

Need another word that means the same as “while”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “while” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “While” are: patch, piece, spell, time, stretch, stint, span, season, interval, period, period of time, length of time, duration, run, phase, stage, term, pass, spend, occupy, use up, kill, beguile**

## While as a Noun

### Definitions of "While" as a noun

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

- *During the time that.*
- *A period of indeterminate length (usually short) marked by some action or condition.*
- *A period of time.*
- *For some time.*
- *At the same time; meanwhile.*



## Synonyms of "While" as a noun (17 Words)

- duration** The period of time during which something continues.  
*A flight of over eight hours **duration**.*
- interval** A component of activity in interval training.  
*An **interval** of mourning.*
- length of time** Continuance in time.
- patch** A short set of commands to correct a bug in a computer program.  
*A program **patch** that fixes a bug.*
- period** A set of elements occupying a horizontal row in the periodic table.  
*The ale will be available for a limited **period**.*
- period of time** A unit of geological time during which a system of rocks formed.
- phase** Each of the electrical windings or connections of a polyphase machine or circuit.  
*The final **phases** of the war.*

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| <b>piece</b>   | A figure or token used to make moves in a board game.<br><i>He needed a <b>piece</b> of granite.</i>   |
| <b>run</b>     | A running pace.<br><i>The assembly line was on a 12 hour <b>run</b>.</i>   |
| <b>season</b>  | A period of the year characterized by a particular climatic feature or marked by a particular activity, event, or festivity.<br><i>It was the Christmas <b>season</b>.</i> |
| <b>span</b>    | The wingspan of an aircraft or a bird.<br><i>An eight <b>span</b> bridge.</i>  |
| <b>spell</b>   | A time period for working (after which you will be relieved by someone else).<br><i>He whispered a <b>spell</b> as he moved his hands.</i>                                 |
| <b>stage</b>   | The theater as a profession usually the stage.<br><i>I was in the early <b>stages</b> of pregnancy.</i>  |
| <b>stint</b>   | Limitation of supply or effort.<br><i>His varied career included a <b>stint</b> as a magician.</i>   |
| <b>stretch</b> | The fact or condition of a muscle being stretched.<br><i>By no <b>stretch</b> of the imagination.</i>  |
| <b>term</b>    | Agreed conditions under which a war or other dispute is brought to an end.<br><i>The general <b>term</b> of an algebraic equation of the <math>n</math> th degree.</i>     |
| <b>time</b>    | Time or an amount of time as reckoned by a conventional standard.<br><i>Tunes in waltz <b>time</b>.</i>  |



## Usage Examples of "While" as a noun

- *He was here for a little while.*
- *She retired a little while ago.*
- *Beseeching him, the while his hand she wrung.*
- *He starts to draw, talking the while.*
- *We chatted for a while.*
- *Can I keep it a while?*



