

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)

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



