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# synchronous adjective

syn·chro·nous ('sɪŋ-krə-nəs) 'sin-

Synonyms of *synchronous* >

- 1 : happening, existing, or arising at precisely the same time
- 2 : recurring or operating at exactly the same periods
- 3 : involving or indicating synchronism
- 4 **a** : having the same period  
*also* : having the same period and phase  
**b** : **GEOSTATIONARY**
- 5 : of, used in, or being digital communication (as between computers) in which a common timing signal is established that dictates when individual bits can be transmitted and which allows for very high rates of data transfer

**synchronously** adverb

**synchronousness** noun

## Did you know?

Communications satellites are usually put into a synchronous (or *geosynchronous*)

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orbit, circling the earth once every 24 hours and so appearing to hover over a single spot on the surface. This type of *synchronized* movement is important, since you have to know where to aim your satellite dish. In the computer field, *synchronous* usually refers to the use of a simple timing signal that permits very rapid exchange of data between computers. The kind of mysterious coincidence sometimes called *synchronicity*—such as the appearance of two different comic-strip characters named Dennis the Menace in the U.S. and Britain within three days of each other in 1951—has fascinated people for centuries.

## Synonyms

coetaneous

coeval

coexistent

coexisting

coextensive

coincident

coincidental

concurrent

contemporaneous

contemporary

coterminous

simultaneous

synchronic

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**Choose the Right Synonym for *synchronous***

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**CONTEMPORARY, CONTEMPORANEOUS, COEVAL, SYNCHRONOUS, SIMULTANEOUS, COINCIDENT** mean existing or occurring at the same time.

**CONTEMPORARY** is likely to apply to people and what relates to them.

Abraham Lincoln was *contemporary* with Charles Darwin

**CONTEMPORANEOUS** is more often applied to events than to people.

*contemporaneous* accounts of the kidnapping

**COEVAL** refers usually to periods, ages, eras, eons.

two stars thought to be *coeval*

**SYNCHRONOUS** implies exact correspondence in time and especially in periodic intervals.

*synchronous* timepieces

**SIMULTANEOUS** implies correspondence in a moment of time.

the two shots were *simultaneous*

**COINCIDENT** is applied to events and may be used in order to avoid implication of causal relationship.

the end of World War II was *coincident* with a great vintage year

## Examples of *synchronous* in a Sentence

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the **synchronous** arrival of a baby sister and loss of a beloved grandmother strongly affected the child

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Great Smoky Mountains National Park, USA Each spring, the forests of Great Smoky Mountains National Park light up with one of nature's rarest displays—**synchronous** fireflies.

– Alexandra Gillespie, *Outside Online*, 28 Apr. 2025

Set clear deadlines for collecting input and making decisions, create inclusive input-gathering mechanisms (e.g., identifiable and anonymous, **synchronous** and asynchronous, verbal and written), and plan decision and decision-assessment communication to foster accountability and manage expectations.

– Daniel Pascoe Aguilar, *Forbes.com*, 15 Apr. 2025

In such systems, provisioning large workloads with **synchronous** processing and very low latency requirements can be challenging.

– Ravi Laudya, *Forbes*, 20 Feb. 2025

Usually, migrations do not need **synchronous** processing and can be handled asynchronously without any manual effort.

– Ravi Laudya, *Forbes*, 20 Feb. 2025

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