

Need another word that means the same as “blackmail”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “blackmail” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Blackmail” are: extortion, exaction, intimidation, extraction, blackjack, pressure, extort money from, threaten, hold to ransom, milk, bleed, coerce, pressurize, bring pressure to bear on, bulldoze, force, railroad**

## **Blackmail as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Blackmail" as a noun**

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

- *Money demanded by a person or group engaged in blackmail.*
- *Extortion of money by threats to divulge discrediting information.*
- *The action, treated as a criminal offence, of demanding payment or another benefit from someone in return for not revealing compromising or damaging information about them.*
- *The use of threats or the manipulation of someone's feelings to force them to do something.*



## Synonyms of "Blackmail" as a noun (4 Words)

- exaction** A sum of money exacted from someone.  
***Exaction** of various dues and fees.*
- extortion** An exorbitant charge.  
*He used bribery and **extortion** to build himself a huge art stuffed mansion.*
- extraction** Properties attributable to your ancestry.  
*Mineral **extraction**.*
- intimidation** The feeling of discouragement in the face of someone's superior fame or wealth or status etc.  
*The **intimidation** of witnesses and jurors.*

## Usage Examples of "Blackmail" as a noun

- Some people use emotional blackmail.
- 'If you don't talk to her, I'll move out.' 'That's blackmail and you know it.'

- *They were acquitted of charges of blackmail.*
- *She recounted the blackmail threats.*
- *We do not pay blackmail.*

## Blackmail as a Verb

### Definitions of "Blackmail" as a verb

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

- *Force (someone) to do something by using threats or manipulating their feelings.*
- *Obtain through threats.*
- *Demand money or another benefit from (someone) in return for not revealing compromising or damaging information about them.*
- *Exert pressure on someone through threats.*

### Synonyms of "Blackmail" as a verb (13 Words)

<b>blackjack</b>	Exert pressure on someone through threats.
<b>bleed</b>	Allow (fluid or gas) to escape from a closed system through a valve. <b>Bleed</b> the radiators.
<b>bring pressure to bear on</b>	Advance or set forth in court.
<b>bulldoze</b>	Clear ground or destroy buildings trees etc with a bulldozer. <i>She believes that to build status you need to <b>bulldoze</b> everyone else.</i>
<a href="#"><u>coerce</u></a>	Persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats. <i>Their confessions were allegedly <b>coerced</b> by torture.</i>
<b>extort money from</b>	Get or cause to become in a difficult or laborious manner.
<b>force</b>	Force into or from an action or state either physically or metaphorically. <i>She <b>forced</b> her diet fads on him.</i>
<b>hold to ransom</b>	Declare to be.
<b>milk</b>	Draw milk from a cow or other animal either by hand or mechanically. <i>The breed does seem to <b>milk</b> better in harder conditions.</i>

<b>pressure</b>	Exert pressure on someone through threats. <i>She <b>pressured</b> her son to accept a job offer from the bank.</i>
<b>pressurize</b>	Maintain a tolerable atmospheric pressure in (an aircraft cabin) at a high altitude. <i><b>Pressurize</b> a space suit.</i>
<b>railroad</b>	Supply with railroad lines. <i><b>Railroad</b> the West.</i>
<b>threaten</b>	(of something undesirable) seem likely to occur. <i>He <b>threatened</b> me when I tried to call the police.</i>

### Usage Examples of "Blackmail" as a verb

- *He had blackmailed her into sailing with him.*
- *They use this fact to blackmail him, trying to force him to vote for their candidate.*

### Associations of "Blackmail" (30 Words)

<b>abduction</b>	The action of forcibly taking someone away against their will. <i>They organized the <b>abduction</b> of Mr Cordes on his way to the airport.</i>
<b>bamboozle</b>	Cheat or fool. <i>He <b>bamboozled</b> his professors into thinking that he knew the subject well.</i>
<b>coercion</b>	Using force to cause something to occur. <i>Our problem cannot be solved by any form of <b>coercion</b> but only by agreement.</i>
<b><u>compulsion</u></b>	The action or state of forcing or being forced to do something; constraint. <i>He felt a <b>compulsion</b> to babble on about what had happened.</i>
<b><u>compulsory</u></b>	Required by law or a rule; obligatory. <i><b>Compulsory</b> military service.</i>
<b>confinement</b>	Concluding state of pregnancy; from the onset of contractions to the birth of a child. <i>He was held in <b>confinement</b>.</i>
<b>cozen</b>	Cheat or trick. <i>He <b>cozened</b> the money out of the old man.</i>
<b><u>deceit</u></b>	The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth. <i>A web of <b>deceit</b>.</i>
<b>dishearten</b>	Cause (someone) to lose determination or confidence. <i>The farmer was <b>disheartened</b> by the damage to his crops.</i>

<b>duress</b>	Forcible restraint or imprisonment. <i>Confessions extracted under <b>duress</b>.</i>
<b>extort</b>	Obtain through intimidation. <i>He attempted to <b>extort</b> money from the company.</i>
<b>extortion</b>	The practice of obtaining something, especially money, through force or threats. <i>He used bribery and <b>extortion</b> to build himself a huge art stuffed mansion.</i>
<b>force</b>	Do forcibly exert force. <i>The plane might have been <b>forced</b> down by fighters.</i>
<b>forcible</b>	Impelled by physical force especially against resistance. <i><b>Forcible</b> entry.</i>
<b>fraud</b>	A person or thing intended to deceive others, typically by unjustifiably claiming or being credited with accomplishments or qualities. <i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and <b>frauds</b>.</i>
<b>hoax</b>	Subject to a playful hoax or joke. <i>The evidence had been planted as part of an elaborate <b>hoax</b>.</i>
<b>humbug</b>	Act like a fraud. <i>Poor Dave is easily <b>humbugged</b>.</i>
<b>imposture</b>	An instance of pretending to be someone else in order to deceive others. <i>In a day and a night of violence and <b>imposture</b> William Bentley also succeeds in capturing a smuggler.</i>
<b>intimidation</b>	The feeling of being intimidated; being made to feel afraid or timid. <i>The <b>intimidation</b> of witnesses and jurors.</i>
<b>motivator</b>	A person who promotes interest in or enthusiasm for something. <i>Fear is a powerful <b>motivator</b>.</i>
<b>mountebank</b>	A flamboyant deceiver; one who attracts customers with tricks or jokes.
<b>phony</b>	A person who professes beliefs and opinions that he or she does not hold in order to conceal his or her real feelings or motives.
<b>quackery</b>	Medical practice and advice based on observation and experience in ignorance of scientific findings. <i>A website dedicated to exposing medical <b>quackery</b>.</i>
<b>ransom</b>	Hold a captive and demand a ransom for their release. <i>The kidnappers demanded a <b>ransom</b>.</i>
<b>robbery</b>	Larceny by threat of violence. <i>An armed <b>robbery</b>.</i>
<b>scam</b>	A dishonest scheme; a fraud. <i>An insurance <b>scam</b>.</i>

<b>thievery</b>	The act of taking something from someone unlawfully. <i>Petty <b>thievery</b>.</i>
<b>threaten</b>	To be a menacing indication of something. <i>A broken finger <b>threatened</b> his career.</i>
<b><u>trickery</u></b>	Verbal misrepresentation intended to take advantage of you in some way. <i>The dealer resorted to <b>trickery</b>.</i>
<b>usury</b>	The action or practice of lending money at unreasonably high rates of interest. <i>The medieval prohibition on <b>usury</b>.</i>