

Need another word that means the same as “blight”? Find 62 synonyms and 30 related words for “blight” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Blight” are: disease, canker, infestation, fungus, mildew, mould, rot, decay, affliction, scourge, bane, curse, plague, menace, evil, misfortune, woe, calamity, trouble, ordeal, thorn in one's flesh, thorn in one's side, trial, tribulation, visitation, nuisance, pest, pollution, contamination, cancer, ruin, wreck, spoil, disrupt, undo, mar, play havoc with, make a mess of, put an end to, end, bring to an end, put a stop to, prevent, frustrate, crush, quell, quash, dash, destroy, scotch, shatter, devastate, demolish, sabotage, infect, wither, shrivel, blast, nip in the bud, kill**

## **Blight as a Noun**

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

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

- *An ugly, neglected, or rundown condition of an urban area.*
- *A thing that spoils or damages something.*
- *A plant disease, typically one caused by fungi such as mildews, rusts, and smuts.*
- *A state or condition being blighted.*
- *Any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting.*



## Synonyms of "Blight" as a noun (30 Words)

### **affliction**

A cause of great suffering and distress.  
*Poor people in great **affliction**.*

### **bane**

Something, especially poison, which causes death.  
*The **bane** of my life.*

### **calamity**

An event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster.  
*The whole city was affected by the irremediable **calamity**.*

### **cancer**

A malignant growth or tumour resulting from an uncontrolled division of cells.  
*Lung **cancer**.*

<b>canker</b>	A destructive fungal disease of apple and other trees that results in damage to the bark. <i>Racism remains a <b>canker</b> at the heart of the nation.</i>
<b><u>contamination</u></b>	The action or state of making or being made impure by polluting or poisoning. <i>The <b>contamination</b> of his morals.</i>
<b>curse</b>	An evil spell. <i>At every blow there was a <b>curse</b>.</i>
<b>decay</b>	An inferior state resulting from the process of decaying. <i>The house had fallen into a serious state of <b>decay</b> and disrepair.</i>
<b>disease</b>	A particular quality or disposition regarded as adversely affecting a person or group of people. <i>Bacterial meningitis is quite a rare <b>disease</b>.</i>
<b>evil</b>	That which causes harm or destruction or misfortune- Shakespeare. <i>The various social <b>evils</b> of our modern world.</i>
<b>fungus</b>	An organism of the kingdom Fungi lacking chlorophyll and feeding on organic matter; ranging from unicellular or multicellular organisms to spore-bearing syncytia. <i>Fallen logs were overgrown with bright <b>fungus</b>.</i>
<b>infestation</b>	The state of being invaded or overrun by parasites. <i>Efforts were made to deal with an <b>infestation</b> of rats in the building.</i>
<b><u>menace</u></b>	Something that is a source of danger. <i>A demand of money with <b>menaces</b>.</i>
<b>mildew</b>	The process of becoming mildewed.
<b><u>misfortune</u></b>	An unfortunate state resulting from unfavorable outcomes. <i>Never laugh at other people's <b>misfortunes</b>.</i>
<b>mould</b>	A frame or template for producing mouldings. <i>He planned to conquer the world as a roving reporter in the <b>mould</b> of his hero.</i>
<b>nuisance</b>	A person or thing causing inconvenience or annoyance. <i>I hope you're not going to make a <b>nuisance</b> of yourself.</i>
<b><u>ordeal</u></b>	A severe or trying experience. <i><b>Ordeal</b> by fire.</i>
<b><u>pest</u></b>	A serious sometimes fatal infection of rodents caused by Yersinia pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal. <i>An effective method for controlling insect <b>pests</b>.</i>

<b>plague</b>	A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium typically with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and sometimes infection of the lungs pneumonic plague. <i>Staff theft is usually the <b>plague</b> of restaurants.</i>
<b>pollution</b>	Undesirable state of the natural environment being contaminated with harmful substances as a consequence of human activities. <i>The level of <b>pollution</b> in the air is rising.</i>
<b>rot</b>	Liver rot in sheep. <i>The leaves were turning black with <b>rot</b>.</i>
<b>scourge</b>	A person or thing that causes great trouble or suffering. <i>The <b>scourge</b> of mass unemployment.</i>
<b>thorn in one's flesh</b>	A small sharp-pointed tip resembling a spike on a stem or leaf.
<b>thorn in one's side</b>	A small sharp-pointed tip resembling a spike on a stem or leaf.
<b>trial</b>	Trying something to find out about it. <i>He called each flip of the coin a new <b>trial</b>.</i>
<b>tribulation</b>	An annoying or frustrating or catastrophic event. <i>The <b>tribulations</b> of being a megastar.</i>
<b>trouble</b>	An event causing distress or pain. <i>There was crowd <b>trouble</b> before and during the match.</i>
<b>visitation</b>	The festival commemorating the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, on 31 May (formerly 2 July). <i>The <b>visitation</b> will be held today at the funeral home.</i>
<b>woe</b>	Misery resulting from affliction. <i>To add to his <b>woes</b> customers have been spending less.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Blight" as a noun

