

Need another word that means the same as “bait”? Find 47 synonyms and 30 related words for “bait” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Bait” are: come-on, hook, lure, sweetener, decoy, fly, troll, jig, plug, teaser, enticement, snare, trap, siren, carrot, attraction, draw, magnet, incentive, temptation, allurement, incitement, inducement, cod, rag, rally, razz, ride, tantalise, tantalize, taunt, tease, twit, goad, provoke, pick on, torment, torture, persecute, badger, plague, harry, harass, hound, annoy, irritate, get someone's back up

Bait as a Noun

Definitions of "Bait" as a noun

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

- *Anything that serves as an enticement.*
- *Something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed.*
- *Food placed on a hook or in a net, trap, or fishing area to entice fish or other animals as prey.*
- *Something intended to entice someone to do something.*



Synonyms of "Bait" as a noun (23 Words)

allurement	The power to entice or attract through personal charm. <i>Its allurement was its remoteness.</i>
attraction	A force under the influence of which objects tend to move towards each other. <i>She has very romantic ideas about sexual attraction.</i>
carrot	Deep orange edible root of the cultivated carrot plant. <i>Carrot cake.</i>
come-on	Anything that serves as an enticement.
<u>decoy</u>	A bird or mammal, or an imitation of one, used by hunters to attract other birds or mammals. <i>We need a decoy to distract their attention.</i>
draw	The act of drawing or hauling something. <i>He played only draw and stud.</i>
enticement	The quality of being attractive or tempting. <i>His enticements were shameless.</i>
<u>fly</u>	A flap of material covering the opening or fastening of a garment or of a tent. <i>We decided to give it a fly.</i>
hook	A sharp curve or crook a shape resembling a hook. <i>A perfectly timed right hook to the chin.</i>
incentive	A payment or concession to stimulate greater output or investment. <i>Tax incentives for investing in depressed areas.</i>
incitement	An act of urging on or spurring on or rousing to action or instigating. <i>The incitement of mutiny.</i>
inducement	A thing that persuades or leads someone to do something. <i>It is claimed that she was offered an inducement to plead guilty.</i>

jig	A piece of music for a jig typically in compound time.
<u>lure</u>	Something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed. <i>The film industry always has been a glamorous lure for young girls.</i>
<u>magnet</u>	Physics a device that attracts iron and produces a magnetic field. <i>The beautiful stretch of white sand is a magnet for sun worshippers.</i>
<u>plug</u>	A circular piece of metal rubber or plastic used to stop the plughole of a bath or basin and keep the water in it. <i>They sold chewing tobacco in bars and plugs.</i>
<u>siren</u>	A woman who is considered to be alluring or fascinating but also dangerous in some way. <i>Ambulance sirens.</i>
snare	Strings stretched across the lower head of a snare drum they make a rattling sound when the drum is hit. <i>Seducers laid their snares for innocent provincials.</i>
sweetener	Something added to foods to make them taste sweeter. <i>A sweetener may persuade them to sell.</i>
teaser	A tricky question or task. <i>Promotional teasers in every commercial break.</i>
<u>temptation</u>	The act of influencing by exciting hope or desire. <i>He felt the temptation and his will power weakened.</i>
<u>trap</u>	In the game of trapball the shoe shaped device that is hit with a bat to send the ball into the air. <i>Keep your trap shut.</i>
<u>troll</u>	A fisherman s lure that is used in trolling. <i>He used a spinner as his troll.</i>



Usage Examples of "Bait" as a noun

- *Many potential buyers are reluctant to take the bait.*
- *Herrings make excellent bait for pike.*
- *Fishing with live baits.*



Bait as a Verb

Definitions of "Bait" as a verb

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

- *Deliberately annoy or taunt (someone).*
- *Harass with persistent criticism or carping.*
- *Put bait on (a hook) or in (a trap, net, or fishing area) to entice fish or animals.*
- *Lure, entice, or entrap with bait.*
- *Cause dogs to attack (a trapped or restrained animal).*
- *Attack with dogs or set dogs upon.*



Synonyms of "Bait" as a verb (24 Words)

annoy

Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations.
*A gallant Saxon who **annoyed** this Coast.*

badger

Repeatedly ask (someone) to do something; pester.
*Tom had finally **badgered** her into going.*

cod

Fool or hoax.

get someone's back up

Be stricken by an illness, fall victim to an illness.

