

Need another word that means the same as “breathe”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “breathe” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Breathe” are: emit, pass off, catch one's breath, rest, take a breather, respire, suspire, take a breath, inhale and exhale, draw breath, be alive, be living, live, have life, continue in existence, blow softly, whisper, murmur, sigh, purr, say, give an impression of, suggest, indicate, be indicative of, have all the hallmarks of

Breathe as a Verb

Definitions of "Breathe" as a verb

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

- *Allow the passage of air through.*
- *Utter or tell.*
- *Say something with quiet intensity.*
- *Take air into the lungs and then expel it, especially as a regular physiological process.*
- *(of a cell, tissue, or living organism) exchange gases, especially by means of a diffusion process.*
- *Be alive.*
- *Take a short break from one's activities in order to relax.*
- *Expel (gases or odors).*
- *Be alive; remain living.*
- *Give an impression of (something).*
- *(of wind) blow softly.*
- *(of wine) be exposed to fresh air.*

- *Tarnish or taint.*
- *(of a fish) draw in water with dissolved oxygen through the mouth and force it out through the gills.*
- *Impart as if by breathing.*
- *Reach full flavor by absorbing air and being let to stand after having been uncorked.*
- *Manifest or evince.*
- *(of material or soil) admit or emit air or moisture.*
- *Allow (a horse) to rest after exertion.*
- *Draw air into, and expel out of, the lungs.*



Synonyms of "Breathe" as a verb (26 Words)

be alive	Have life be alive.
be indicative of	Have an existence, be extant.
be living	Be priced at.
blow softly	Lay eggs.

catch one's breath	Reach with a blow or hit in a particular spot.
continue in existence	Allow to remain in a place or position or maintain a property or feature.
draw breath	Choose at random.
<u>emit</u>	Expel (gases or odors). <i>Even the best cars emit carbon dioxide.</i>
give an impression of	Be flexible under stress of physical force.
have all the hallmarks of	Have or possess, either in a concrete or an abstract sense.
have life	Achieve a point or goal.
indicate	Indicate a place direction person or thing either spatially or figuratively. <i>Treatment for shock may be indicated.</i>
inhale and exhale	Draw deep into the lungs in by breathing.
live	Continue to live and avoid dying. <i>Only the name lived on.</i>
<u>murmur</u>	Say something in a low or indistinct voice. <i>Now they do not simply murmur against him they quarrel noisily with him.</i>
pass off	Pass time in a specific way.
purr	Indicate pleasure by purring characteristic of cats. <i>A sleek blue BMW purred past him.</i>
respire	(of a plant) carry out respiration, especially at night when photosynthesis has ceased. <i>A country where fresh air seems impossible to respire.</i>
<u>rest</u>	Put something in a resting position as for support or steadying. <i>The responsibility rests with the Allies.</i>
say	Have or contain a certain wording or form. <i>The registrar says that I owe the school money.</i>
<u>sigh</u>	Heave or utter a sigh breathe deeply and heavily. <i>A breeze made the treetops sigh.</i>
<u>suggest</u>	Suggest the necessity of an intervention in medicine. <i>A simpler explanation suggested itself to me.</i>
suspire	Breathe. <i>We only live only suspire Consumed by either fire or fire.</i>
take a breath	Be stricken by an illness, fall victim to an illness.

take a breather

Get into one's hands, take physically.

whisper

(of leaves, wind, or water) rustle or murmur softly.

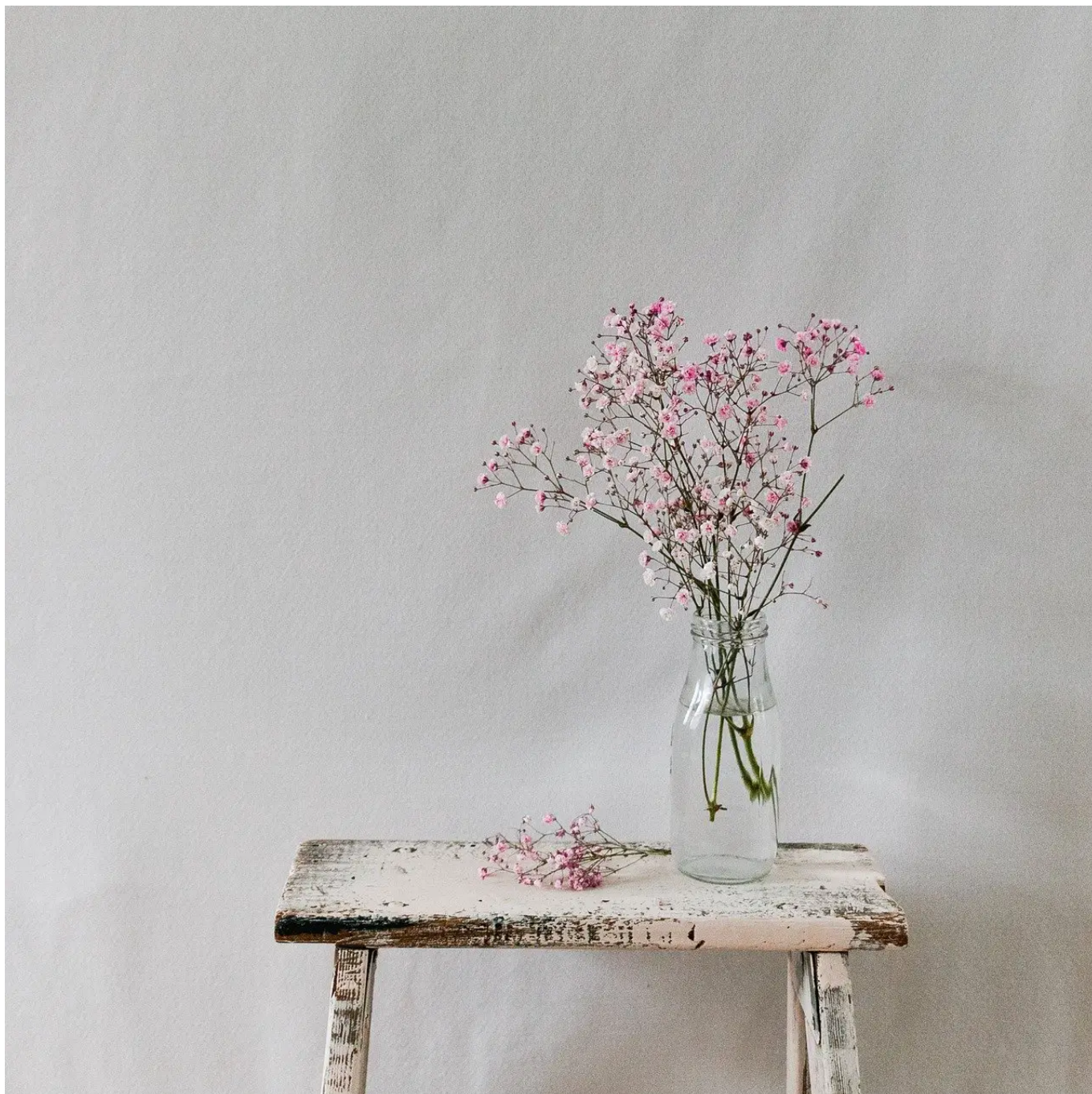
Alison was **whispering** in his ear.



