

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**.*

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| <b>canker</b>               | A destructive fungal disease of apple and other trees that results in damage to the bark.<br><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.<br><i>The <b>contamination</b> of his morals.</i>  |
| <b>curse</b>                | An evil spell.<br><i>At every blow there was a <b>curse</b>.</i>   |
| <b>decay</b>                | An inferior state resulting from the process of decaying.<br><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.<br><i>Bacterial meningitis is quite a rare <b>disease</b>.</i>  |
| <b>evil</b>                 | That which causes harm or destruction or misfortune- Shakespeare.<br><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.<br><i>Fallen logs were overgrown with bright <b>fungus</b>.</i>           |
| <b>infestation</b>          | The state of being invaded or overrun by parasites.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>Never laugh at other people's <b>misfortunes</b>.</i>  |
| <b>mould</b>                | A frame or template for producing mouldings.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>An effective method for controlling insect <b>pests</b>.</i> |

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| <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.<br><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.<br><i>The level of <b>pollution</b> in the air is rising.</i>  |
| <b>rot</b>                  | Liver rot in sheep.<br><i>The leaves were turning black with <b>rot</b>.</i>   |
| <b>scourge</b>              | A person or thing that causes great trouble or suffering.<br><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.<br><i>He called each flip of the coin a new <b>trial</b>.</i>   |
| <b>tribulation</b>          | An annoying or frustrating or catastrophic event.<br><i>The <b>tribulations</b> of being a megastar.</i>   |
| <b>trouble</b>              | An event causing distress or pain.<br><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).<br><i>The <b>visitation</b> will be held today at the funeral home.</i>   |
| <b>woe</b>                  | Misery resulting from affliction.<br><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.



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| <b>bring to an end</b>  | Be sold for a certain price.   |
| <b>crush</b>            | Crush or bruise.<br><i>The car <b>crushed</b> the toy.</i>   |
| <b>dash</b>             | Break into pieces, as by striking or knocking over.<br><i><b>Dashed</b> by the refusal.</i>  |
| <b><u>demolish</u></b>  | Eat up (food) quickly.<br><i>The house was <b>demolished</b> to make way for the shopping centre.</i>                              |
| <b>destroy</b>          | Destroy completely damage irreparably.<br><i>He has been determined to <b>destroy</b> her.</i>                                     |
| <b>devastate</b>        | Cause (someone) severe and overwhelming shock or grief.<br><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.<br><i>Flooding <b>disrupted</b> rail services.</i> |
| <b>end</b>              | Put an end to.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>Society was <b>infected</b> by racism.</i>                |
| <b>make a mess of</b>   | Calculate as being.  |
| <b>mar</b>              | Make imperfect.<br><i>Violence <b>marred</b> a number of New Year celebrations.</i>  |
| <b>mildew</b>           | Affect or be affected with mildew.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>The government <b>quashes</b> any attempt of an uprising.</i>              |



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| <b>quell</b>    | Suppress or crush completely.<br><i>She <b>quelled</b> an urge to race up the stairs.</i>   |
| <b>ruin</b>     | Fall into ruin.<br><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.<br><i>Power lines from South Africa were <b>sabotaged</b> by rebel forces.</i> |
| <b>scotch</b>   | Wedge (someone or something) somewhere.<br><i>A spokesman has <b>scotched</b> the rumours.</i>  |
| <b>shatter</b>  | Break or cause to break suddenly and violently into pieces.<br><i>The crisis will <b>shatter</b> their confidence.</i>  |
| <b>shrivel</b>  | Cause to feel worthless or insignificant.<br><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.<br><i>A series of political blunders <b>spoil</b> their chances of being re elected.</i>       |
| <b>undo</b>     | Unfasten, untie, or loosen (something).<br><i>I wish I could <b>undo</b> my actions.</i>  |
| <b>wither</b>   | Wither as with a loss of moisture.<br><i>The state in socialist societies has failed to <b>wither</b> away.</i>   |
| <b>wreck</b>    | Involve someone in a shipwreck.<br><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)

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| <b>canker</b>    | Become infected with a canker.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>Bacterial meningitis is quite a rare <b>disease</b>.</i>                                     |
| <b>epidemic</b>  | Of the nature of an epidemic.<br><i>An <b>epidemic</b> outbreak of influenza.</i>  |
| <b>epizootic</b> | An outbreak of an epizootic disease.<br><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.<br><i>The <b>erosive</b> effects of waves on the shoreline.</i> |



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| <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.<br><i>He died after a long <b>illness</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>infect</u></b>  | Affect in a contagious way.<br><i>Viruses have <b>infected</b> computer networks.</i>  |
| <b>infection</b>      | Moral corruption or contamination.<br><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.<br><i><b>Infestation</b> with head lice is widespread.</i>  |
| <b><u>malady</u></b>  | A disease or ailment.<br><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.<br><i>A severe case of the <b>measles</b>.</i>   |
| <b>pandemic</b>       | An outbreak of a pandemic disease.<br><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.<br><i>The tomato plant attracts a <b>pest</b> called whitefly.</i>       |
| <b>pestilence</b>     | A fatal epidemic disease, especially bubonic plague.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>A <b>retrogression</b> to 19th century attitudes.</i>   |

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| <b><u>rot</u></b>          | Liver rot in sheep.<br><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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>Boys in the village have probably been shooting <b>vermin</b>.</i>  |
| <b>virus</b>               | An infection or disease caused by a virus.<br><i>Bigotry is a <b>virus</b> that must not be allowed to spread.</i>  |

