

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.*

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

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

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

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