

Need another word that means the same as “transgress”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “transgress” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Transgress” are: breach, break, go against, infract, offend, violate, overstep, trespass, sin, misbehave, behave badly, break the law, err, lapse, commit an offence, fall from grace, stray from the straight and narrow, degenerate, do wrong, go astray, disobey, defy, infringe, contravene, flout, commit a breach of**

## Transgress as a Verb

### Definitions of "Transgress" as a verb

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

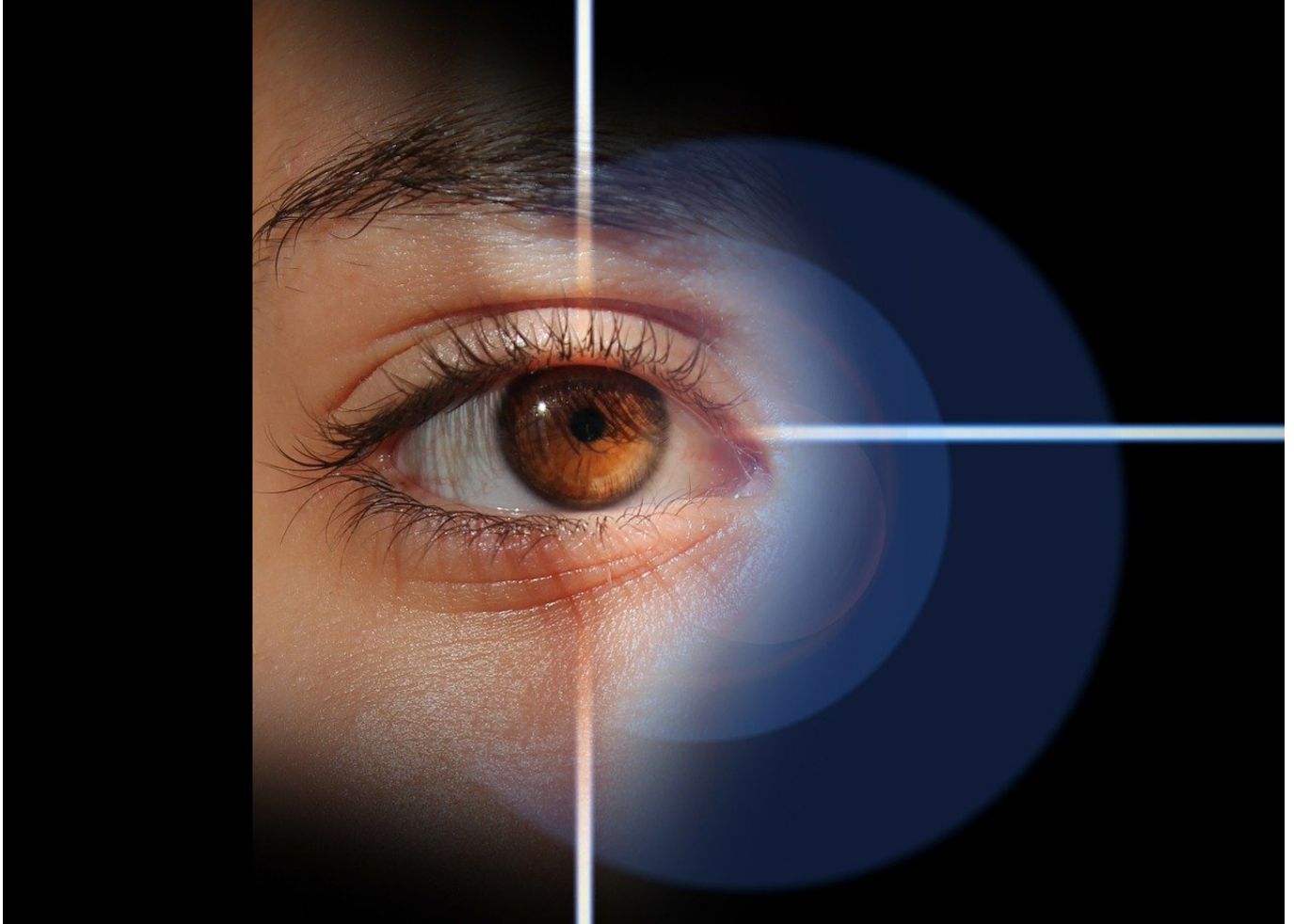
- *(of the sea) spread over (an area of land).*
- *Go beyond the limits of (what is morally, socially, or legally acceptable).*
- *Commit a sin; violate a law of God or a moral law.*
- *Spread over land, especially along a subsiding shoreline.*
- *Pass beyond (limits or boundaries).*
- *Act in disregard of laws, rules, contracts, or promises.*



## Synonyms of "Transgress" as a verb (26 Words)

<b>behave badly</b>	Behave in a certain manner; show a certain behavior; conduct or comport oneself.
<b>breach</b>	Make an opening or gap in. <i>We saw whales <b>breaching</b> in the distance.</i>
<b>break</b>	Break down literally or metaphorically. <i>I was acting as referee and telling them to <b>break</b>.</i>
<b>break the law</b>	Exchange for smaller units of money.
<b>commit a breach of</b>	Perform an act, usually with a negative connotation.
<b>commit an offence</b>	Give entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause.
<b>contravene</b>	Go against, as of rules and laws. <i>The Privy Council held that the prosecution <b>contravened</b> the rights of the individual.</i>

