify your criticism of my paper?*
- *The coup leader promised an election but did not specify a date.*



## Associations of "Specify" (30 Words)

- aforementioned** Being the one previously mentioned or spoken of.  
*Works of all the **aforementioned** authors.*
- allude** (of an artist or a work of art) recall (an earlier work or style) in such a way as to suggest a relationship with it.  
*The photographs **allude** to Italian Baroque painting.*
- allusion** The practice of making allusions.  
*A classical **allusion**.*
- annotate** Provide interlinear explanations for words or phrases.  
*He **annotated** on what his teacher had written.*
- citation** An official award (as for bravery or service) usually given as formal public statement.  
*A Nobel **citation**.*
- cite** Refer to (a passage, book, or author) as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement, especially in a scholarly work.  
*Authors who are highly regarded by their peers tend to be **cited**.*

<b>declaim</b>	Speak against in an impassioned manner. <i>He <b>declaimed</b> against the wasteful ways of modern society.</i>
<b>define</b>	Determine the nature of. <i>What <b>defines</b> a good wine.</i>
<b>delineate</b>	Represented accurately or precisely. <i>His finger found a precisely outlined section <b>delineated</b> in red marker.</i>
<b>depict</b>	Represent by a drawing, painting, or other art form. <i>Paintings <b>depicting</b> Old Testament scenes.</i>
<b>describe</b>	Identify as in botany or biology, for example. <i>Discreet Italian police <b>described</b> it in a manner typically continental.</i>
<b>dictum</b>	A formal pronouncement from an authoritative source. <i>The old <b>dictum</b> might is right.</i>
<b>explain</b>	Be the cause of or motivating factor for. <i>The committee <b>explained</b> their plan for fund raising to the Dean.</i>
<b>explanation</b>	The act of explaining; making something plain or intelligible. <i>The <b>explanation</b> was very simple.</i>
<b>explicitly</b>	In a clear and detailed manner, leaving no room for confusion or doubt. <i>The essay should state <b>explicitly</b> how the facts support the thesis.</i>
<b>foregoing</b>	Just mentioned or stated; preceding. <i>The <b>foregoing</b> analysis of the economic class structure.</i>
<b>maxim</b>	English inventor (born in the United States) who invented the Maxim gun that was used in World War I (1840-1916). <i>The <b>maxim</b> that actions speak louder than words.</i>
<b>mention</b>	Make mention of. <i>He received a special <b>mention</b> and a prize of 100.</i>
<b>motto</b>	A short sentence or phrase chosen as encapsulating the beliefs or ideals of an individual, family, or institution. <i>They were developing the use of leitmotifs or <b>mottoes</b> that appear throughout an opera.</i>
<b>notation</b>	A note or annotation. <i>He added a short <b>notation</b> to the address on the envelope.</i>
<b>paraphrase</b>	A rewording of something written or spoken. <i>It is characteristic of poetic metaphors that they are not susceptible to <b>paraphrase</b>.</i>
<b>quotation</b>	A price offered by a market-maker for the sale or purchase of a stock or other security. <i>Ensure you receive a written <b>quotation</b> covering all aspects of the job.</i>

<b>quote</b>	Put quote marks around. <i>A military spokesman was <b>quoted</b> as saying that the border was now quiet.</i>
<b>refer</b>	Of a word phrase or symbol describe or denote have as a referent. <i>There were lots of questions <b>referring</b> to her talk.</i>
<b>reference</b>	A letter from a previous employer testifying to someone's ability or reliability, used when applying for a new job. <i><b>References</b> to Darwinism and evolution.</i>
<b>specification</b>	(patent law) a document drawn up by the applicant for a patent of invention that provides an explicit and detailed description of the nature and use of an invention. <i>One of the telescope's mirrors had been manufactured to incorrect <b>specifications</b>.</i>
<b>state</b>	Involving the ceremony associated with a head of state. <i>The Queen paid a <b>state</b> visit to Malaysia.</i>
<b>stipulate</b>	Make an oral contract or agreement in the verbal form of question and answer that is necessary to give it legal force. <i>He <b>stipulated</b> certain conditions before their marriage.</i>
<b>talk</b>	Deliver a lecture or talk. <i>Let's have more work and less <b>talk</b> around here.</i>
<b>tin</b>	An airtight sealed container for preserving food made of tinfoil or aluminium a can. <i>Albert got out the biscuit <b>tin</b>.</i>



