

Need another word that means the same as “untangle”? Find 44 synonyms and 30 related words for “untangle” in this overview.

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Untangle as a Verb

Definitions of "Untangle" as a verb

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

- *Free from a tangled or twisted state.*
- *Become or cause to become undone by separating the fibers or threads of.*
- *Make (something complicated or confusing) easier to understand or deal with.*
- *Release from entanglement of difficulty.*



Synonyms of "Untangle" as a verb (44 Words)

answer

Give the correct answer or solution to.
*She didn't want to **answer**.*

clarify

Make clear and (more) comprehensible.
***Clarify** the butter.*

clear up

Yield as a net profit.

decipher

Read with difficulty.
*Visual signals help us **decipher** what is being communicated.*

disencumber

Free from or relieve of an encumbrance.
*The sect claims to **disencumber** adherents of the untoward effects of past traumas.*

disentangle

Free from involvement or entanglement.
*How can I **disentangle** myself from her personal affairs.*

elucidate

Make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear.
*Work such as theirs will help to **elucidate** this matter.*

explain

Make (an idea or situation) clear to someone by describing it in more detail or revealing relevant facts.
*This would **explain** why so many adult children still live with their parents.*

expound

Explain the meaning of (a literary or doctrinal work).
*He was **expounding** a powerful argument.*

extricate

Free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty.
*He was trying to **extricate** himself from official duties.*

fathom

Measure the depth of (water).
*An attempt to **fathom** the ocean.*

find a solution to

Perceive oneself to be in a certain condition or place.

find an answer to

Perceive or be contemporaneous with.

find the answer to

Discover or determine the existence, presence, or fact of.

find the key to

Get or find back; recover the use of.

find the solution to

Come upon after searching; find the location of something that was missed or lost.

get to the bottom of

Go or come after and bring or take back.

illuminate

Decorate (a page or letter in a manuscript) by hand with gold, silver, or coloured designs.
*A flash of lightning **illuminated** the house.*

make easier to understand

Add up to.

make head or tail of

Engage in.

**make more
comprehensible**

Appear to begin an activity.

make more intelligible

Develop into.

make plainer

Gather and light the materials for.

make simpler

Perform or carry out.

piece together

Repair by adding pieces.

puzzle out

Be a mystery or bewildering to.

**remove the complexities
from**

Go away or leave.

resolve

Cause to go into a solution.
*Endoscopic biliary drainage can rapidly **resolve** jaundice.*

simplify

Make (something) simpler or easier to do or understand.
*This move will **simplify** our lives.*

solve

Find the solution.
*A murder investigation that has never been **solved**.*

sort out

Examine in order to test suitability.

straighten out

Get up from a sitting or slouching position.

understand

Be understanding of.
*She did not **understand** her husband.*

undo

Cancel or reverse the effects or results of (a previous action or measure).
*You can frequently **undo** the error if you notice it in time.*

unfold

Develop or come to a promising stage.
*The white flowers were just starting to **unfold**.*

unknot

Become or cause to become undone by separating the fibers or threads of.
*His shoulders **unknotted**.*

unpick

Undo the sewing of.
*I **unpicked** the seams of his trousers.*

unravel

Investigate and solve or explain (something complicated or puzzling).
***Unravel** the thread.*

unscramble

Make intelligible.
*Viewers use these decoders to **unscramble** the signal.*

unsnarl

Extricate from entanglement.
*He helped her **unsnarl** her muddled views.*

untie

Cause to become loose.
*They **untied** the prisoner.*

untwine

Make or become unwound or untwisted.
*Robyn **untwined** her fingers.*

untwist

Cause to become untwisted.
*He **untwisted** the wire and straightened it out.*

work out

Have and exert influence or effect.



Usage Examples of "Untangle" as a verb

- *Fishermen untangled their nets.*
- *He knew he'd have to untangle a financial mess and somehow restore investor confidence.*



Associations of "Untangle" (30 Words)

acquit	Discharge (a duty or responsibility). <i>They acquitted themselves of their charge with vigilance.</i>
comb	A short curved type of comb worn by women to hold the hair in place or as an ornament. <i>Police combed the area for the murder weapon.</i>
<u>disengage</u>	Become free. <i>In neutral the gears disengage.</i>
disentangle	Remove knots or tangles from (wool, rope, or hair). <i>It was difficult to disentangle fact from fiction.</i>
disgorge	Remove the sediment from (a sparkling wine) after fermentation. <i>They were made to disgorge all the profits made from the record.</i>
<u>distinguish</u>	Be a distinctive feature, attribute, or trait; sometimes in a very positive sense. <i>It was too dark to distinguish anything more than their vague shapes.</i>
evict	Expel or eject without recourse to legal process. <i>A single mother and her children have been evicted from their home.</i>
<u>exit</u>	Leave a particular situation. <i>Declarer must cash his top spades and exit with 2.</i>
<u>extricate</u>	Release from entanglement of difficulty. <i>He was trying to extricate himself from official duties.</i>
exude	Release (a liquid) in drops or small quantities. <i>Slime exudes from the fungus.</i>
free	Free or remove obstruction from. <i>Free admission.</i>
knot	Make a carpet or other decorative item with knots. <i>Some days the vessel logged 12 knots.</i>
latch	Fasten with a latch. <i>She latched the door carefully.</i>
<u>loose</u>	Make loose or looser. <i>There is too much loose talk about the situation.</i>
<u>loosely</u>	In a way that is not firmly or tightly fixed or held together. <i>His hands lay loosely.</i>
loosen	Become relaxed or less tight. <i>The stiffness in his shoulders had loosened.</i>
<u>outlet</u>	A place of business for retailing goods. <i>An outlet store.</i>

release	A handle or catch that releases part of a mechanism. <i>The plant releases a gas.</i>
<u>secrete</u>	(of a cell, gland, or organ) produce and discharge (a substance). <i>Insulin is secreted in response to rising levels of glucose in the blood.</i>
solve	Find the solution. <i>Solve an equation.</i>
<u>spill</u>	Liquid that is spilled. <i>My backpack split spilling my clothes and books onto the floor.</i>
<u>trap</u>	A device to hurl clay pigeons into the air for trapshooters. <i>The exam was full of trap questions.</i>
<u>undo</u>	Cancel (the last command executed by a computer). <i>You can frequently undo the error if you notice it in time.</i>
unfasten	Open the fastening of; undo (something). <i>The dress unfastened easily.</i>
unknot	Release or untie the knot or knots in. <i>He swiftly unknotted his tie.</i>
unravel	(of an intricate process, system, or arrangement) disintegrate or be destroyed. <i>His painstaking diplomacy of the last eight months could quickly unravel.</i>
unscramble	Make intelligible. <i>But how do we unscramble our feelings.</i>
untie	Cause to become loose. <i>They untied the prisoner.</i>
unwrap	Make known to the public information that was previously known only to a few people or that was meant to be kept a secret. <i>Unwrap the evidence in the murder case.</i>
withdraw	Withdraw from active participation. <i>For the cocaine user it is possible to withdraw without medication.</i>

