



Permission Verbs Synonyms and Antonyms

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The permission verbs we've learnt so far can be complex to use. Why not try using some synonyms to express the same thing?

These verbs presented are "normal" verbs that work with regular tense structures.

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Permission Verbs Synonyms

to authorise

authorising - authorised
formal

To give official permission

We were authorised to confiscate his car.

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Permission Verbs Synonyms

to enable

enabling - enabled
semi-formal

To give the ability

The password enabled him to access the computer.



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Permission Verbs Synonyms

to grant

granting - granted
formal

To agree a request

We were granted an audience with the King.



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Permission Verbs Synonyms

to license

licensing - licensed
formal

To allow the used of /provide a licence to

We are licensed to sell alcohol on the property.



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Permission Verbs Synonyms

to sanction

sanctioning - sanctioned
formal

To give official permission (particularly by court)

The investigation was sanctioned by a judge.

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Permission Verbs Synonyms

to warrant

warranting - warranted
very formal

To justify a course of action

His resignation was warranted given the scandal that surrounded him.

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There are plenty of antonyms we can use too. These express “not giving permission” or stopping somebody from doing something.

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Permission Verbs Antonyms

to ban

banning - banned
semi-formal

To formally stop

You are banned from entering my pub.

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Permission Verbs Antonyms

to deny

denying - denied
semi-formal

To reject access to something

We denied her access to the documents.

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Permission Verbs Antonyms

to disallow

disallowing - disallowed
semi-formal

To reject

We disallowed the results of the race.

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Permission Verbs Antonyms

to forbid

forbidding - forbade/forbidden
formal

To formally stop

It is forbidden to take photos in this room.

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Permission Verbs Antonyms

to prevent

preventing - prevented
semi-formal

To stop something before it happens

She prevented me from buying the house.

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Permission Verbs Antonyms

to prohibit

prohibiting - prohibited
formal

To formally stop, usually with a law/rule

You are prohibited from entering the competition.

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Permission Verbs Antonyms

to refuse

refusing - refused
semi-formal

To decline or reject something

We refused to give them money.