- *Potato blight.*
- *Her remorse could be a blight on that happiness.*
- *The vacant properties are a blight on the neighbourhood.*
- *The vines suffered blight and disease.*
- *The city's high-rise social housing had become synonymous with urban blight.*





## Blight as a Verb

### Definitions of "Blight" as a verb

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

- *Cause to suffer a blight.*
- *Infect (plants) with blight.*
- *Have a severely detrimental effect on.*



### Synonyms of "Blight" as a verb (32 Words)

**blast**

Force or throw (something) in a specified direction by impact or explosion.

Corn **blasted** before it be grown up.



<b>bring to an end</b>	Be sold for a certain price.
<b>crush</b>	Crush or bruise. <i>The car <b>crushed</b> the toy.</i>
<b>dash</b>	Break into pieces, as by striking or knocking over. <i><b>Dashed</b> by the refusal.</i>
<b><u>demolish</u></b>	Eat up (food) quickly. <i>The house was <b>demolished</b> to make way for the shopping centre.</i>
<b>destroy</b>	Destroy completely damage irreparably. <i>He has been determined to <b>destroy</b> her.</i>
<b>devastate</b>	Cause (someone) severe and overwhelming shock or grief. <i>The city was <b>devastated</b> by a huge earthquake.</i>
<b><u>disrupt</u></b>	Interrupt (an event, activity, or process) by causing a disturbance or problem. <i>Flooding <b>disrupted</b> rail services.</i>
<b>end</b>	Put an end to. <i>The terrible news <b>ended</b> our hopes that he had survived.</i>
<b><u>frustrate</u></b>	Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of. <i>It <b>frustrated</b> me that more couldn't be done for her.</i>
<b><u>infect</u></b>	Affect (a person, organism, etc.) with a disease-causing organism. <i>Society was <b>infected</b> by racism.</i>
<b>make a mess of</b>	Calculate as being.
<b>mar</b>	Make imperfect. <i>Violence <b>marred</b> a number of New Year celebrations.</i>
<b>mildew</b>	Affect or be affected with mildew. <i>The flat was very damp and <b>mildewed</b>.</i>
<b>nip in the bud</b>	Give a small sharp bite to.
<b><u>plague</u></b>	Cause to suffer a blight. <i>He has been <b>plagued</b> by ill health.</i>
<b>play havoc with</b>	Behave carelessly or indifferently.
<b>prevent</b>	Keep (something) from happening. <i>The guards threatened to bar the gates to <b>prevent</b> him leaving.</i>
<b>put a stop to</b>	Adapt.
<b>put an end to</b>	Arrange thoughts, ideas, temporal events.
<b>quash</b>	Reject as invalid, especially by legal procedure. <i>The government <b>quashes</b> any attempt of an uprising.</i>



<b>quell</b>	Suppress or crush completely. <i>She <b>quelled</b> an urge to race up the stairs.</i>
<b>ruin</b>	Fall into ruin. <i>This behavior will <b>ruin</b> your chances of winning the election.</i>
<b>sabotage</b>	Deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage. <i>Power lines from South Africa were <b>sabotaged</b> by rebel forces.</i>
<b>scotch</b>	Wedge (someone or something) somewhere. <i>A spokesman has <b>scotched</b> the rumours.</i>
<b>shatter</b>	Break or cause to break suddenly and violently into pieces. <i>The crisis will <b>shatter</b> their confidence.</i>
<b>shrivel</b>	Cause to feel worthless or insignificant. <i>My courage <b>shrivelled</b> when I saw the task before me.</i>
<b>spoil</b>	Harm the character of (someone, especially a child) by being too lenient or indulgent. <i>A series of political blunders <b>spoil</b> their chances of being re elected.</i>
<b>undo</b>	Unfasten, untie, or loosen (something). <i>I wish I could <b>undo</b> my actions.</i>
<b>wither</b>	Wither as with a loss of moisture. <i>The state in socialist societies has failed to <b>wither</b> away.</i>
<b>wreck</b>	Involve someone in a shipwreck. <i>The blast <b>wrecked</b> 100 houses.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Blight" as a verb

