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verb (used without object)

- 1 to be alertly on the lookout, look attentively, or observe, as to see what comes, is done, or happens:
to watch while an experiment is performed.
- 2 to look or wait attentively and expectantly (usually followed by *for*):
to watch for a signal; to watch for an opportunity.
- 3 to be careful or cautious:
Watch when you cross the street.
- 4 to keep awake, especially for a purpose; remain vigilant, as for protection or safekeeping:
to watch with a sick person.

5 to keep vigil, as for devotional purposes.

6 to keep guard:

She was assigned to watch at the door.

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verb (used with object)

7 to keep under attentive view or observation, as in order to see or learn something; view attentively or with interest:

to watch a play; to watch a football game.

8 to contemplate or regard mentally:

to watch his progress.

9 to look or wait attentively and expectantly for:

to watch one's opportunity.

10 to guard, tend, or oversee, especially for protection or safekeeping:

to watch the baby.

noun

- 11 close, continuous observation for the purpose of seeing or discovering something:
Their watch for the birds was unrewarding.
- 12 vigilant guard, as for protection or restraint:
to keep watch for prowlers.
- 13 a keeping awake for some special purpose:
a watch beside a sickbed.
- 14 a period of time for watching or keeping guard:
to stand the first watch.
- 15 a small, portable timepiece, as a wrist watch or pocket watch.
- 16 a chronometer.