

Need another word that means the same as “afflict”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “afflict” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Afflict” are: smite, trouble, bother, burden, distress, cause trouble to, cause suffering to, beset, harass, worry, oppress, annoy, vex, irritate, exasperate, strain, stress, tax

Afflict as a Verb

Definitions of "Afflict" as a verb

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

- *(of a problem or illness) cause pain or trouble to; affect adversely.*
- *(of a celestial body) be in a stressful aspect with (another celestial body or a point on the ecliptic).*
- *Cause physical pain or suffering in.*
- *Cause great unhappiness for; distress.*



Synonyms of "Afflict" as a verb (18 Words)

annoy

Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations.
*The decision really **annoyed** him.*

beset

Hem in.
*The zebra was **beset** by leopards.*

bother

Take the trouble to do something; concern oneself.
*Don't **bother** about me I'll find my own way home.*

burden

Load heavily.
*She walked forwards **burdened** with a wooden box.*

cause suffering to Give rise to; cause to happen or occur, not always intentionally.

cause trouble to Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.

distress

Bring into difficulties or distress especially financial hardship.
*The news of her child's illness **distressed** the mother.*

exasperate

Exasperate or irritate.
*This futile process **exasperates** prison officers.*

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| harass | Make repeated small-scale attacks on (an enemy). <i>The squadron's task was to harass the retreating enemy forces.</i> |
| irritate | Excite to some characteristic action or condition, such as motion, contraction, or nervous impulse, by the application of a stimulus. <i>It irritates me that she never closes the door after she leaves.</i> |
| oppress | Cause to suffer. <i>The government oppresses political activists.</i> |
| smite | Defeat or conquer (a people or land). <i>He may smite our enemies.</i> |
| strain | Rub through a strainer or process in an electric blender. <i>I stopped and listened straining my ears for any sound.</i> |
| stress | To stress single out as important. <i>They stressed the need for reform.</i> |
| tax | Impose a tax on someone or something. <i>An officer taxing a bill of costs.</i> |
| trouble | Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>He was not troubled by doubts.</i> |
| vex | Subject to prolonged examination, discussion, or deliberation. <i>A vexing problem.</i> |
| worry | Disturb the peace of mind of; afflict with mental agitation or distress. <i>There was no need to worry her.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Afflict" as a verb

- *Serious ills afflict the industry.*
- *Jupiter is afflicted by Mars in opposition.*
- *She was afflicted by the death of her parents.*
- *Afflict with the plague.*
- *His younger child was afflicted with a skin disease.*
- *He comforted the afflicted.*

Associations of "Afflict" (30 Words)

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| agitate | Cause to be agitated excited or roused. <i>Agitate the water to disperse the oil.</i> |
| annoy | Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations. <i>Your damned cheerfulness has always annoyed me.</i> |

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| annoyance | A thing that annoys someone; a nuisance. <i>The Council found him an annoyance.</i> |
| beleaguer | Lay siege to (a place); besiege. <i>He attempts to answer several questions that beleaguer the industry.</i> |
| bother | An angry disturbance. <i>Mosquitoes buzzing in my ear really bothers me.</i> |
| bothersome | Causing irritation or annoyance. <i>Most childhood stomach aches though bothersome aren't serious.</i> |
| cruelly | (with reference to an event) in a way that causes pain or suffering. <i>He marries Edgar's sister Isabella and cruelly ill treats her.</i> |
| disturb | Interrupt the sleep, relaxation, or privacy of. <i>Don't disturb the patient's wounds by moving him too rapidly.</i> |
| harass | Exhaust by attacking repeatedly. <i>The squadron's task was to harass the retreating enemy forces.</i> |
| irk | Irritate; annoy. <i>It irks her to think of the runaround she received.</i> |
| irritable | (of a body part) abnormally sensitive. <i>She was tired and irritable.</i> |
| irritate | Excite to some characteristic action or condition, such as motion, contraction, or nervous impulse, by the application of a stimulus. <i>Irritate the glands of a leaf.</i> |
| irritation | (pathology) abnormal sensitivity to stimulation. <i>Any food produced irritation of the stomach.</i> |
| miff | A petty quarrel or fit of pique. <i>I'll confess it miffed me slightly at the time.</i> |
| nag | A person who nags someone. <i>Something nagged at the back of his mind.</i> |
| nettle | Sting with or as with nettles and cause a stinging pain or sensation. <i>I was only asking Jess said nettled.</i> |
| nuisance | An act which is harmful or offensive to the public or a member of it and for which there is a legal remedy. <i>It's a nuisance having all those people clomping through the house.</i> |
| offend | Be displeasing or cause problems to. <i>Offend all laws of humanity.</i> |
| oppress | Cause to suffer. <i>He was oppressed by some secret worry.</i> |

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| peeve | Annoy or irritate. <i>That was the one thing that peeved him.</i> |
| persecute | Cause to suffer. <i>Some religious groups are persecuted in some countries.</i> |
| <u>pester</u> | Annoy persistently. <i>She constantly pestered him with telephone calls.</i> |
| pique | Cause to feel resentment or indignation. <i>With his scientific curiosity piqued he was looking forward to being able to analyse his find.</i> |
| rag | Apply paint to a surface with a rag. <i>He wiped his hands on an oily rag.</i> |
| rankle | (of a comment or fact) cause continuing annoyance or resentment. <i>The injustice rankled her.</i> |
| rile | Make turbid by stirring up the sediments of. <i>He d been drinking sweet clear water from a well and now that water had been muddied and riled.</i> |
| roil | Make (a liquid) turbid or muddy by disturbing the sediment. <i>Winds roil these waters.</i> |
| <u>teasing</u> | Arousing sexual desire without intending to satisfy it. <i>The parody was just a form of teasing.</i> |
| vex | Disturb the peace of mind of; afflict with mental agitation or distress. <i>I wouldn t vex it will be just great if whoever borrow the pump just bring it back.</i> |
| <u>vexation</u> | Something or someone that causes anxiety; a source of unhappiness. <i>Jenna bit her lip in vexation.</i> |