- *Too much rain may blight the garden with mold.*
- *Some people complain that wind farms blight the landscape.*
- *The scandal blighted the careers of several leading politicians.*
- *A peach tree blighted by leaf curl.*
- *The problems are most acutely felt in areas blighted by poverty.*





## Associations of "Blight" (30 Words)

<b>canker</b>	Become infected with a canker. <i>According to him I was the <b>canker</b> in their midst.</i>
<b>diagnose</b>	Identify the nature of the medical condition of. <i>Two doctors failed to <b>diagnose</b> a punctured lung.</i>
<b>disease</b>	An impairment of health or a condition of abnormal functioning. <i>Bacterial meningitis is quite a rare <b>disease</b>.</i>
<b>epidemic</b>	Of the nature of an epidemic. <i>An <b>epidemic</b> outbreak of influenza.</i>
<b>epizootic</b>	An outbreak of an epizootic disease. <i>An <b>epizootic</b> disease.</i>
<b>erosive</b>	Of a substance, especially a strong acid; capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action. <i>The <b>erosive</b> effects of waves on the shoreline.</i>



<b>hookworm</b>	A disease caused by an infestation of hookworms often resulting in severe anaemia.
<b><u>illness</u></b>	A disease or period of sickness affecting the body or mind. <i>He died after a long <b>illness</b>.</i>
<b><u>infect</u></b>	Affect in a contagious way. <i>Viruses have <b>infected</b> computer networks.</i>
<b>infection</b>	Moral corruption or contamination. <i>Ambitious men are led astray by an <b>infection</b> that is almost unavoidable.</i>
<b>infestation</b>	A swarm of insects that attack plants. <i><b>Infestation</b> with head lice is widespread.</i>
<b><u>malady</u></b>	A disease or ailment. <i>An incurable <b>malady</b>.</i>
<b>malaria</b>	An intermittent and remittent fever caused by a protozoan parasite which invades the red blood cells and is transmitted by mosquitoes in many tropical and subtropical regions.
<b>measles</b>	An infectious viral disease causing fever and a red rash, typically occurring in childhood. <i>A severe case of the <b>measles</b>.</i>
<b>pandemic</b>	An outbreak of a pandemic disease. <i>A <b>pandemic</b> outbreak of malaria.</i>
<b>pathogen</b>	A bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that can cause disease.
<b><u>pest</u></b>	A serious sometimes fatal infection of rodents caused by Yersinia pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal. <i>The tomato plant attracts a <b>pest</b> called whitefly.</i>
<b>pestilence</b>	A fatal epidemic disease, especially bubonic plague. <i>Neither prayers nor demonstrations halted the advance of the <b>pestilence</b>.</i>
<b>pestilential</b>	Likely to spread and cause an epidemic disease. <i><b>Pestilential</b> fever.</i>
<b><u>plague</u></b>	A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium typically with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and sometimes infection of the lungs pneumonic plague. <i>Staff theft is usually the <b>plague</b> of restaurants.</i>
<b>poliomyelitis</b>	An infectious viral disease that affects the central nervous system and can cause temporary or permanent paralysis.
<b>retrogression</b>	Returning to a former state. <i>A <b>retrogression</b> to 19th century attitudes.</i>

<b><u>rot</u></b>	Liver rot in sheep. <i>There is enough talent in the team to stop the <b>rot</b>.</i>
<b>smallpox</b>	An acute contagious viral disease, with fever and pustules that usually leave permanent scars. It was effectively eradicated through vaccination by 1979.
<b>taint</b>	The state of being contaminated. <i>The <b>taint</b> of corruption which adhered to the government.</i>
<b><u>transmission</u></b>	An incident in which an infectious disease is transmitted. <i>A three speed automatic <b>transmission</b>.</i>
<b>typhoid</b>	Serious infection marked by intestinal inflammation and ulceration; caused by Salmonella typhosa ingested with food or water.
<b>typhus</b>	An infectious disease caused by rickettsiae, characterized by a purple rash, headaches, fever, and usually delirium, and historically a cause of high mortality during wars and famines. There are several forms, transmitted by vectors such as lice, ticks, mites, and rat fleas.
<b><u>vermin</u></b>	Parasitic worms or insects. <i>Boys in the village have probably been shooting <b>vermin</b>.</i>
<b>virus</b>	An infection or disease caused by a virus. <i>Bigotry is a <b>virus</b> that must not be allowed to spread.</i>

