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substitute

[noun](#)sub·sti·tute | \ 'səb-stə-, tüt  -, - , tyüt \

Definition of *substitute*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: a person or thing that takes the place or function of another

substitute

[verb](#)

substituted; substituting

Definition of *substitute* (Entry 2 of 2)[transitive verb](#)

1a : to put or use in the place of another

b : to introduce (an atom or group) as a [substituent](#) also : to alter (something, such as a compound) by introduction of a substituent a *substituted* benzene ring2 : to take the place of : [replace](#)[intransitive verb](#)

: to serve as a substitute

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Synonyms for *substitute*

Synonyms: Noun

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Noun

14th century, in the meaning defined [above](#)

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15th century, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1a](#)

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Noun

Middle English, from Anglo-French *substitut*, from Latin *substitutus*, past participle of *substituere* to put in place of, from *sub-* + *statuere* to set up, place — more at [statute](#)

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English Language Learners Definition of *substitute*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: a person or thing that takes the place of someone or something else
sports : a player who takes the place of another player during a game

substitute


verb

: to put or use (someone or something) in place of someone or something else
 : to do the job of someone else or serve the function of something else
 : to replace (one person or thing) with another

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sub·sti·tute | \ 'səb-stə-, tüt  -, tyüt\

Kids Definition of *substitute*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: a person or thing that takes the place of another

substitute

[verb](#)

substituted; substituting


Kids Definition of *substitute* (Entry 2 of 2)

1 : to put in the place of another

2 : to take the place of another Honey can *substitute* for sugar in the recipe.

substitute

[noun](#)

sub·sti·tute | \ 'səb-stə-, t(y)üt  \

Medical Definition of *substitute*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: a person or thing that takes the place or function of another father and mother substitutes

Other Words from *substitute*

substitute adjective

substitute

[transitive verb](#)

substituted; substituting

Medical Definition of *substitute* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to put or use in the place of another: as

a : to introduce (an atom or group) as a [substituent](#)

b : to alter (as a compound) by introduction of a substituent

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