goad

Urge with or as if with a goad.
*He was trying to **goad** her into a fight.*

harass

Make repeated small-scale attacks on (an enemy).
*The squadron s task was to **harass** the retreating enemy forces.*

harry

Persistently carry out attacks on (an enemy or an enemy's territory).
*He is known to **harry** his staff when he is overworked.*

hound	Harass, persecute, or pursue relentlessly. <i>The detectives hounded the suspect until they found him.</i>
irritate	Make (someone) annoyed or a little angry. <i>Sprays and polishes can irritate dry sensitive skin.</i>
persecute	Cause to suffer. <i>Hilda was persecuted by some of the other girls.</i>
pick on	Pilfer or rob.
<u>plague</u>	Annoy continually or chronically. <i>He has been plagued by ill health.</i>
<u>provoke</u>	Evoke or provoke to appear or occur. <i>A teacher can provoke you into working harder.</i>
rag	Play in ragtime. <i>The deputy ragged the Prime Minister.</i>
<u>rally</u>	Drive in a rally. <i>A series of meetings to rally support for the union.</i>
razz	Tease (someone) playfully. <i>His co workers razz him about it.</i>
<u>ride</u>	Ride over along or through. <i>A stream of young surfers fighting the elements to ride the waves.</i>
tantalise	Harass with persistent criticism or carping.
tantalize	Torment or tease (someone) with the sight or promise of something that is unobtainable. <i>Such ambitious questions have long tantalized the world s best thinkers.</i>
taunt	Reproach (someone) with something in a contemptuous way. <i>Pupils began taunting her about her weight.</i>
tease	Backcomb (hair) in order to make it appear fuller. <i>The flirting man teased the young woman.</i>
torment	Torment emotionally or mentally. <i>Every day I have kids tormenting me because they know I live alone.</i>
<u>torture</u>	Subject to torture. <i>His tortured mind.</i>
<u>twit</u>	Harass with persistent criticism or carping.



Usage Examples of "Bait" as a verb

- *I used a hook baited with fat.*
- *The other boys revelled in baiting him about his love of literature.*
- *People who bait badgers.*



Associations of "Bait" (30 Words)

allure	The quality of being powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating. <i>Will sponsors really be allured by such opportunities.</i>
<u>ambush</u>	Hunt quarry by stalking and ambushing. <i>Kidnappers waiting in ambush.</i>
attract	Be attractive to. <i>I did not want to attract attention.</i>
<u>decoy</u>	Lure or entrap with or as if with a decoy. <i>A decoy duck.</i>
delusive	Giving a false or misleading impression. <i>A delusive perception of opportunity for all.</i>
ensnare	Take or catch as if in a snare or trap. <i>They were ensnared in city centre traffic.</i>

<u>entice</u>	Attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage. <i>The treat is offered to entice the dog to eat.</i>
entrap	Catch in or as in a trap. <i>Discarded fishing lines can entrap wildlife.</i>
<u>extricate</u>	Release from entanglement of difficulty. <i>He was trying to extricate himself from official duties.</i>
hook	Catch with a hook. <i>Hook a fish.</i>
immobilize	Cause to be unable to move. <i>The sudden storm immobilized the traffic.</i>
inducement	Act of bringing about a desired result. <i>There is no inducement to wait for payment.</i>
jig	Dance a jig. <i>He stood up and jigged in the cockpit.</i>
lariat	A rope used as a lasso or for tethering.
lasso	Catch an animal with a lasso. <i>At last his father lassoed the horse.</i>
<u>lure</u>	Something used to lure fish or other animals into danger so they can be trapped or killed. <i>He lured me into temptation.</i>
<u>pitfall</u>	A trap in the form of a concealed hole. <i>The pitfalls of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
poacher	Small slender fish (to 8 inches) with body covered by bony plates; chiefly of deeper northern Pacific waters. <i>An egg poacher.</i>
rat	Catch rats especially with dogs. <i>Many of the clans rallied to his support others ratted and joined the King's forces.</i>
reel	A piece of music for a reel typically in simple or duple time. <i>A reel of copper wire.</i>
shackle	Chain with shackles. <i>They seek to shackle the oil and gas companies by imposing new controls.</i>
snare	Catch a bird or mammal in a snare. <i>Five blackmailers were snared in a police sting.</i>
<u>swipe</u>	Pass a swipe card through an electronic device designed to read and process the information encoded on it. <i>He missed the ball with his first swipe.</i>

<u>tempt</u>	Persuade (someone) to do something. <i>We were tempted by the delicious looking food.</i>
tempter	The Devil. <i>Satan is the great tempter of mankind.</i>
trammel	Deprive of freedom of action. <i>We have no wish to be trammelled by convention.</i>
<u>trap</u>	In the game of trapball the shoe shaped device that is hit with a bat to send the ball into the air. <i>I played the traps a little myself once.</i>
<u>untangle</u>	Release from entanglement of difficulty. <i>Fishermen untangled their nets.</i>
unwary	Not cautious of possible dangers or problems. <i>Some thieves prey especially on unwary travelers.</i>

