

Need another word that means the same as “stray”? Find 37 synonyms and 30 related words for “stray” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Stray” are: cast, drift, ramble, range, roam, roll, rove, swan, tramp, vagabond, wander, err, digress, divagate, wander off, go astray, get separated, deviate, get sidetracked, go off at a tangent, be unfaithful, have affairs, philander, isolated, random, chance, accidental, unexpected, casual, haphazard, homeless, lost, strayed, gone astray, homeless animal, stray cat, stray dog**

## Stray as a Noun

### Definitions of "Stray" as a noun

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

- *An animal that has strayed (especially a domestic animal).*
- *A stray person or thing, especially a domestic animal.*
- *Electrical phenomena interfering with radio reception.*



### **Synonyms of "Stray" as a noun (3 Words)**

**homeless animal** Poor people who unfortunately do not have a home to live in.

**stray cat** An animal that has strayed (especially a domestic animal).

**stray dog** An animal that has strayed (especially a domestic animal).



## Stray as a Verb

### Definitions of "Stray" as a verb

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

- *Lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking.*
- *Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment.*
- *Wander from a direct course or at random.*
- *Wander or roam.*
- *(of the eyes or a hand) move idly or casually.*
- *Move away aimlessly from a group or from the right course or place.*
- *Be unfaithful to a spouse or partner.*



## Synonyms of "Stray" as a verb (23 Words)

- be unfaithful** Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun.
- cast** Form by pouring e g wax or hot metal into a cast or mold.  
*You can look at the star chart **cast** at somebody s birth.*
- deviate** Cause to turn away from a previous or expected course.  
*The river was **deviated** to prevent flooding.*
- digress** Wander from a direct or straight course.  
*I have **digressed** a little from my original plan.*
- divagate** Stray or digress.  
*Yeats **divagated** into Virgil s territory only once.*
- drift** Move passively, aimlessly, or involuntarily into a certain situation or condition.  
*Excited voices **drifted** down the hall.*

<b>err</b>	Wander from a direct course or at random. <i>He has <b>erred</b> and strayed as many of us have.</i>
<b>get separated</b>	Undergo (as of injuries and illnesses).
<b>get sidetracked</b>	Overcome or destroy.
<b>go astray</b>	Be contained in.
<b>go off at a tangent</b>	Change location; move, travel, or proceed, also metaphorically.
<b>have affairs</b>	Have a personal or business relationship with someone. (of a man) readily or frequently enter into casual sexual relationships with women. <i>Married men who <b>philander</b>.</i>
<b>philander</b>	(of a plant) put out long shoots and grow over walls or other plants. <i>Roses climbed <b>rambled</b> hung over walls.</i>
<b>ramble</b>	Place or arrange in a row or rows or in a specified manner. <i>Japan <b>ranged</b> herself against the European nations.</i>
<b>range</b>	(of a person's mind or thoughts) drift along without dwelling on anything in particular. <i>Her eyes <b>roamed</b> over the chattering women.</i>
<b>roam</b>	Move along or from side to side unsteadily or uncontrollably. <i>The waves <b>rolled</b> towards the beach.</i>
<b>roll</b>	Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment. <i>The policeman s eyes <b>roved</b> around the pub.</i>
<b>rove</b>	Sweep majestically. <i><b>Swanning</b> around Europe nowadays are we.</i>
<b>swan</b>	Wander about as or like a vagabond. <i>Roving <b>vagabonds</b>.</i>
<b>vagabond</b>	To move or cause to move in a sinuous, spiral, or circular course. <i>Might her husband be <b>wandering</b>.</i>
<b>wander</b>	Go via an indirect route or at no set pace.
<b>wander off</b>	



## Usage Examples of "Stray" as a verb

- *The child strayed from the path and her parents lost sight of her.*
- *Her eyes strayed to the telephone.*
- *The military arrested anyone who strayed into the exclusion zone.*
- *Over these mounds the shepherd strays.*
- *Dog owners are urged not to allow their dogs to stray.*
- *Men who stray are seen as more exciting and desirable.*



## Stray as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Stray" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "stray" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of a domestic animal) having no home or having wandered away from home.*
- *(of a physical quantity) arising as a consequence of the laws of physics, but unwanted and usually having a detrimental effect on the operation of equipment.*
- *(of an animal) having no home or having wandered away from home.*
- *Having no home or having wandered away from home.*
- *Not in the right place; separated from the group or target.*
- *Not close together in time.*



## Synonyms of "Stray" as an adjective (11 Words)

- accidental** Not of prime or central importance.  
*The damage might have been **accidental**.*
- casual** Characterized by a feeling of irresponsibility.  
*They don't do one night stands or **casual** flings.*
- chance** Occurring or appearing or singled out by chance.  
*A **chance** meeting.*
- gone astray** Well in the past; former.
- haphazard** Lacking any obvious principle of organization.  
*A most **haphazard** system of record keeping.*
- homeless** Physically or spiritually homeless or deprived of security.  
*Charities for the **homeless**.*
- isolated** Not close together in time.  
***Isolated** incidents of student unrest.*



