

# Positive verbs that start with C

30 verbs with meanings and examples. Updated 10 October 2026. Free to print and share in a classroom.

## **Captivate** v.

To hold someone's attention through great interest or charm.  
*The storyteller can captivate even the youngest listeners.*

## **Care** v.

To give thoughtful attention to a person, need, or outcome.  
*Good editors care about what the reader will understand.*

## **Caress** v.

To touch someone or something gently and affectionately.  
*She paused to caress the old dog's silver muzzle.*

## **Celebrate** v.

To recognize a happy event, effort, or achievement with appreciation.  
*The class will celebrate every student who completes the reading challenge.*

## **Cheer** v.

To give joy, hope, or encouragement to someone.  
*A visit from her teammates helped cheer the recovering runner.*

## **Cherish** v.

To value and care for someone or something deeply.  
*They cherish the letters their grandmother saved.*

## **Clarify** v.

To make an idea, statement, or situation easier to understand.  
*One diagram can clarify how rainwater reaches the storage tank.*

## **Cleanse** v.

To make something clean, fresh, or free from harmful material.  
*Spring rain helped cleanse the dust from every garden leaf.*

## **Co-create** v.

To create something jointly through shared ideas and effort.  
*Residents and architects will co-create the new playground design.*

## **Coalesce** v.

To unite gradually into one effective whole.  
*Several small campaigns coalesced around the safer street proposal.*

## **Coexist** v.

To live or work together peacefully despite differences.  
*Wildlife and farms can coexist when riverbanks are protected.*

## **Collaborate** v.

To work with others toward a shared result.  
*Three schools collaborate to maintain the community greenhouse.*

**Comfort** v.

To ease someone's sadness, pain, or worry.  
*A familiar song helped comfort the child during the storm.*

**Commend** v.

To praise someone or something sincerely.  
*The judge chose to commend the team for its careful research.*

**Communicate** v.

To share information or feelings clearly with others.  
*Strong teams communicate early when a deadline is at risk.*

**Complement** v.

To add a quality that improves or completes something.  
*Fresh herbs complement the sweet flavor of the tomatoes.*

**Concentrate** v.

To direct full attention toward a task or idea.  
*Quiet music helps Ana concentrate while she studies.*

**Congratulate** v.

To express pleasure and praise for someone's success.  
*The coach called to congratulate each runner who finished.*

**Connect** v.

To bring people together through communication or shared experience.  
*Weekly suppers connect new residents with longtime neighbors.*

**Conquer** v.

To overcome a challenge through courage, effort, or skill.  
*Daily practice helped Luis conquer his fear of deep water.*

**Conserve** v.

To protect something valuable from waste, damage, or loss.  
*New irrigation controls conserve water during the hottest weeks.*

**Console** v.

To give comfort to someone experiencing sadness or disappointment.  
*Her teammates stayed behind to console the injured runner.*

**Consult** v.

To seek or offer informed advice before deciding.  
*The planners will consult residents before changing the bus route.*

**Contribute** v.

To give time, effort, ideas, or resources toward a result.  
*Every resident can contribute one idea to the neighborhood plan.*

**Coordinate** v.

To organize people or parts so they work well together.  
*Leila will coordinate the meal deliveries this weekend.*

**Craft** v.

To make something carefully and skillfully.  
*Local artists craft each lantern from recycled paper.*

**Create** v.

To bring something new or useful into existence.

*The students will create signs for the nature trail.*

**Cuddle** v.

To hold someone close in a warm and affectionate way.

*The sleepy child climbed onto the sofa to cuddle her father.*

**Cultivate** v.

To help a skill, quality, plant, or relationship grow.

*Weekly discussions cultivate trust among the new teammates.*

**Cure** v.

To restore health or remove a harmful condition.

*The treatment can cure the infection when taken early.*