

Need another word that means the same as “ache”? Find 71 synonyms and 30 related words for “ache” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ache” are: aching, pain, pang, twinge, throb, sorrow, sadness, misery, grief, anguish, suffering, agony, torture, wretchedness, distress, hurt, affliction, woe, mourning, longing, yearning, craving, desire, pining, hankering, hunger, hungering, thirst, itch, burning, suffer, languish, pine, yearn, yen, smart, stiff, tender, be sore, be painful, be in pain, pound, upset, grieve, be sorrowful, be sad, be distressed, be in distress, be miserable, mourn, be mournful, lament, agonize, be in anguish, bleed, long for, yearn for, hunger for, thirst for, hanker for, hanker after, pine for, pine after, itch for, be desperate for, be unable to wait for

Ache as a Noun

Definitions of "Ache" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “ache” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A continuous or prolonged dull pain in a part of one's body.*
- *A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain.*
- *An emotion experienced with painful or bittersweet intensity.*



Synonyms of "Ache" as a noun (30 Words)

aching	A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain.
affliction	A cause of pain or harm. <i>A crippling affliction of the nervous system.</i>
agony	Extreme physical or mental suffering. <i>An agony of doubt.</i>
anguish	Extreme distress of body or mind. <i>She shut her eyes in anguish.</i>
burning	The act of burning something. <i>The burning of leaves was prohibited by a town ordinance.</i>
craving	An intense desire for some particular thing. <i>A craving for chocolate.</i>
desire	Something that is desired. <i>He resisted public desires for choice in education.</i>

distress	Extreme physical pain. <i>The patient appeared to be in distress.</i>
<u>grief</u>	Trouble or annoyance. <i>Time heals griefs and quarrels.</i>
hankering	A strong desire to have or do something. <i>He had a hankering to return to Scotland.</i>
<u>hunger</u>	A strong desire or craving. <i>She was faint with hunger.</i>
hungering	Strong desire for something (not food or drink).
hurt	Any physical damage to the body caused by violence or accident or fracture etc. <i>Her eyes reflected her unhappiness and hurt.</i>
itch	A contagious skin infection caused by the itch mite characterized by persistent itching and skin irritation. <i>An itch to write fiction.</i>
<u>longing</u>	Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need. <i>Miranda felt a wistful longing for the old days.</i>
<u>misery</u>	A state or feeling of great physical or mental distress or discomfort. <i>The misery of the miner s existence.</i>
mourning	Black clothes worn as an expression of sorrow when someone dies. <i>She s still in mourning after the death of her husband.</i>
pain	A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder. <i>The patient developed severe pain and distension.</i>
pang	A sudden sharp feeling. <i>Pangs of regret.</i>
pinning	A feeling of deep longing.
sadness	The quality of excessive mournfulness and uncheerfulness. <i>She tired of his perpetual sadness.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>A bereaved person needs time to work through their sorrow.</i>
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>Weapons that cause unnecessary suffering.</i>
thirst	A physiological need to drink. <i>Tens of thousands died of thirst and starvation.</i>
<u>throb</u>	A feeling of pain in a series of regular beats. <i>The throb of the ship s engines.</i>

torture	The act of distorting something so it seems to mean something it was not intended to mean. A torture chamber.
twinge	A sudden sharp feeling. Twinges of conscience.
woe	Things that cause sorrow or distress; troubles. To add to his woes customers have been spending less.
wretchedness	The character of being uncomfortable and unpleasant. The wretchedness for which these prisons became known.
yearning	Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need. He felt a yearning for the mountains.



Usage Examples of "Ache" as a noun

- *The ache in her head worsened.*
- *An ache in her heart.*
- *He had stomach ache.*



Ache as a Verb

Definitions of "Ache" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "ache" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Be the source of pain.*
- *Feel intense sadness or compassion.*
- *Suffer from a continuous dull pain.*
- *Feel an intense desire for.*
- *Feel physical pain.*
- *Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.*



Synonyms of "Ache" as a verb (41 Words)

agonize	Cause to agonize. <i>I didn't agonize over the problem.</i>
<u>anguish</u>	Cause emotional anguish or make miserable. <i>I spent the next two weeks anguishing about whether I'd made the right decision.</i>
be desperate for	Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun).
be distressed	Be priced at.
be in anguish	Be identical or equivalent to.
be in distress	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
be in pain	Form or compose.
be miserable	Be priced at.
be mournful	Form or compose.
be painful	Spend or use time.
be sad	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
be sore	Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun).
be sorrowful	Have an existence, be extant.
be unable to wait for	Have an existence, be extant.
bleed	Release fluid or gas from (a closed system) by allowing air to escape through a valve. <i>Some casualties were left to bleed to death.</i>
grieve	Feel intense sorrow about. <i>She grieved for her father.</i>
hanker after	Desire strongly or persistently.
hanker for	Desire strongly or persistently.
hunger for	Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.
hurt	Hurt the feelings of. <i>Were you hurting after the accident.</i>
itch for	Cause to perceive an itch.
lament	Express grief verbally. <i>We lamented the loss of benefits.</i>

