

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)

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

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

