

Need another word that means the same as “trace”? Find 60 synonyms and 30 related words for “trace” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Trace” are: retrace, delineate, describe, draw, line, hound, hunt, follow, decipher, track down, find, discover, detect, unearth, uncover, turn up, hunt down, dig up, ferret out, run to ground, find the source of, find the origins of, find the roots of, follow to its source, source, copy, reproduce, go over, draw over, draw the lines of, ghost, touch, hint, suggestion, tint, shadow, tincture, vestige, tracing, sign, mark, indication, evidence, clue, trail, track, spoor, marks, tracks, prints, imprints, footprints, footmarks, footsteps, bit, spot, speck, suspicion, nuance, intimation

Trace as a Noun

Definitions of "Trace" as a noun

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

- *A path or track.*
- *A suggestion of some quality.*
- *A barely discernible indication of something.*
- *The sum of the elements in the principal diagonal of a square matrix.*
- *A line or pattern displayed by an instrument to show the existence or nature of something which is being recorded or measured.*

- *A drawing created by superimposing a semitransparent sheet of paper on the original image and copying on it the lines of the original image.*
- *A just detectable amount.*
- *A visible mark (as a footprint) left by the passage of person or animal or vehicle.*
- *An indication that something has been present.*
- *Either of two lines that connect a horse's harness to a wagon or other vehicle or to a whiffletree.*
- *A line which represents the projection of a curve or surface on a plane or the intersection of a curve or surface with a plane.*
- *A very small quantity, especially one too small to be accurately measured.*
- *A physical change in the brain presumed to be caused by a process of learning or memory.*
- *A mark, object, or other indication of the existence or passing of something.*
- *A procedure to investigate the source of something, such as the place from which a telephone call was made.*



Synonyms of "Trace" as a noun (30 Words)

- bit** The cutting part of a drill usually pointed and threaded and is replaceable in a brace or bitstock or drill press.
*Working in a foreign country took quite a **bit** of getting used to.*
- clue** A word or words giving an indication as to what is to be inserted in a particular space in a crossword.
*Police officers are still searching for **clues**.*
- evidence** Signs or indications of something.
*There was no obvious **evidence** of a break in.*
- footmarks** A mark of a foot or shoe on a surface.
- footprints** The area taken up by some object.
*The police made casts of the **footprints** in the soft earth outside the window.*

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| footsteps | The sound of a step of someone walking. <i>He heard footsteps on the porch.</i> |
| ghost | An apparition of a dead person which is believed to appear or become manifest to the living, typically as a nebulous image. <i>The building is haunted by the ghost of a monk.</i> |
| hint | A slight indication. <i>Handy hints on saving energy in your home.</i> |
| imprints | An identification of a publisher; a publisher's name along with the date and address and edition that is printed at the bottom of the title page. <i>English stills bears the imprint of the Norman invasion.</i> |
| indication | A datum about some physical state that is presented to a user by a meter or similar instrument. <i>An indication of foul play.</i> |
| intimation | An indirect suggestion. <i>No one gave any intimation that there had been any problems.</i> |
| mark | A marking that consists of lines that cross each other. <i>He left an indelible mark on the American theater.</i> |
| marks | A reference point to shoot at. |
| nuance | A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude. <i>Without understanding the finer nuances you can't enjoy the humor.</i> |
| prints | A fabric with a dyed pattern pressed onto it (usually by engraved rollers). <i>Paw prints were everywhere.</i> |
| shadow | The slightest trace of something. <i>He felt secure in his father's shadow.</i> |
| sign | A gesture that is part of a sign language. <i>Charges of opposite sign.</i> |
| speck | (nontechnical usage) a tiny piece of anything. <i>The plane was just a speck in the sky.</i> |
| spoor | The trail left by a person or an animal; what the hunter follows in pursuing game. <i>The hounds followed the fox's spoor.</i> |
| spot | A blemish on someone's character or reputation. <i>A ten spot.</i> |
| suggestion | Persuasion formulated as a suggestion. <i>The power of suggestion.</i> |
| suspicion | Cautious distrust. <i>He tried to shield me from suspicion.</i> |

