

Need another word that means the same as “usurp”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “usurp” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Usurp” are: arrogate, assume, seize, take over, expropriate, take possession of, take, appropriate, steal, wrest, commandeer, annex, lay claim to, oust, overthrow, remove, topple, unseat, depose, dethrone, eject, dispel**

## Usurp as a Verb

### Definitions of "Usurp" as a verb

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

- *Encroach or infringe upon (someone's rights).*
- *Take the place of (someone in a position of power) illegally; supplant.*
- *Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force; take as one's right or possession.*
- *Take the place of.*
- *Take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force.*



## Synonyms of "Usurp" as a verb (22 Words)

### [annex](#)

Take (territory) as if by conquest.

*The left bank of the Rhine was **annexed** by France in 1797.*

### **appropriate**

Devote (money or assets) to a special purpose.

*The accused had **appropriated** the property.*

### **arrogate**

Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force; take as one's right or possession.

*They **arrogate** to themselves the ability to divine the nation's true interests.*

### [assume](#)

Take on or adopt (a manner or identity), sometimes falsely.

*When will the new President **assume** office.*

### [commandeer](#)

Enlist (someone) to help in a task.

*The truck was **commandeered** by a mob.*

<b>depose</b>	Make a deposition; declare under oath. <i>Every affidavit shall state which of the facts <b>deposed</b> to are within the deponent's knowledge.</i>
<b>dethrone</b>	Remove (a monarch) from power. <i>In January 1831 the Poles <b>dethroned</b> the Romanovs.</i>
<b>dispel</b>	Force to go away; used both with concrete and metaphoric meanings. <i><b>Dispel</b> doubts.</i>
<b>eject</b>	Leave an aircraft rapidly using an ejection seat or capsule. <i>Lumps of viscous lava were <b>ejected</b> from the volcano.</i>
<b>expropriate</b>	Dispossess (someone) of property. <i>Their assets were <b>expropriated</b> by the government.</i>
<b>lay claim to</b>	Lay eggs.
<b>oust</b>	Remove from a position or office. <i>The chairman was <b>ousted</b> after he misappropriated funds.</i>
<b>overthrow</b>	Throw (a ball) further than the intended distance. <i>Their subversive activities are calculated to <b>overthrow</b> parliamentary democracy.</i>
<b>remove</b>	Remove something concrete as by lifting pushing or taking off or remove something abstract. <i>Customs officials <b>removed</b> documents from the premises.</i>
<b>seize</b>	Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force take as one's right or possession. <i>The rebels threaten to <b>seize</b> civilian hostages.</i>
<b>steal</b>	Steal a base. <i>She was found guilty of <b>stealing</b> from her employers.</i>
<b>take</b>	Occupy or take on. <i>They decided to <b>take</b> a small house in the country.</i>
<b>take over</b>	Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.
<b>take possession of</b>	Ascertain or determine by measuring, computing or take a reading from a dial.
<b>topple</b>	Cause to topple or tumble by pushing. <i>The push almost <b>toppled</b> him to the ground.</i>
<b>unseat</b>	Remove (a government or person in authority) from power. <i>Rawhide <b>unseated</b> Kevin Bradley at the first fence.</i>
<b>wrest</b>	Take (something, especially power or control) after considerable effort or difficulty. <i><b>Wrest</b> power from the old government.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Usurp" as a verb

- *The Hanoverian dynasty had usurped the Stuarts.*
- *Richard usurped the throne.*
- *He usurped my rights.*
- *The Church had usurped upon the domain of the state.*
- *Gloom had usurped mirth at the party after the news of the terrorist act broke.*

## Associations of "Usurp" (30 Words)

<b>arrogate</b>	Make undue claims to having. <i>They <b>arrogate</b> to themselves the ability to divine the nation's true interests.</i>
<b>birthright</b>	An inheritance coming by right of birth (especially by primogeniture). <i>She saw a liberal education as the <b>birthright</b> of every child.</i>
<b>buccaneer</b>	Live like a buccaneer. <i>The company might be a target for an individual <b>buccaneer</b> seeking power and prestige.</i>
<b>commandeer</b>	Officially take possession or control of (something), especially for military purposes. <i>A nearby house had been <b>commandeered</b> by the army.</i>
<b>confiscate</b>	Take temporary possession of as a security, by legal authority. <i>The guards <b>confiscated</b> his camera.</i>
<b>corsair</b>	A privateer, especially one operating along the southern shore of the Mediterranean in the 16th-18th centuries.
<b>depose</b>	Remove from office suddenly and forcefully. <i>He had been <b>deposed</b> by a military coup.</i>
<b>depredation</b>	(usually plural) a destructive action. <i>Protecting grain from the <b>depredations</b> of rats and mice.</i>
<b>deprive</b>	Keep from having, keeping, or obtaining. <i>The city was <b>deprived</b> of its water supplies.</i>
<b>disenfranchise</b>	Deprive (someone) of a right or privilege. <i>The law <b>disenfranchised</b> some 3 000 voters on the basis of a residence qualification.</i>
<b>expropriate</b>	(of the state or an authority) take (property) from its owner for public use or benefit. <i>Their assets were <b>expropriated</b> by the government.</i>

<b>forfeit</b>	The action of forfeiting something. <i>His possessions were declared <b>forfeit</b>.</i>
<b>forfeited</b>	Surrendered as a penalty.
<b>freebooter</b>	A pirate or lawless adventurer.
<b>hijack</b>	An incident or act of hijacking. <i>An unsuccessful <b>hijack</b> attempt.</i>
<b>hijacker</b>	A person who illegally seizes an aircraft, ship, or vehicle while in transit and forces it to go to a different destination or uses it for their own purposes. <i>A <b>hijacker</b> of arms shipments.</i>
<b>impound</b>	Lock up (someone). <i>Vehicles parked where they cause an obstruction will be <b>impounded</b>.</i>
<b>impoverish</b>	Make poor. <i>The wars had <b>impoverished</b> him.</i>
<b>kidnap</b>	The action of kidnapping someone. <i>Militants <b>kidnapped</b> the daughter of a minister.</i>
<b>loot</b>	Private property taken from an enemy in war. <i>The rooms were stuffed with the <b>loot</b> from Francis's expeditions into Italy.</i>
<b>patrimony</b>	The estate or property belonging by ancient endowment or right to a church or other institution. <i>An organization that saves the world's cultural <b>patrimony</b> by restoring historic buildings.</i>
<b>pirate</b>	A ship that is manned by pirates. <i>The company is seeking compensation from people who <b>pirated</b> the movie.</i>
<b>plunder</b>	Plunder a town after capture. <i>The army sacked the city and carried off huge quantities of <b>plunder</b>.</i>
<b>privateer</b>	An officer or crew member of a privateer. <i>Francis Drake disliked other <b>privateers</b> poaching prizes he regarded as his own.</i>
<b>ravage</b>	Cause severe and extensive damage to. <i>The hurricane <b>ravaged</b> southern Florida.</i>
<b>rob</b>	Take property unlawfully from (a person or place) by force or threat of force. <i>He tried with three others to <b>rob</b> a bank.</i>
<b>seize</b>	Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force take as one's right or possession. <i>The current President <b>seized</b> power in a coup.</i>

<b>steal</b>	An act of stealing a base. <i>He finished with eight points four <b>steals</b> and seven assists.</i>
<b>usurpation</b>	Wrongfully seizing and holding (an office or powers) by force (especially the seizure of a throne or supreme authority). <i>A succession of generals who ruled by <b>usurpation</b>.</i>
<b>viking</b>	Any of the Scandinavian people who raided the coasts of Europe from the 8th to the 11th centuries.