

Need another word that means the same as “watchdog”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “watchdog” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Watchdog” are: guard dog, house dog, ombudsman, monitor, scrutineer, inspector, observer, supervisor**

## Watchdog as a Noun

### Definitions of "Watchdog" as a noun

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

- *A dog kept to guard private property.*
- *A guardian or defender against theft or illegal practices or waste.*
- *A person or group that monitors the practices of companies providing a particular service or utility.*
- *A dog trained to guard property.*



## Synonyms of "Watchdog" as a noun (8 Words)

- guard dog** A position on a basketball team.
- house dog** A dwelling that serves as living quarters for one or more families.
- inspector** A police officer ranking below a chief inspector.  
*A prison **inspector**.*
- monitor** A person operating a monitor.  
*He was a school **monitor** and a choir boy.*
- observer** A person who becomes aware (of things or events) through the senses.  
*Some **observers** expect interest rates to rise.*
- ombudsman** An official appointed to investigate individuals' complaints against a company or organization, especially a public authority.
- scrutineer** A person who supervises the conduct of an election or competition.  
*Independent strike ballot **scrutineers**.*

**supervisor** A program that controls the execution of other programs.



### **Usage Examples of "Watchdog" as a noun**

- *She is the global watchdog for human rights abuses.*
- *The consumer watchdog for transport in London.*





## Associations of "Watchdog" (30 Words)

- agency** How a result is obtained or an end is achieved.  
*She has free **agency**.*
- alert** A warning serves to make you more alert to danger.  
*Traffic was halted during the **alert**.*
- attentive** Taking heed; giving close and thoughtful attention.  
***Attentive** to details.*
- audit** Attend (a class) informally, without working for credit.  
*A method of **auditing** obstetric and neonatal care.*
- canny** Showing self-interest and shrewdness in dealing with others.  
*She s a **canny** lass.*
- careful** Exercising caution or showing care or attention.  
*Be **careful** to keep her shoes clean.*

<b>cancel</b>	Subject to political religious or moral censorship. <i>The letters she received were <b>cancelled</b>.</i>
<b>check</b>	A move by which a piece or pawn directly attacks the opponent's king and by which the king may be checkmated. <i><b>Check</b> your facts.</i>
<b>conscious</b>	(of an action or feeling) deliberate and intentional. <i>A <b>conscious</b> effort to walk properly.</i>
<b>examination</b>	The action or process of conducting an examination. <i>A medical <b>examination</b> is conducted without delay.</i>
<b>gaze</b>	Look at with fixed eyes. <i>He could only <b>gaze</b> at her in astonishment.</i>
<b>infiltrate</b>	Gradually permeate or become a part of. <i>One of the tumours <b>infiltrated</b> the submucosa.</i>
<b>inspect</b>	Examine (someone or something) to ensure that they reach an official standard. <i>Please <b>inspect</b> your father's will carefully.</i>
<b>inspection</b>	Careful examination or scrutiny. <i>On closer <b>inspection</b> it looked like a fossil.</i>
<b>investigate</b>	Investigate scientifically. <i>The district attorney's office <b>investigated</b> reports of possible irregularities.</i>
<b>monitor</b>	A person operating a monitor. <i>Equipment was installed to <b>monitor</b> air quality.</i>
<b>observant</b>	Adhering strictly to laws and rules and customs. <i>An <b>observant</b> Jew.</i>
<b>organization</b>	The act of forming or establishing something. <i>His compulsive <b>organization</b> was not an endearing quality.</i>
<b>oversee</b>	Supervise (a person or their work), especially in an official capacity. <i>The Home Secretary <b>oversees</b> the police service.</i>
<b>reconnoiter</b>	Explore, often with the goal of finding something or somebody.
<b>sleepless</b>	Experiencing or accompanied by sleeplessness Shakespeare. <i>Another <b>sleepless</b> night.</i>
<b>spy</b>	A person employed by a government or other organization to secretly obtain information on an enemy or competitor. <i>A <b>spy</b> camera.</i>
<b>stare</b>	Fixate one's eyes. <i>The obituaries <b>stared</b> out at us.</i>



- supervise** Watch and direct.  
*The prisoners were **supervised** by two officers.*
- surveillance** Close observation of a person or group (usually by the police).  
*He found himself put under **surveillance** by British military intelligence.*
- survey** A written report detailing the findings of a building survey.  
*The building society will insist that you have a **survey** done.*
- vigilant** Carefully observant or attentive; on the lookout for possible danger.  
*The burglar was spotted by **vigilant** neighbours.*
- wary** Openly distrustful and unwilling to confide.  
*Taught to be **wary** of strangers.*
- watch** A watchman or group of watchmen who patrolled and guarded the streets of a town before the introduction of the police force.  
*In spring and summer **watch** for kingfishers.*
- watchful** Experiencing or accompanied by sleeplessness- Shakespeare.  
*They attended dances under the **watchful** eye of their father.*