## While as a Verb

### Definitions of "While" as a verb

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

- *Pass time in a leisurely manner.*



### Synonyms of "While" as a verb (6 Words)

**beguile** Trick (someone) into doing something.  
*They were **beguiled** into signing a peace treaty.*

**occupy** Occupy the whole of.  
*The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.*

**pass** Pass from physical life and lose all bodily attributes and functions necessary to sustain life.

*Racegoers had formed card schools and cash was **passing** briskly.*

**spend** Spend completely.

**Spend** money.

**use up** Use up consume fully.



## Usage Examples of "While" as a verb

- *A diversion to while away the long afternoons.*





## Associations of "While" (30 Words)

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| <b>as</b>                 | Used to emphasize an amount.<br><i>Birds were singing and the child sang <b>as</b> sweetly.</i>   |
| <b>coeval</b>             | A person of roughly the same age as oneself; a contemporary.<br><i>These lavas were <b>coeval</b> with the volcanic activity.</i>   |
| <b><u>concomitant</u></b> | Naturally accompanying or associated.<br><i>She loved travel with all its <b>concomitant</b> worries.</i>   |
| <b>concurrent</b>         | Occurring or operating at the same time.<br><i>She was given nine months <b>concurrent</b> for each offence.</i>  |
| <b>dalliance</b>          | Playful behavior intended to arouse sexual interest.<br><i>Berkeley was my last <b>dalliance</b> with the education system.</i>   |
| <b>duration</b>           | Continuance in time.<br><i>A flight of over eight hours <b>duration</b>.</i>  |
| <b>epoch</b>              | An arbitrarily fixed date that is the point in time relative to which information (as coordinates of a celestial body) is recorded.<br><i>The Victorian <b>epoch</b>.</i> |
| <b><u>era</u></b>         | A major division of geological time an era is usually divided into two or more periods.<br><i>His death marked the end of an <b>era</b>.</i>                              |
| <b>existing</b>           | Presently existing.<br><i>Opponents of the <b>existing</b> political system.</i>  |
| <b>hitherto</b>           | Until now or until the point in time under discussion.<br><i><b>Hitherto</b> part of French West Africa Benin achieved independence in 1960.</i>                          |
| <b>interim</b>            | An interim dividend profit etc.<br><i>An <b>interim</b> agreement.</i>  |
| <b><u>just</u></b>        | Of an opinion or appraisal well founded justifiable.<br><i>Simon really messed things up Didn't he <b>just</b>.</i>   |
| <b>life</b>               | An account of the series of events making up a person's life.<br><i>The ice cream vendors were the only signs of <b>life</b>.</i>   |
| <b>meantime</b>           | During the intervening time.<br><i>In the <b>meantime</b> I'll make some enquiries of my own.</i>   |
| <b><u>meanwhile</u></b>   | At the same time.<br><i><b>Meanwhile</b> I will not think about the problem.</i>  |
| <b><u>middle</u></b>      | The middle area of the human torso usually in front.<br><i>There is a dearth of talent at <b>middle</b> level.</i>  |

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| <b>now</b>          | Used, especially in conversation, to draw attention to a particular statement or point in a narrative.<br><i>It worked up to right <b>now</b>.</i>  |
| <b>pending</b>      | About to happen; imminent.<br><i>Business still <b>pending</b>.</i>   |
| <b>period</b>       | A set of elements occupying a horizontal row in the periodic table.<br><i>A change soon put a <b>period</b> to my tranquility.</i>  |
| <b>present</b>      | Formally present a debutante a representative of a country etc.<br><i>We cannot <b>represent</b> this knowledge to our formal reason.</i>   |
| <b>provisory</b>    | Subject to a proviso; conditional.<br><i>A <b>provisory</b> clause.</i>   |
| <u>regularly</u>    | With a constant or definite pattern, especially with the same space between individual items.<br><i>Leaves arranged <b>regularly</b> along the stem.</i>  |
| <u>simultaneous</u> | Occurring or operating at the same time.<br><i>A <b>simultaneous</b> withdrawal of troops.</i>  |
| <u>sync</u>         | Make synchronous and adjust in time or manner.<br><i>Images flash on to your screen in <b>sync</b> with the music.</i>  |
| <u>synchronize</u>  | Cause to occur or operate at the same time or rate.<br><i>Both media <b>synchronize</b> national interests with multinational scope.</i>  |
| <b>synchronous</b>  | Making or denoting an orbit around the earth or another celestial body in which one revolution is completed in the period taken for the body to rotate about its axis.<br><i><b>Synchronous</b> oscillations.</i> |
| <b>temporary</b>    | A worker especially in an office hired on a temporary basis.<br><i>A <b>temporary</b> job.</i>  |
| <b>time</b>         | A portion of time in history or characterized by particular events or circumstances.<br><i>Williams <b>timed</b> his pass perfectly from about thirty yards.</i>  |
| <b>timing</b>       | The regulation of occurrence, pace, or coordination to achieve a desired effect (as in music, theater, athletics, mechanics).<br><i>The introduction of new signal <b>timings</b>.</i>                            |
| <u>zeitgeist</u>    | The defining spirit or mood of a particular period of history as shown by the ideas and beliefs of the time.<br><i>The story captured the <b>zeitgeist</b> of the late 1960s.</i>                                 |

