

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)

behave badly

Behave in a certain manner; show a certain behavior; conduct or comport oneself.

breach

Make an opening or gap in.

*We saw whales **breaching** in the distance.*

break

Break down literally or metaphorically.

*I was acting as referee and telling them to **break**.*

break the law

Exchange for smaller units of money.

commit a breach of

Perform an act, usually with a negative connotation.

commit an offence

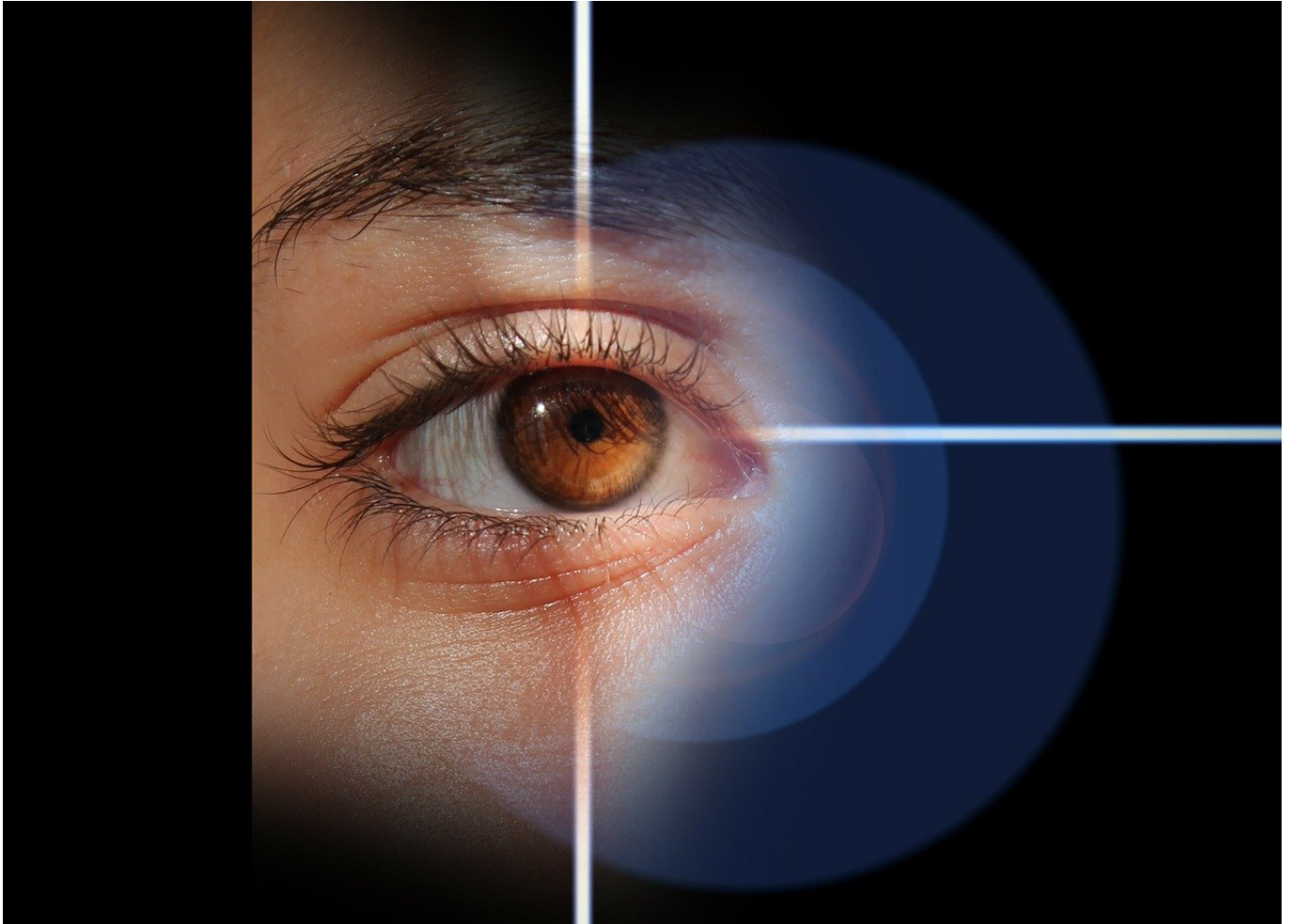
Give entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause.

contravene

Go against, as of rules and laws.

*The Privy Council held that the prosecution **contravened** the rights of the individual.*

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

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

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

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