

Need another word that means the same as “speculate”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “speculate” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Speculate” are: job, conjecture, hypothecate, hypothesise, hypothesize, suppose, theorise, theorize, chew over, contemplate, excogitate, meditate, mull, mull over, muse, ponder, reflect, ruminate, think over, form theories, make suppositions, postulate, guess, make guesses, surmise, gamble, take a chance, take a risk, venture, take a venture, wager**

## Speculate as a Verb

### Definitions of "Speculate" as a verb

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

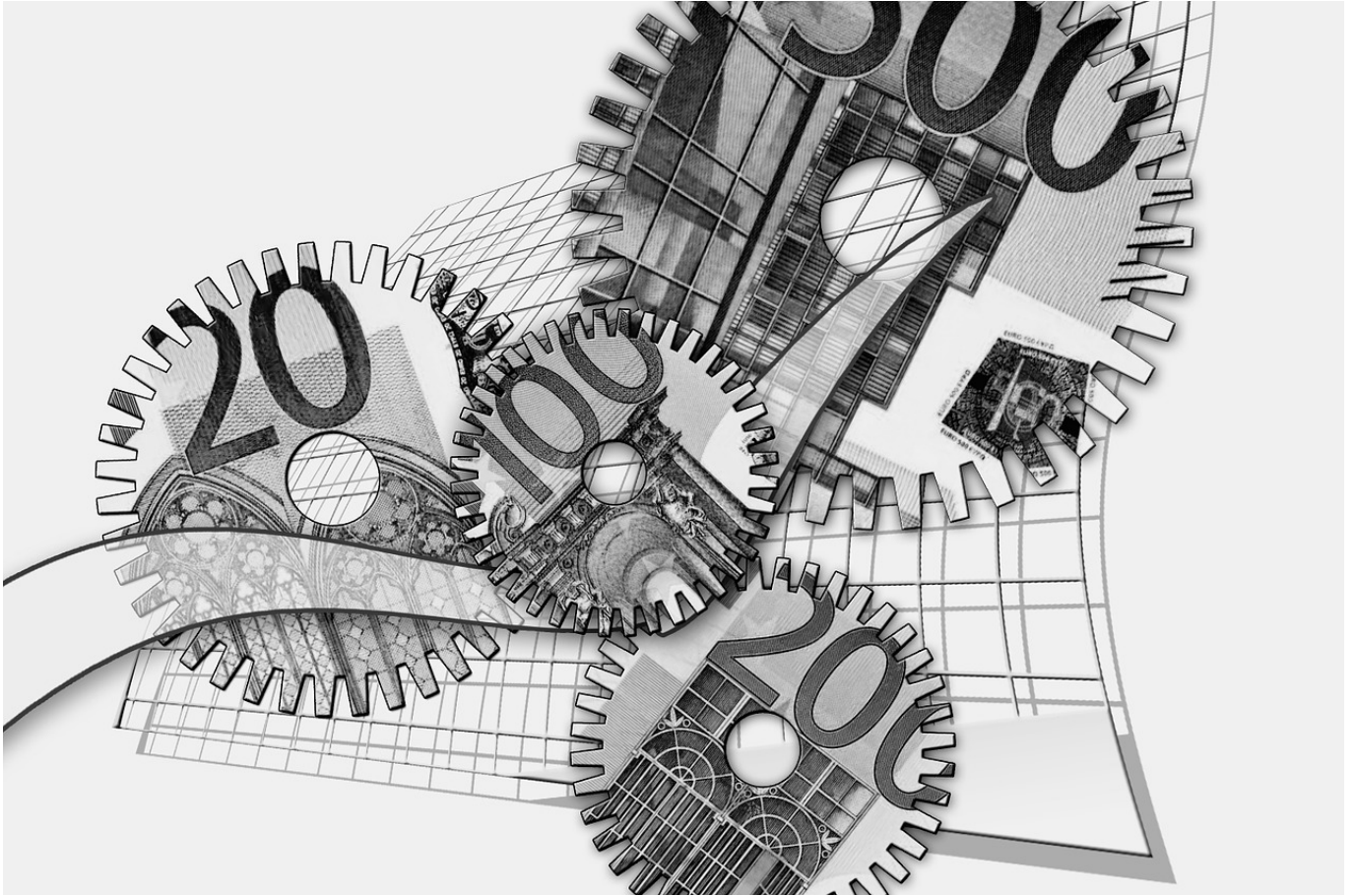
- *To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds.*
- *Form a theory or conjecture about a subject without firm evidence.*
- *Invest at a risk.*
- *Invest in stocks, property, or other ventures in the hope of gain but with the risk of loss.*
- *Talk over conjecturally, or review in an idle or casual way and with an element of doubt or without sufficient reason to reach a conclusion.*
- *Reflect deeply on a subject.*