Usage Examples of "Breathe" as a verb

- *Plants breathe through all their organs, including roots.*
- *Breathe in through your nose.*
- *She was breathing deeply.*
- *You will see the gill cover opening and the gills fluttering, as water is drawn over the gills and the fish breathes.*
- *She breathes the Christian spirit.*
- *He breathed new life into the old house.*
- *This rare Bordeaux must be allowed to breathe for at least 2 hours.*
- *He breathed out heavily.*
- *Adult amphibians also breathe through their skin.*
- *Our new synthetic fabric breathes and is perfect for summer wear.*
- *Let your lawn breathe by putting air into the soil.*
- *Every creature that breathes.*
- *I can breathe better when the air is clean.*

- *Letting a wine breathe allows oxygen to enter.*
- *We are polluting the air we breathe.*
- *At least I'm still breathing.*
- *'We're together at last,' she breathed.*
- *Before the queen's fair name was breathed upon.*
- *Not breathe a word.*
- *The whole room breathed an air of hygienic efficiency.*



Associations of "Breathe" (30 Words)

airway

The passages through which air enters and leaves the body.
*He kept the man's **airway** clear and blood circulating.*

asthma

Respiratory disorder characterized by wheezing; usually of allergic origin.

breath	The power of breathing life. <i>His sour breath offended her.</i>
breathing	A sign in Greek or indicating the presence of an aspirate rough breathing or the absence of an aspirate smooth breathing at the beginning of a word. <i>The heavy breathing person on the telephone.</i>
bronchus	Any of the major air passages of the lungs which diverge from the windpipe.
choking	A condition caused by blocking the airways to the lungs (as with food or swelling of the larynx). <i>No evidence that the choking was done by the accused.</i>
cough	An act or sound of coughing. <i>She gave a discreet cough.</i>
exhalation	An amount of vapour or fumes given off by something. <i>Moist exhalations from the sea.</i>
exhale	Give off (vapour or fumes). <i>The chimney exhales a thick smoke.</i>
inhale	Draw in (air). <i>Later on I inhale a box of chocolate cookies while watching cable TV.</i>
inhaler	A portable device for administering a drug which is to be breathed in, used for relieving asthma and other bronchial or nasal congestion.
lung	An open space in a town or city, where people can breathe fresher air. <i>The city had to be given lungs in the shape of open spaces squares parks and gardens.</i>
nasal	A nasal speech sound. <i>A drawling nasal voice.</i>
nostril	Either one of the two external openings to the nasal cavity in the nose.
obstructive	Causing or tending to cause deliberate difficulties and delays. <i>He denied the council had been obstructive.</i>
oral	Using speech rather than writing. <i>A French oral.</i>
oxygen	A nonmetallic bivalent element that is normally a colorless odorless tasteless nonflammable diatomic gas; constitutes 21 percent of the atmosphere by volume; the most abundant element in the earth's crust. <i>An oxygen supply.</i>
pant	Utter while panting as if out of breath. <i>He was panting when he reached the top.</i>
pharyngeal	A pharyngeal consonant.

puff	A powder puff. <i>He blew out all the candles with a single puff.</i>
refresh	Refresh one's memory. <i>Refresh the screen frequently to make mistakes easier to identify.</i>
respiration	A process in living organisms involving the production of energy, typically with the intake of oxygen and the release of carbon dioxide from the oxidation of complex organic substances. <i>Observation of the patient's respirations will gradually be decreased.</i>
respire	Breathe. <i>Lichens respire at lower levels of temperature and moisture.</i>
resuscitate	Cause to regain consciousness. <i>An ambulance crew tried to resuscitate him.</i>
resuscitated	Restored to life or consciousness.
smoke	Emit smoke or visible vapour. <i>Their salmon and trout are smoked over peat and hand sliced.</i>
sniff	An amount of air or other substance taken up by sniffing. <i>He gave a sniff of disapproval.</i>
stifler	A person who stifles or smothers or suppresses. <i>He is a real conversation stifler.</i>
tonsil	Either of two small masses of lymphoid tissue in the throat, one on each side of the root of the tongue.