<b>lost</b>	Having lost your bearings confused as to time or place or personal identity. <i>She stood there clutching a drink feeling completely <b>lost</b>.</i>
<b>random</b>	Lacking any definite plan or order or purpose; governed by or depending on chance. <i>We stumbled on another live band playing at a <b>random</b> bar.</i>
<b>strayed</b>	Having no home or having wandered away from home.
<b>unexpected</b>	Not expected or regarded as likely to happen. <i>He seemed to have a knack for saying the <b>unexpected</b>.</i>



### Usage Examples of "Stray" as an adjective

- A stray calf.
- A stray dog.
- Stray capacitance.
- Stray dogs.
- She was killed by a stray bullet.
- He pushed a few stray hairs from her face.

- *A few stray crumbs.*



## **Associations of "Stray" (30 Words)**

<b>aimlessly</b>	Without purpose or direction. <i>We wandered <b>aimlessly</b> round Venice.</i>
<b>aside</b>	Placed or kept separate and distinct as for a purpose. <i>Shakespeare s use of <b>asides</b> and soliloquies.</i>
<b>astray</b>	Far from the intended target. <i>A bullet went <b>astray</b> and killed a bystander.</i>
<b>away</b>	An away match or win. <i>In front of them the land fell <b>away</b> to the river.</i>
<b>cast</b>	Make a moulded object by casting metal. <i>She had a somewhat masculine <b>cast</b> of countenance.</i>
<b>derail</b>	Cause (a train or tram) to leave its tracks accidentally. <i>The plot is seen by some as an attempt to <b>derail</b> the negotiations.</i>
<b>derailment</b>	An accident in which a train runs off its track. <i>The <b>derailment</b> of the peace process.</i>
<b>deviate</b>	A person whose behavior deviates from what is acceptable especially in sexual behavior. <i>The whole affair offers revealing insights into attitudes towards sexual <b>deviates</b>.</i>
<b>digress</b>	Leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing. <i>Don t <b>digress</b> when you give a lecture.</i>
<b>digressive</b>	Characterized by digression; tending to depart from the subject. <i>A <b>digressive</b> account.</i>
<b>discursive</b>	Tending to depart from the main point or cover a wide range of subjects. <i>Students often write dull second hand <b>discursive</b> prose.</i>
<b>dislodge</b>	Change place or direction. <i>Government opponents failed to <b>dislodge</b> the Prime Minister.</i>
<b>divagation</b>	A message that departs from the main subject.
<b>drift</b>	Move in an unhurried fashion. <i>Snow <b>drifting</b> several feet high.</i>
<b>err</b>	To make a mistake or be incorrect. <i>He has <b>erred</b> and strayed as many of us have.</i>
<b>excursive</b>	Tending to deviate from a course or activity; digressive. <i>His <b>excursive</b> remarks.</i>
<b>gad</b>	Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure. <i>He had heard that I was <b>gadding</b> about with an airline stewardess.</i>

<b>isolated</b>	Remote and separate physically or socially. <i>Little <b>isolated</b> worlds as abruptly disjunct and unexpected as a palm shaded well in the Sahara.</i>
<b>nomadic</b>	Living the life of a nomad; wandering. <i>The <b>nomadic</b> habits of the Bedouins.</i>
<b>ramble</b>	Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment. <i>Willy <b>rambled</b> on about Norman archways.</i>
<b><u>rambling</u></b>	(of writing or speech) lengthy and confused or inconsequential. <i>A <b>rambling</b> six hour speech.</i>
<b>resonate</b>	Sound with resonance. <i>The judge s ruling <b>resonated</b> among many of the women.</i>
<b>roam</b>	(of a person's mind or thoughts) drift along without dwelling on anything in particular. <i>He let his eyes <b>roam</b> her face.</i>
<b>rove</b>	Travel constantly without a fixed destination; wander. <i>The policeman s eyes <b>roved</b> around the pub.</i>
<b>scrappy</b>	Full of fighting spirit. <i>He had a <b>scrappy</b> New York temperament.</i>
<b>sidetrack</b>	A minor path or track. <i>The horse took a <b>sidetrack</b> which led uphill.</i>
<b>vagabond</b>	Anything that resembles a vagabond in having no fixed place. <i>Pirate ships were <b>vagabonds</b> of the sea.</i>
<b><u>wander</u></b>	An act or instance of wandering. <i>Sometimes the gout <b>wanders</b> through the entire body.</i>
<b>wandering</b>	Travelling aimlessly from place to place; itinerant. <i><b>Wandering</b> tribes.</i>

