

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**.*

canker	A destructive fungal disease of apple and other trees that results in damage to the bark. <i>Racism remains a canker at the heart of the nation.</i>
<u>contamination</u>	The action or state of making or being made impure by polluting or poisoning. <i>The contamination of his morals.</i>
curse	An evil spell. <i>At every blow there was a curse.</i>
decay	An inferior state resulting from the process of decaying. <i>The house had fallen into a serious state of decay and disrepair.</i>
disease	A particular quality or disposition regarded as adversely affecting a person or group of people. <i>Bacterial meningitis is quite a rare disease.</i>
evil	That which causes harm or destruction or misfortune- Shakespeare. <i>The various social evils of our modern world.</i>
fungus	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 fungus.</i>
infestation	The state of being invaded or overrun by parasites. <i>Efforts were made to deal with an infestation of rats in the building.</i>
<u>menace</u>	Something that is a source of danger. <i>A demand of money with menaces.</i>
mildew	The process of becoming mildewed.
<u>misfortune</u>	An unfortunate state resulting from unfavorable outcomes. <i>Never laugh at other people s misfortunes.</i>
mould	A frame or template for producing mouldings. <i>He planned to conquer the world as a roving reporter in the mould of his hero.</i>
nuisance	A person or thing causing inconvenience or annoyance. <i>I hope you re not going to make a nuisance of yourself.</i>
<u>ordeal</u>	A severe or trying experience. <i>Ordeal by fire.</i>
<u>pest</u>	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 pests.</i>

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

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

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

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

hookworm	A disease caused by an infestation of hookworms often resulting in severe anaemia.
<u>illness</u>	A disease or period of sickness affecting the body or mind. <i>He died after a long illness.</i>
<u>infect</u>	Affect in a contagious way. <i>Viruses have infected computer networks.</i>
infection	Moral corruption or contamination. <i>Ambitious men are led astray by an infection that is almost unavoidable.</i>
infestation	A swarm of insects that attack plants. <i>Infestation with head lice is widespread.</i>
<u>malady</u>	A disease or ailment. <i>An incurable malady.</i>
malaria	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.
measles	An infectious viral disease causing fever and a red rash, typically occurring in childhood. <i>A severe case of the measles.</i>
pandemic	An outbreak of a pandemic disease. <i>A pandemic outbreak of malaria.</i>
pathogen	A bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that can cause disease.
<u>pest</u>	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 pest called whitefly.</i>
pestilence	A fatal epidemic disease, especially bubonic plague. <i>Neither prayers nor demonstrations halted the advance of the pestilence.</i>
pestilential	Likely to spread and cause an epidemic disease. <i>Pestilential fever.</i>
<u>plague</u>	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 plague of restaurants.</i>
poliomyelitis	An infectious viral disease that affects the central nervous system and can cause temporary or permanent paralysis.
retrogression	Returning to a former state. <i>A retrogression to 19th century attitudes.</i>

<u>rot</u>	Liver rot in sheep. <i>There is enough talent in the team to stop the rot.</i>
smallpox	An acute contagious viral disease, with fever and pustules that usually leave permanent scars. It was effectively eradicated through vaccination by 1979.
taint	The state of being contaminated. <i>The taint of corruption which adhered to the government.</i>
<u>transmission</u>	An incident in which an infectious disease is transmitted. <i>A three speed automatic transmission.</i>
typhoid	Serious infection marked by intestinal inflammation and ulceration; caused by Salmonella typhosa ingested with food or water.
typhus	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.
<u>vermin</u>	Parasitic worms or insects. <i>Boys in the village have probably been shooting vermin.</i>
virus	An infection or disease caused by a virus. <i>Bigotry is a virus that must not be allowed to spread.</i>

