

Need another word that means the same as “up”? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for “up” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Up” are: upward, upwards, upwardly, uphill, towards a higher level, apart, in two, brighten, brighten up, lighten, become light, light up, break, clear up, become bright, become brighter, become lighter, become fine, become sunny, add to, make larger, make bigger, make greater, augment, supplement, build up, enlarge, expand, extend, raise, multiply, elevate, swell, inflate, up to speed on, up with, plugged into, improving, astir

Up as a Verb

Definitions of "Up" as a verb

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

- *Raise or pick up (something).*
- *Increase (a level or amount).*
- *Lift (something) up.*
- *Do something unexpectedly.*

- *Raise.*



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

add to	Determine the sum of.
augment	Make (something) greater by adding to it; increase. <i>He augmented his summer income by painting houses.</i>
become bright	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
become brighter	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
become fine	Undergo a change or development.
become light	Enhance the appearance of.
become lighter	Come into existence.
become sunny	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
break	Break down literally or metaphorically. <i>The Caribbean sea was breaking gently on the shore.</i>
brighten	Make (something) more attractively colourful. <i>Daffodils brighten up many gardens and parks.</i>

brighten up	Become clear.
build up	Make by combining materials and parts.
clear up	Pass by, over, or under without making contact. (of a priest) hold up (a consecrated host or chalice) for adoration. <i>She ordered the bishop celebrating Mass in her chapel not to elevate the Host.</i>
<u>elevate</u>	
<u>enlarge</u>	Make or become larger or more extensive. <i>Very often a favourite photograph is enlarged and framed.</i>
expand	Expand the influence of. <i>Alice opened and expanded in this normality.</i>
<u>extend</u>	Extend one's limbs or muscles or the entire body. <i>The awning extends several feet over the sidewalk.</i>
inflate	Become inflated. <i>The war inflated the economy.</i>
light up	Cause to start burning; subject to fire or great heat.
lighten	Make more cheerful through the use of color. <i>She attempted a joke to lighten the atmosphere.</i>
make bigger	Behave in a certain way.
make greater	Make, formulate, or derive in the mind.
make larger	Be suitable for. (of an animal or other organism) increase in number by reproducing. <i>Listeria and other bacteria were able to multiply in very low temperatures.</i>
<u>multiply</u>	
plugged into	Insert a plug into.
raise	Raise from a lower to a higher position. <i>A fence was being raised around the property.</i>
supplement	Serve as a supplement to. <i>Vitamins supplemented his meager diet.</i>
swell	Become or make greater in intensity, number, amount, or volume. <i>She felt herself swell with pride.</i>
up to speed on	Raise.
up with	Raise.



Usage Examples of "Up" as a verb

- *She upped and left him.*
- *This woman ups with a stone.*
- *Up the ante.*
- *Capacity will be upped by 70 per cent next year.*
- *Everybody was cheering and upping their glasses.*



Up as an Adjective

Definitions of "Up" as an adjective

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

- *(of a road) being repaired.*
- *Open.*
- *Out of bed.*
- *(used of computers) operating properly.*
- *In readiness.*
- *Used up.*
- *(usually followed by 'on' or 'for') in readiness.*
- *(of a computer system) functioning properly.*
- *Getting higher or more vigorous.*
- *Denoting a flavour (variety) of stable quark having relatively low mass and an electric*

charge of +2/3. In the Standard Model protons and neutrons are composed of up and down quarks.

- *At an end.*
- *Relating to or denoting trains travelling towards the major point on a route.*
- *Extending or moving toward a higher place.*
- *Operating properly.*
- *Directed or moving towards a higher place or position.*
- *(of a jockey) in the saddle.*
- *Being or moving higher in position or greater in some value; being above a former position or level.*
- *In a cheerful mood; ebullient.*



Synonyms of "Up" as an adjective (3 Words)

astir

On the move.

The streets are all **astir**.

improving Getting higher or more vigorous.
*A large **improving** picture hung opposite.*

upward Moving, pointing, or leading to a higher place, point, or level.
*An **upward** stroke of the pen.*



Usage Examples of "Up" as an adjective

- *Time's up.*
- *The mood here is resolutely up.*
- *The sun is up.*
- *The corn is up.*
- *His contract was up in three weeks.*
- *He lay face up.*
- *How soon will the computers be up?*
- *Time is up.*
- *Had to be up for the game.*

- *The up escalator.*
- *The windows are up.*
- *The market is up.*
- *He is up by a pawn.*
- *The up staircase.*
- *He was up on his homework.*
- *The first up train.*
- *The anchor is up.*
- *A general upward movement of fish.*
- *Its an up market.*
- *Up by seven each morning.*
- *The system is now up.*



Up as an Adverb

Definitions of "Up" as an adverb

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

- *Spatially or metaphorically from a lower to a higher position.*
- *(of sailing) against the current or the wind.*
- *Used as a command to a soldier or an animal to stand up and be ready to move or attack.*
- *(of food that has been eaten) regurgitated from the stomach.*
- *To a more central or a more northerly place.*
- *Expressing movement towards or position in the north.*
- *To a later time.*
- *Upstairs.*
- *(of a ship's helm) moved round to windward so that the rudder is to leeward.*
- *At or to a higher level of intensity, volume, or activity.*
- *Towards a higher place or position.*
- *(of the sun) visible after daybreak.*
- *To the place where someone is.*
- *At bat.*
- *Displayed on a noticeboard or other publicly visible site.*
- *Towards or in the capital or a major city.*
- *Nearer to the speaker.*
- *So as to be finished or closed.*
- *Into the desired or a proper condition.*
- *To a higher intensity.*
- *Winning or at an advantage by a specified margin.*
- *At or to a higher price, value, or rank.*
- *To or at a place perceived as higher.*
- *Out of bed.*
- *Into a happy mood.*
- *At or to a university, especially Oxford or Cambridge.*



