

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)

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The government is mulling an overhaul of outdated insurance laws.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

<u>ruminate</u>	(of a ruminant) chew the cud. Cows ruminate .
<u>suppose</u>	Expect believe or suppose. Suppose we leave this to the police.
<u>surmise</u>	Imagine to be the case or true or probable. I surmised that the butler did it.
take a chance	Remove something concrete, as by lifting, pushing, or taking off, or remove something abstract.
take a risk	Admit into a group or community.
take a venture	Carry out.
theorise	To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds. Form or construct theories.
<u>theorize</u>	<i>The classic model of war in the modern era was theorized by the Prussian general and strategist Karl von Clausewitz.</i>
think over	Dispose the mind in a certain way.
venture	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 venture their own capital.</i>
<u>wager</u>	Maintain with or as if with a bet. <i>Everyone will be able to make single bets rather than having to wager 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)

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

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

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