## Synonyms of "Speculate" as a verb (31 Words)

<b>chew over</b>	Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.
<b><u>conjecture</u></b>	(in textual criticism) propose (a reading). <i>Many <b>conjectured</b> that the jury could not agree.</i>
<b>contemplate</b>	Look thoughtfully for a long time at. <i>She couldn't even begin to <b>contemplate</b> the future.</i>
<b>excogitate</b>	Think out, plan, or devise. <i>The scientist must stop to observe and start to <b>excogitate</b>.</i>
<b>form theories</b>	Develop into a distinctive entity.
<b><u>gamble</u></b>	Bet (a sum of money). <i>They <b>gambled</b> their money on cards.</i>
<b>guess</b>	Guess correctly solve by guessing. <i>I <b>guess</b> she is angry at me for standing her up.</i>
<b>hypothesize</b>	To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds. <i>A <b>hypothesized</b> tax.</i>
<b>hypothesise</b>	To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds.
<b><u>hypothesize</u></b>	Put (something) forward as a hypothesis. <i>Lack of cushioning in shoes has been <b>hypothesized</b> as a cause of running injuries.</i>
<b>job</b>	Cheat; betray. <i>His game plan is to buy in then <b>job</b> the shares on at a profit.</i>
<b>make guesses</b>	Make by combining materials and parts.
<b>make suppositions</b>	Amount to.
<b><u>meditate</u></b>	Think deeply about (something). <i>He went off to <b>meditate</b> on the new idea.</i>
<b>mull</b>	Think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length. <i>The government is <b>mulling</b> an overhaul of outdated insurance laws.</i>
<b>mull over</b>	Heat with sugar and spices to make a hot drink.
<b><u>muse</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject.
<b><u>ponder</u></b>	Think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion. <i>I <b>pondered</b> the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.</i>
<b><u>postulate</u></b>	Take as a given assume as a postulate or axiom. <i>The chapter was then allowed to <b>postulate</b> the bishop of Bath.</i>
<b><u>reflect</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>Drive carefully the wet road <b>reflects</b>.</i>

<b><u>ruminate</u></b>	(of a ruminant) chew the cud. Cows <b>ruminate</b> .
<b><u>suppose</u></b>	Expect believe or suppose. <b>Suppose</b> we leave this to the police.
<b><u>surmise</u></b>	Imagine to be the case or true or probable. I <b>surmised</b> that the butler did it.
<b>take a chance</b>	Remove something concrete, as by lifting, pushing, or taking off, or remove something abstract.
<b>take a risk</b>	Admit into a group or community.
<b>take a venture</b>	Carry out.
<b>theorise</b>	To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds. Form or construct theories.
<b><u>theorize</u></b>	<i>The classic model of war in the modern era was <b>theorized</b> by the Prussian general and strategist Karl von Clausewitz.</i>
<b>think over</b>	Dispose the mind in a certain way.
<b>venture</b>	Dare to do or say something that may be considered audacious (often used as a polite expression of hesitation or apology). <i>Agents for other people's money they do not <b>venture</b> their own capital.</i>
<b><u>wager</u></b>	Maintain with or as if with a bet. <i>Everyone will be able to make single bets rather than having to <b>wager</b> on three matches.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Speculate" as a verb

- *My colleagues speculate about my private life.*
- *Philosophers have speculated on the question of God for thousands of years.*
- *He didn't look as though he had the money to speculate in shares.*
- *Observers speculated that the authorities wished to improve their image.*