Synonyms of "Up" as an adverb (7 Words)

[apart](#)

Used to indicate that one is dismissing something from consideration or moving from one tone or topic to another.
*Alcoholism had driven us **apart**.*

in two

To or toward the inside of.

towards a higher level

Far up toward the source.

uphill

Against difficulties.
*Follow the track **uphill**.*

upward

Towards a higher place, point, or level.
*She peered **upward** at the sky.*

upwardly

In an upward direction.
***Upwardly** mobile.*

upwards

Spatially or metaphorically from a lower to a higher position.
*Prices soared **upwards**.*



Usage Examples of "Up" as an adverb

- *Two of the men hoisted her up.*
- *I've got a bit of paperwork to finish up.*
- *Upwardly mobile.*
- *I don't think anything's going to cheer me up.*
- *Prices soared upwards.*
- *Sticking up posters to advertise concerts.*
- *Unemployment is up.*
- *US environmental groups had been stepping up their attack on GATT.*
- *She made her way up to bed.*
- *She turned the volume up.*
- *Look up!*
- *Give me a ring when you're up in London.*
- *He's driving up to Inverness to see the old man.*
- *The sun was already up when they set off.*

- *Miranda hardly ever got up for breakfast.*
- *The government agreed to set up a committee of inquiry.*
- *The music surged up.*
- *The bow of the boat was brought slowly up into the wind and held there.*
- *He zipped up the holdall.*
- *From childhood upward.*
- *Dot didn't hear Mrs Parvis come creeping up behind her.*
- *United were 3-1 up at half time.*
- *Up, boys, and at 'em.*
- *Sales are up 22.8 per cent at \$50.2 m.*
- *They moved the meeting date up.*
- *We came away £300 up on the evening.*
- *Every time up, he had a different stance.*
- *He jumped up.*
- *I'm going for a walk up to the shops.*
- *I was ill and vomited up everything.*
- *They were up at Cambridge about the same time.*
- *Liven up the graphics.*
- *The fragments flew upwards.*
- *The curtain went up.*



Associations of "Up" (30 Words)

ascend	Become king or queen. <i>She ascended to the throne after the King's death.</i>
ascending	The act of changing location in an upward direction. <i>Blood pressure in the ascending aorta.</i>
ascent	An upward slope or grade (as in a road). <i>His ascent to power.</i>
boost	Give a boost to be beneficial to. <i>A range of measures to boost tourism.</i>
<u>climb</u>	The act of climbing something. <i>Prices climbed steeply.</i>
<u>climbing</u>	The sport or activity of climbing mountains or cliffs. <i>Climbing equipment.</i>

<u>elevate</u>	Raise the axis of (a piece of artillery) to increase its range. <i>The field guns were elevated twenty degrees.</i>
elevator	A machine consisting of an endless belt with scoops attached, used for raising grain to an upper storey for storage. <i>Elevators of the upper lip.</i>
escalator	A clause in a contract that provides for an increase or a decrease in wages or prices or benefits etc. depending on certain conditions (as a change in the cost of living index).
high	Being at or having a relatively great or specific elevation or upward extension sometimes used in combinations like knee high. <i>Some of them were high on Ecstasy.</i>
<u>hoist</u>	Raise or haul up with or as if with mechanical help. <i>Hoist the bicycle onto the roof of the car.</i>
ladder	With reference to tights or stockings develop or cause to develop a ladder. <i>The first time I put them on one of the stockings laddered.</i>
lift	Lifting device consisting of a platform or cage that is raised and lowered mechanically in a vertical shaft in order to move people from one floor to another in a building. <i>Miss Green is giving me a lift to school.</i>
mounting	The action of mounting something. <i>He pulled the curtain rail from its mounting.</i>
<u>precipitate</u>	A substance precipitated from a solution. <i>Excess moisture is precipitated as rain fog mist or dew.</i>
promote	Of an additive act as a promoter of a catalyst. <i>She was promoted to General Manager.</i>
raise	Raise in rank or condition. <i>Raise the price of bread.</i>
rise	Rise up. <i>They cheered the rise of the hot air balloon.</i>
risen	(of e.g. celestial bodies) above the horizon. <i>The risen sun.</i>
rising	Going up, increasing, or sloping upward. <i>A rising market.</i>
<u>soar</u>	Fly a plane without an engine. <i>The dollar soared against the yen.</i>
<u>soaring</u>	Of imposing height; especially standing out above others. <i>The soaring crime rate.</i>

stairs	A flight of stairs or a flight of steps.
stepladder	A folding portable ladder hinged at the top.
top	Reach or ascend the top of. <i>Professionally you're the tops.</i>
uphill	An upward slope. <i>He gave mountain biking clinics on handling steep uphills.</i>
upstairs	On or to an upper floor of a building. <i>No one was allowed to see the upstairs.</i>
upward	Moving, pointing, or leading to a higher place, point, or level. <i>Upwardly mobile.</i>
vertically	(with reference to passage of diseases) from one generation to the next. <i>Vertically integrated companies.</i>
<u>zoom</u>	Cause a lens or camera to zoom in or out. <i>The camera zoomed in for a close up of his face.</i>

