

Need another word that means the same as “why”? Find 1 synonym and 30 related words for “why” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Why” are: wherefore**

## Why as a Noun

### Definitions of "Why" as a noun

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

- *A reason or explanation.*
- *The cause or intention underlying an action or situation, especially in the phrase `the whys and wherefores.*



## Synonyms of "Why" as a noun (1 Word)

**wherefore** The cause or intention underlying an action or situation especially in the phrase the whys and wherefores.



## Usage Examples of "Why" as a noun

- *The whys and wherefores of these procedures need to be explained to students.*



## Associations of "Why" (30 Words)

<b><u>admiration</u></b>	Respect and warm approval. <i>I have the greatest <b>admiration</b> for all those involved in the project.</i>
<b>answer</b>	Give the correct answer or solution to. <i>This may <b>answer</b> her needs.</i>
<b>answerable</b>	Responsible for. <i>An employer is <b>answerable</b> for the negligence of his employees.</i>
<b>ask</b>	Require or ask for as a price or condition. <i>How much further I <b>asked</b>.</i>
<b>asking</b>	The verbal act of requesting.
<b>curiosity</b>	A state in which you want to learn more about something. <i><b>Curiosity</b> got the better of me so I called him.</i>
<b>curious</b>	Expressing curiosity. <i>A <b>curious</b> stare.</i>
<b><u>dubious</u></b>	Hesitating or doubting. <i><b>Dubious</b> about agreeing to go.</i>

<b><u>enigma</u></b>	Something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained. <i>Madeleine was still an <b>enigma</b> to him.</i>
<b>enquire</b>	Address a question to and expect an answer from.
<b><u>excuse</u></b>	Excuse overlook or make allowances for be lenient with. <i><b>Excuse</b> someone s behavior.</i>
<b><u>inquire</u></b>	Inquire about. <i><b>Inquire</b> into the disappearance of the rich old lady.</i>
<b>inquiry</b>	A systematic investigation of a matter of public interest. <i>Eventually the independent <b>inquiry</b> was published which found that there was no case to answer.</i>
<b>inquisitor</b>	An officer of the Inquisition. <i>The professional <b>inquisitors</b> of the press.</i>
<b><u>interrogate</u></b>	Transmit (a signal) for setting off an appropriate response, as in telecommunication. <i>He was <b>interrogated</b> by MI6.</i>
<b><u>interrogation</u></b>	Formal systematic questioning. <i>He had conducted hundreds of criminal <b>interrogations</b>.</i>
<b>interrogative</b>	Relating to verbs in the so called interrogative mood. <i>A hard <b>interrogative</b> stare.</i>
<b>interrogatory</b>	Formal systematic questioning. <i>She abandoned her <b>interrogatory</b> monologue.</i>
<b><u>marvel</u></b>	Something that causes feelings of wonder. <i>We <b>marvelled</b> at the child s linguistic abilities.</i>
<b><u>nosy</u></b>	Pry into something. <i>Stop being so <b>nosy</b>.</i>
<b>pardon</b>	Grant a pardon to. <i>One can be <b>pardoned</b> the suspicion that some of his errors were deliberate.</i>
<b><u>query</u></b>	Used in writing or speaking to question the accuracy of a following statement or to introduce a question. <i>I rang the water company to <b>query</b> my bill.</i>
<b>question</b>	Ask someone questions especially in an official context. <i>He was ready to pop the <b>question</b>.</i>
<b>reason</b>	Decide by reasoning draw or come to a conclusion. <i>Giles is the <b>reason</b> that I am here.</i>
<b>reply</b>	A statement either spoken or written that is made to reply to a question or request or criticism or accusation. <i>I received a <b>reply</b> from the managing director.</i>

- respond** Respond favorably or as hoped.  
*His back injury has failed to **respond** to treatment.*
- solution** The action of separating or breaking down dissolution.  
*A **solution** of ammonia in water.*
- solve** Find the solution to (a problem or question) or understand the meaning of.  
***Solve** for  $x$ .*
- theoretically** According to theory rather than experience or practice.  
*The concept is **theoretically** flawed.*
- wonder** Something that causes feelings of wonder.  
*I can't help **wondering** how Georgina's feeling.*