## Associations of "Speculate" (30 Words)

- anticipatory** Happening, performed, or felt in anticipation of something.  
*An **anticipatory** flash of excitement.*
- assume** Take or begin to have (power or responsibility).  
*He **assumes** the lotus position.*
- assuming** Arrogant or presumptuous.  
*On a subject like this it would be too **assuming** for me to decide.*
- assumption** The taking up of the body and soul of the Virgin Mary when her earthly life had ended.  
*Any society is built upon certain **assumptions**.*
- conjecture** To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds.  
*He dismissed it as mere **conjecture**.*

<b>contemplate</b>	Consider as a possibility. <i>She couldn't even begin to <b>contemplate</b> the future.</i>
<b>expect</b>	Consider obligatory request and expect. <i>We <b>expect</b> great things of you.</i>
<b>expectancy</b>	The state of thinking or hoping that something, especially something good, will happen. <i>An indicator of <b>expectancy</b> in development.</i>
<b>guess</b>	Put forward of a guess in spite of possible refutation. <i>He took her aside and I <b>guessed</b> that he was offering her a job.</i>
<b>guesswork</b>	An estimate based on little or no information. <i>Answering this question will involve you in a certain amount of <b>guesswork</b>.</i>
<b>hypothesis</b>	A proposition made as a basis for reasoning, without any assumption of its truth. <i>The <b>hypothesis</b> that every event has a cause.</i>
<b>hypothesize</b>	Put (something) forward as a hypothesis. <i>Lack of cushioning in shoes has been <b>hypothesized</b> as a cause of running injuries.</i>
<b>inductive</b>	Possessing inductance. <i>Instinct rather than <b>inductive</b> reasoning marked her approach to life.</i>
<b>infer</b>	Believe to be the case. <i>From these facts we can <b>infer</b> that crime has been increasing.</i>
<b>inference</b>	The reasoning involved in drawing a conclusion or making a logical judgment on the basis of circumstantial evidence and prior conclusions rather than on the basis of direct observation. <i>It seemed a fair <b>inference</b> that such books would be grouped together.</i>
<b>mistakenly</b>	By accident or oversight; accidentally. <i>They <b>mistakenly</b> believed her to be pregnant.</i>
<b>mull</b>	A term used in Scottish names of promontories. <i>She began to <b>mull</b> over the various possibilities.</i>
<b>optimistically</b>	In a way that shows hope and confidence about the future. <i>He spoke <b>optimistically</b> about what is ahead.</i>
<b>ponder</b>	Think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion. <i>She sat <b>pondering</b> over her problem.</i>
<b>predict</b>	Make a prediction about tell in advance. <i>It is too early to <b>predict</b> a result.</i>
<b>presume</b>	Be arrogant or impertinent enough to do something. <i>I <b>presumed</b> that the man had been escorted from the building.</i>

<b><u>reasoning</u></b>	Endowed with the capacity to reason. <i>He explained the <b>reasoning</b> behind his decision at a media conference.</i>
<b>reckon</b>	Establish by calculation. <i>His debts were <b>reckoned</b> at 300 000.</i>
<b><u>ruminate</u></b>	Chew the cud. <i>Goats <b>ruminated</b> nonchalantly around them.</i>
<b>speculation</b>	Continuous and profound contemplation or musing on a subject or series of subjects of a deep or abstruse nature. <i>This is pure <b>speculation</b> on my part.</i>
<b><u>suppose</u></b>	Take for granted or as a given suppose beforehand. <i>I m <b>supposed</b> to be meeting someone at the airport.</i>
<b>supposition</b>	A belief held without proof or certain knowledge; an assumption or hypothesis. <i>Their outrage was based on <b>supposition</b> and hearsay.</i>
<b><u>surmise</u></b>	Imagine to be the case or true or probable. <i>Charles was glad to have his <b>surmise</b> confirmed.</i>
<b><u>theorize</u></b>	To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds. <i>Galileo <b>theorized</b> the motion of the stars.</i>
<b>think</b>	An instance of deliberate thinking. <i>I <b>think</b> that he is her boyfriend.</i>