- tincture** A quality of a given color that differs slightly from another color.
*A **tincture** of condescension.*
- tint** A dye for coloring the hair.
*A **tint** of glamour.*
- touch** An act of touching someone or something.
*Getting caught looks so incompetent as though we re losing our **touch**.*
- tracing** A copy of a drawing map or design made by tracing.
*The **tracing** of genealogies.*
- track** The act of participating in an athletic competition involving running on a track.
*In terms of social arrangements you are not too far off the **track**.*
- tracks** A bar or pair of parallel bars of rolled steel making the railway along which railroad cars or other vehicles can roll.
- trail** A trailer for a film or broadcast.
*This steep **trail** is as firm as off piste spring snow.*
- vestige** The smallest amount.
*The last **vestiges** of colonialism.*



Usage Examples of "Trace" as a noun

- *Trace quantities of PCBs.*
- *We've got a trace on the call.*
- *His body contained traces of amphetamines.*
- *Just a trace of a smile.*
- *Remove all traces of the old adhesive.*
- *The aircraft disappeared without trace.*
- *There wasn't a trace of evidence for the claim.*
- *He speaks French with a trace of an accent.*



Trace as a Verb

Definitions of "Trace" as a verb

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

definitions:

- *Draw (a pattern or line), especially with one's finger or toe.*
- *Take (a particular path or route).*
- *Make a mark or lines on a surface.*
- *Find or describe the origin or development of.*
- *Follow or mark the course or position of (something) with one's eye, mind, or finger.*
- *To go back over again.*
- *Follow, discover, or ascertain the course of development of something.*
- *Find or discover by investigation.*
- *Read with difficulty.*
- *Make one's course or travel along a path; travel or pass over, around, or along.*
- *Copy by following the lines of the original drawing on a transparent sheet placed upon it; make a tracing of.*
- *Copy (a drawing, map, or design) by drawing over its lines on a superimposed piece of transparent paper.*
- *Discover traces of.*
- *Give an outline of.*
- *Pursue or chase relentlessly.*



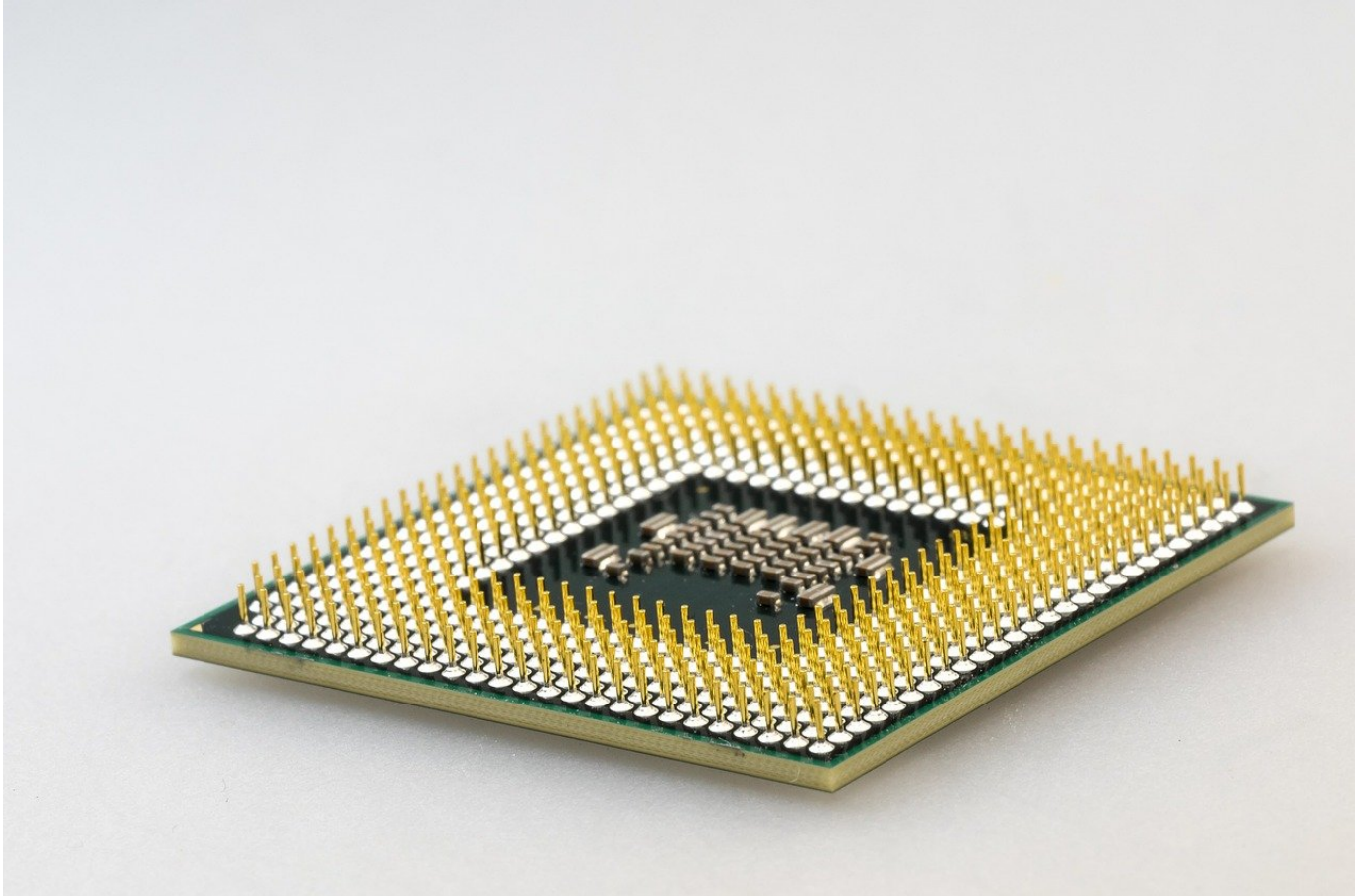
Synonyms of "Trace" as a verb (30 Words)