<b>defy</b>	Challenge. <i>He glowered at her <b>defying</b> her to mock him.</i>
<b>degenerate</b>	Grow worse. <i>The quality of life had <b>degenerated</b>.</i>
<b><u>disobey</u></b>	Refuse to go along with; refuse to follow; be disobedient. <i>He <b>disobeyed</b> his supervisor and was fired.</i>
<b>do wrong</b>	Proceed or get along.
<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>fall from grace</b>	Be due.
<b>flout</b>	Treat with contemptuous disregard. <i>The women pointed and <b>flouted</b> at her.</i>
<b>go against</b>	Change location; move, travel, or proceed, also metaphorically.
<b>go astray</b>	Pass from physical life and lose all bodily attributes and functions necessary to sustain life.
<b>infract</b>	Act in disregard of laws, rules, contracts, or promises. <i>They are sticklers for rules and report you to the authorities if you <b>infract</b> them.</i>
<b><u>infringe</u></b>	Go against, as of rules and laws. <i>I wouldn't <b>infringe</b> on his privacy.</i>
<b>lapse</b>	Revert to (a previous or more familiar style of speaking or behaviour). <i>He <b>lapsed</b> his membership.</i>
<b>misbehave</b>	(of a machine) fail to function correctly. <i>The children <b>misbehaved</b> all morning.</i>
<b>offend</b>	Hurt the feelings of. <i>Her tactless remark <b>offended</b> me.</i>
<b>overstep</b>	Be superior or better than some standard. <i>He has <b>overstepped</b> the bounds of acceptable discipline.</i>
<b><u>sin</u></b>	Commit a sin violate a law of God or a moral law. <i>Lord we have <b>sinned</b> against you.</i>
<b>stray from the straight and narrow</b>	Lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking.
<b>trespass</b>	Commit an offence against (a person or a set of rules). <i>Don't <b>trespass</b> on my land.</i>
<b>violate</b>	Violate the sacred character of a place or language. <i><b>Violate</b> the basic laws or human civilization.</i>



### **Usage Examples of "Transgress" as a verb**

- *She had transgressed an unwritten social law.*
- *The sea transgresses along the West coast of the island.*
- *Each continent has been transgressed by continental seas.*



## Associations of "Transgress" (30 Words)

<b>actionable</b>	Affording grounds for legal action. <i>Insightful and <b>actionable</b> information on the effect advertising is having on your brand.</i>
<b>breach</b>	A break in relations. <i>A <b>breach</b> in the mountain wall.</i>
<b>contravene</b>	Go against, as of rules and laws. <i>The Privy Council held that the prosecution <b>contravened</b> the rights of the individual.</i>
<b>encroach</b>	Advance gradually beyond usual or acceptable limits. <i>Rather than <b>encroach</b> on his privacy she might have kept to her room.</i>
<b>encroachment</b>	A gradual advance beyond usual or acceptable limits. <i>Minor <b>encroachments</b> on our individual liberties.</i>

<b>exceed</b>	Be or do something to a greater degree. <i>Production costs have <b>exceeded</b> 60 000.</i>
<b>impinge</b>	Impinge or infringe upon. <i>This <b>impinges</b> on my rights as an individual.</i>
<b>infraction</b>	A crime less serious than a felony.
<b>infringe</b>	Advance beyond the usual limit. <i>I wouldn't <b>infringe</b> on his privacy.</i>
<b>infringement</b>	An act that disregards an agreement or a right. <i>This bill is an <b>infringement</b> of our civil liberties.</i>
<b>intrude</b>	Thrust oneself in as if by force. <i>They <b>intruded</b> on our dinner party.</i>
<b>intrusion</b>	Entry to another's property without right or permission. <i>Villagers say the noise is an <b>intrusion</b> on their lives.</i>
<b>invasion</b>	An instance of invading a country or region with an armed force. <i>The tumor's <b>invasion</b> of surrounding structures.</i>
<b>leaky</b>	Having a leak or leaks. <i><b>Leaky</b> sources at the company.</i>
<b>litigate</b>	Take (a claim or a dispute) to a law court. <i>Even a claim which is <b>litigated</b> and defended successfully involves high legal costs.</i>
<b>misdemeanor</b>	A crime less serious than a felony.
<b>oppressor</b>	A person or group that oppresses people. <i>They overthrew their colonial <b>oppressors</b>.</i>
<b>over</b>	Over the entire area. <i>The affair is <b>over</b> ended finished.</i>
<b>overstep</b>	Pass beyond or exceed (a limit or standard). <i>He has <b>overstepped</b> the bounds of acceptable discipline.</i>
<b>permeable</b>	(of a material or membrane) allowing liquids or gases to pass through it. <i>A frog's skin is <b>permeable</b> to water.</i>
<b>piracy</b>	A practice similar to piracy but in other contexts especially hijacking. <i>Software <b>piracy</b>.</i>
<b>raid</b>	Conduct a raid on. <i>Officers <b>raided</b> thirty homes yesterday.</i>
<b>rupture</b>	An instance of breaking or bursting suddenly and completely. <i>The impact <b>ruptured</b> both fuel tanks.</i>

<b>tort</b>	A wrongful act or an infringement of a right (other than under contract) leading to legal liability. <i>Public nuisance is a crime as well as a <b>tort</b>.</i>
<b>tortious</b>	Of or pertaining to the nature of a tort. <i>This does not make the act <b>tortious</b>.</i>
<b>transcend</b>	Be superior or better than some standard. <i>He doubts that he will ever <b>transcend</b> Shakespeare.</i>
<b>trespass</b>	Pass beyond (limits or boundaries). <i>The defendants were guilty of <b>trespass</b>.</i>
<b>usurpation</b>	Entry to another's property without right or permission. <i>A succession of generals who ruled by <b>usurpation</b>.</i>
<b>violate</b>	Violate the sacred character of a place or language. <i>This sentence <b>violates</b> the rules of syntax.</i>
<b><u>violation</u></b>	A disrespectful act. <i>The aircraft were in <b>violation</b> of UN resolutions.</i>