languish	Become feeble. <i>He has been languishing in jail since 1974.</i>
long for	Desire strongly or persistently.
<u>mourn</u>	Observe the customs of mourning after the death of a loved one. <i>She mourned for her friends who died in the accident.</i>
pine	Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.
pine after	Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.
pine for	Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.
<u>pound</u>	Place or shut up in a pound. <i>Pound the roots with a heavy flat stone.</i>
smart	(of a wound or part of the body) feel or cause a sharp stinging pain. <i>Defence chiefs are still smarting from the government's cuts.</i>
<u>sorrow</u>	Feel or display deep distress. <i>A woman had cried all night sorrowing over the death of her husband.</i>
<u>stiff</u>	Ignore (someone) deliberately; snub. <i>Several workers were stiffed out of their pay.</i>
suffer	Undergo or suffer. <i>She suffers from a tendency to talk too much.</i>
<u>tender</u>	Make tender or more tender as by marinating, pounding or applying a tenderizer. <i>Tenderize meat.</i>
thirst for	Feel the need to drink.
<u>throb</u>	Pulsate or pound with abnormal force. <i>The crowded streets throbbled with life.</i>
twinge	Cause a stinging pain. <i>Stop the exercises if the tummy twinges.</i>
upset	Form metals with a swage. <i>He upset a tureen of soup.</i>
<u>yearn</u>	Be filled with compassion or warm feeling. <i>They yearned to go home.</i>
yearn for	Have affection for; feel tenderness for.
yen	Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.



Usage Examples of "Ache" as a verb

- *He was aching to get his hands on the ball.*
- *My legs ached from the previous day's exercise.*
- *I'm aching all over.*
- *She sat still and silent, her heart aching.*
- *She looked so tired that my heart ached for her.*
- *She ached for a cigarette.*
- *She ached for his touch.*



Associations of "Ache" (30 Words)

- aching** Arousing, experiencing, or expressive of intense sorrow or longing.
*The cool air was a relief to my **aching** head.*
- bleed** An instance of bleeding.
*He didn't **bleed** his patients with leeches.*

bleeding	The flow of blood from a ruptured blood vessel. <i>The watch was a bleeding copy.</i>
bruise	Inflict a bruise or bruises on a part of the body. <i>The customer bruised the strawberries by squeezing them.</i>
concussion	Any violent blow. <i>He was carried off the pitch with concussion.</i>
contusion	The action of bruising. <i>Vigorously shaking the head back and forth can produce contusions to the soft structure of the brain.</i>
cramp	Fasten with a cramp or cramps. <i>In the final game Chang cramped severely.</i>
fester	Ripen and generate pus. <i>Piles of mouldy grey paper festered by the sink.</i>
hurt	Hurt the feelings of. <i>Dogs and cats with hurt paws.</i>
hypochondria	Abnormal chronic anxiety about one's health.
injure	Harm or impair (something). <i>He injured his back helping the girl.</i>
injurious	(of language) maliciously insulting; libellous. <i>Food which is injurious to health.</i>
lacerate	Tear or make deep cuts in (flesh or skin). <i>Lacerate leaves.</i>
maul	Take part in a maul. <i>The team were mauled 4 0 by Manchester City.</i>
misery	A feeling of intense unhappiness. <i>The misery of the miner s existence.</i>
moan	Make a sound resembling a human moan. <i>Just then their patient moaned and opened his eyes.</i>
pain	Cause mental or physical pain to. <i>She s in great pain.</i>
pulsate	Produce or modulate (as electromagnetic waves) in the form of short bursts or pulses or cause an apparatus to produce pulses. <i>Bangkok is a cosmopolitan city that pulsates with life.</i>
quiver	A slight trembling movement or sound, especially one caused by a sudden strong emotion. <i>She couldn t help the quiver in her voice.</i>

rheumatism	A chronic autoimmune disease with inflammation of the joints and marked deformities; something (possibly a virus) triggers an attack on the synovium by the immune system, which releases cytokines that stimulate an inflammatory reaction.
<u>scarred</u>	Blemished by injury or rough wear. <i>The fire left her arm badly scarred.</i>
sore	A raw or painful place on the body. <i>There s no point raking over the past and opening old sores.</i>
suffer	Undergo or suffer. <i>She suffered a fracture in the accident.</i>
suffering	Psychological suffering. <i>A message of hope for suffering humanity.</i>
<u>throb</u>	A strong, regular beat or sound; a steady pulsation. <i>He felt a throbbing in his head.</i>
<u>throes</u>	Intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death, or great change. <i>He convulsed in his death throes.</i>
<u>trauma</u>	Emotional shock following a stressful event or a physical injury, which may lead to long-term neurosis. <i>Many experience the trauma of divorce.</i>
twinge	Squeeze tightly between the fingers. <i>Stop the exercises if the tummy twinges.</i>
<u>wound</u>	The act of inflicting a wound. <i>He feared that mentioning it might reopen the wound.</i>
<u>wounded</u>	People who are wounded. <i>Nursing his wounded arm.</i>