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| copy | Send a copy of a letter or an email to a third party. <i>I thought I'd copy to you this letter sent to the PR representative.</i> |
| <u>decipher</u> | Convert code into ordinary language. <i>Visual signals help us decipher what is being communicated.</i> |
| <u>delineate</u> | Determine the essential quality of. <i>The law should delineate and prohibit behaviour which is socially abhorrent.</i> |
| describe | Make a mark or lines on a surface. <i>He described his experiences in a letter to his parents.</i> |
| <u>detect</u> | Discern (something intangible or barely perceptible). <i>Cancer may soon be detected in its earliest stages.</i> |
| dig up | Remove the inner part or the core of. |
| discover | Make a discovery. <i>The courage to discover the truth and possibly be disappointed.</i> |

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| draw | Obtain or withdraw money from a bank or other source. <i>Draw parallels.</i> |
| draw over | Stretch back a bowstring (on an archer's bow). |
| draw the lines of | Make a mark or lines on a surface. |
| ferret out | Hound or harry relentlessly. |
| find | Make a discovery make a new finding. <i>These aspects of civilization do not find expression or receive an interpretation.</i> |
| find the origins of | Perceive oneself to be in a certain condition or place. |
| find the roots of | Come upon, as if by accident; meet with. |
| find the source of | Obtain through effort or management. |
| follow | Follow in or as if in pursuit. <i>He follows Aristotle in believing this.</i> |
| follow to its source | Follow, discover, or ascertain the course of development of something. |
| go over | Be the right size or shape; fit correctly or as desired. |
| hound | Harass, persecute, or pursue relentlessly. <i>His opponents used the allegations to hound him out of office.</i> |
| hunt | Use a hound or a horse for hunting. <i>Goering often hunted wild boars in Poland.</i> |
| hunt down | Chase away, with as with force. |
| line | Be in line with form a line along. <i>A processional route lined by people waving flags.</i> |
| reproduce | Produce something very similar to (something else) in a different medium or context. <i>You ll be amazed to see how well half tones reproduce.</i> |
| retrace | Reassemble mentally. <i>I ve tried to retrace some of her movements.</i> |
| run to ground | Cause an animal to move fast. |
| source | Obtain from a particular source. <i>The writer carefully sourced her report.</i> |
| track down | Observe or plot the moving path of something. |
| turn up | To break and turn over earth especially with a plow. |
| uncover | Remove a cover or covering from. <i>He stopped short reverentially uncovered and stood bare headed till the line of mourners had passed.</i> |

unearth

Find (something) in the ground by digging.
*They have done all they can to **unearth** the truth.*



Usage Examples of "Trace" as a verb

- *Bob's book traces his flying career with the RAF.*
- *The children traced along the edge of the dark forest.*
- *The hunters traced the deer into the woods.*
- *She traced a pattern in the dirt with the toe of her shoe.*
- *Trace a pattern.*
- *Trace the student's progress.*
- *A tear traced a lonely path down her cheek.*
- *She traced the circumstances of her birth.*
- *Trace your path.*
- *Police are trying to trace a white van seen in the area.*
- *Trace the outline of a figure in the sand.*
- *Through the binoculars, I traced the path I had taken the night before.*

- *We retraced the route we took last summer.*
- *The article traces out some of the connections between education, qualifications, and the labour market.*
- *Trace a design.*
- *The women traced the pasture.*
- *Trace one's ancestry.*
- *Trace a map of the world on to a large piece of paper.*
- *The archeologist traced the hieroglyphs.*



Associations of "Trace" (30 Words)

debris

The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up.
*A stable arrangement of planets comets and **debris** orbiting the sun.*

detritus

Gravel, sand, silt, or other material produced by erosion.
*The streets were foul with **detritus**.*

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| dregs | The most worthless part or parts of something. <i>Coffee dregs.</i> |
| flotsam | The wreckage of a ship or its cargo found floating on or washed up by the sea. <i>The room was cleared of boxes and other flotsam.</i> |
| fossil | Characteristic of a fossil. <i>He can be a cantankerous old fossil at times.</i> |
| impurity | The condition of being impure. <i>A struggle to rid the soul of sin and impurity.</i> |
| left | The hand that is on the left side of the body. <i>A left to the body.</i> |
| leftover | Not used up. <i>Leftover meatloaf.</i> |
| nick | Make a nick or nicks in. <i>Banks will be nicked for an extra 40 million.</i> |
| pleistocene | From two million to 11 thousand years ago; extensive glaciation of the northern hemisphere; the time of human evolution. |
| remainder | Sell cheaply as remainders. <i>23 divided by 3 is 7 remainder 2.</i> |
| <u>remaining</u> | Not yet used, dealt with, or resolved; outstanding. <i>The few remaining employees are working part time.</i> |
| remains | A person's body after death. <i>The remains of a sandwich lunch were on the table.</i> |
| <u>remnant</u> | A surviving trace. <i>The bogs are an endangered remnant of a primeval landscape.</i> |
| <u>residual</u> | (of a quantity) left after other items have been subtracted. <i>She has been awarded more than 45 million in residuals and profits from the highly successful television show.</i> |
| <u>residue</u> | Matter that remains after something has been removed. <i>The ash was a residue from coal fired power stations.</i> |
| <u>rest</u> | An instance or period of resting. <i>Her elbow was resting on the arm of the sofa.</i> |
| riffraff | Disparaging terms for the common people. |
| rubble | Pieces of rough or undressed stone used in building walls, especially as filling for cavities. <i>Two buildings collapsed trapping scores of people in the rubble.</i> |

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| scar | Mark with a scar or scars. <i>His arm will not scar.</i> |
| scavenge | Search for and collect (anything usable) from discarded waste. <i>Chlorine molecules can scavenge ozone at a very fast rate.</i> |
| seashell | The shell of a marine organism. |
| shadowy | Insubstantial; unreal. <i>They were attacked by a swarm of shadowy ethereal forms.</i> |
| stratigraphy | The structure of a particular set of strata. <i>You can find materials at the surface which are samples from the deeper stratigraphy.</i> |
| track | An endless metal belt on which tracked vehicles move over the ground. <i>Extremely thin tracks are not able to withstand much heat when soldering.</i> |
| trail | A trailer for a film or broadcast. <i>The toddler was trailing his pants.</i> |
| vestige | A trace or remnant of something that is disappearing or no longer exists. <i>He waited patiently but without a vestige of sympathy.</i> |
| vestigial | Forming a very small remnant of something that was once greater or more noticeable. <i>The vestigial wings of kiwis are entirely hidden.</i> |
| waste | Run off as waste. <i>20 of stock will need to be wasted.</i> |
| wreckage | The remaining parts of something that has been wrecked. <i>Firemen had to cut him free from the wreckage of the car.</i> |

