

Need another word that means the same as “burden”? Find 65 synonyms and 30 related words for “burden” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Burden” are: core, effect, essence, gist, load, loading, encumbrance, incumbrance, onus, cargo, freight, weight, responsibility, charge, duty, obligation, liability, job, chore, labour, piece of work, piece of business, assignment, function, commission, mission, engagement, occupation, undertaking, exercise, business, errand, detail, endeavour, enterprise, venture, quest, problem, substance, drift, implication, intention, thrust, meaning, significance, signification, sense, thesis, import, purport, tenor, message, spirit, refrain, strain, burthen, weight down, saddle, oppress, trouble, cause trouble to, cause suffering to**

## Burden as a Noun

### Definitions of "Burden" as a noun

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

- *The refrain or chorus of a song.*
- *The central meaning or theme of a speech or literary work.*
- *An onerous or difficult concern.*
- *The main theme or gist of a speech, book, or argument.*
- *The main responsibility for achieving a specified aim or task.*
- *A load, typically a heavy one.*

- *The central idea that is expanded in a document or discourse.*
- *Weight to be borne or conveyed.*
- *A duty or misfortune that causes worry, hardship, or distress.*
- *A ship's carrying capacity; tonnage.*



## Synonyms of "Burden" as a noun (55 Words)

<b>assignment</b>	The allocation of someone or something as belonging to a particular group or category. <i>The <b>assignment</b> of individuals to particular social positions.</i>
<b>business</b>	Business concerns collectively. <i>Computers are now widely used in <b>business</b>.</i>
<b>cargo</b>	Goods carried on a ship, aircraft, or motor vehicle. <i>A <b>cargo</b> of oil.</i>
<b>charge</b>	The price charged for some article or service. <i>Smaller <b>charges</b> fired on three minute fuses lit by hand.</i>
<b>chore</b>	A routine task, especially a household one. <i>The early risers were up and about doing their <b>chores</b>.</i>
<b>commission</b>	A work produced in response to a commission. <i>He works on <b>commission</b>.</i>
<b>core</b>	The muscles of the torso, especially the lower back and abdominal area, which assist in the maintenance of good posture, balance, etc. <i>Each <b>core</b> has three wires passing through it providing the means to select and detect the contents of each bit.</i>
<b>detail</b>	A small part of a picture that is reproduced separately for close study. <i>The classical French <b>detail</b> of the building s facade.</i>
<b>drift</b>	An act of herding cattle within a forest to a particular place on an appointed day in order to determine ownership or to levy fines. <i>Four sheep were dug out of the <b>drift</b>.</i>
<b>duty</b>	Performance of prescribed church services by a priest or minister. <i>She was determined to do her <b>duty</b> as a citizen.</i>
<b>effect</b>	Having legal validity. <i>Gentle music can have a soothing <b>effect</b>.</i>
<b>encumbrance</b>	An impediment or burden. <i>The horse raised its hind leg as if to rid itself of an <b>encumbrance</b>.</i>
<b>endeavour</b>	An enterprise or undertaking. <i>Enthusiasm is a vital ingredient in all human <b>endeavour</b>.</i>
<b>engagement</b>	An arrangement to do something or go somewhere at a fixed time. <i>A dinner <b>engagement</b>.</i>
<b>enterprise</b>	Entrepreneurial economic activity. <i>An economic environment which encourages <b>enterprise</b>.</i>

<b>errand</b>	The purpose or object of an errand. <i>She knew that if she stated her <b>errand</b> she would not be able to see him.</i>
<b>essence</b>	The intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of something, especially something abstract, which determines its character. <i>Conflict is the <b>essence</b> of drama.</i>
<u><a href="#">exercise</a></u>	The act of using. <i>An <b>exercise</b> in cheap talk.</i>
<b>freight</b>	A freight train. <i>We pay the <b>freight</b>.</i>
<b>function</b>	Mathematics a mathematical relation such that each element of a given set the domain of the function is associated with an element of another set the range of the function. <i>It was a black tie <b>function</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">gist</a></u>	The substance or general meaning of a speech or text. <i>Damage is the <b>gist</b> of the action and without it the plaintiff must fail.</i>
<b>implication</b>	A meaning that is not expressly stated but can be inferred. <i>The expectation was spread both by word and by <b>implication</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">import</a></u>	An imported person brought from a foreign country. <i>The <b>import</b> of his announcement was ambiguous.</i>
<b>incumbrance</b>	Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome.
<u><a href="#">intention</a></u>	Conceptions formed by directing the mind towards an object. <i><b>Intention</b> is just one of the factors that will be considered.</i>
<b>job</b>	A workplace as in the expression on the job. <i>She wants to be left alone to get on with the <b>job</b>.</i>
<b>labour</b>	Workers considered as a social class or political force. <i>The <b>labour</b> movement.</i>
<u><a href="#">liability</a></u>	The state of being legally obliged and responsible. <i>Once you contact the card protection scheme your <b>liability</b> for any loss ends.</i>
<b>load</b>	The power output of a generator or power plant. <i>He got a <b>load</b> on and started a brawl.</i>
<b>loading</b>	Weight to be borne or conveyed. <i>The <b>loading</b> took 2 hours.</i>
<b>meaning</b>	Important or worthwhile quality; purpose. <i>This can lead to new <b>meaning</b> in the life of older people.</i>

<b>message</b>	An errand. <i>Select an option to delete your mail <b>messages</b>.</i>
<b><u>mission</u></b>	A building or group of buildings used by a Christian mission. <i>NASA has approved a <b>mission</b> to investigate the atmosphere of Mars.</i>
<b><u>obligation</u></b>	A binding agreement committing a person to a payment or other action. <i>I have an <b>obligation</b> to look after her.</i>
<b><u>occupation</u></b>	A way of spending time. <i>A game of cards is a pretty harmless <b>occupation</b>.</i>
<b>onus</b>	An onerous or difficult concern. <i>The <b>onus</b> is on you to show that you have suffered loss.</i>
<b>piece of business</b>	An artistic or literary composition.
<b>piece of work</b>	A period of indeterminate length (usually short) marked by some action or condition.
<b>problem</b>	A question raised for consideration or solution. <i>Practitioners help families develop strategies for managing <b>problem</b> behaviour in teens.</i>
<b><u>purport</u></b>	The meaning or sense of something, typically a document or speech. <i>I do not understand the <b>purport</b> of your remarks.</i>
<b><u>quest</u></b>	A search for an alternative that meets cognitive criteria. <i>A <b>quest</b> for wealth.</i>
<b><u>refrain</u></b>	The part of a song where a soloist is joined by a group of singers.
<b>responsibility</b>	The opportunity or ability to act independently and take decisions without authorization. <i>We expect individuals to take on more <b>responsibility</b>.</i>
<b>sense</b>	Relating to or denoting a coding sequence of nucleotides complementary to an antisense sequence. <i>I can't see the <b>sense</b> in leaving all the work to you.</i>
<b>significance</b>	The quality of being significant. <i>Adolescent education was felt to be a social issue of some <b>significance</b>.</i>
<b>signification</b>	The message that is intended or expressed or signified. <i>Film comes closer than other forms of <b>signification</b> to resemblance of reality.</i>
<b>spirit</b>	The attitude or intentions with which someone undertakes or regards something. <i>He was a leading <b>spirit</b> in the conference.</i>
<b>strain</b>	An intense or violent exertion. <i>She's under considerable <b>strain</b>.</i>

<b>substance</b>	Material of a particular kind or constitution. <i>He was suspended for using a banned <b>substance</b>.</i>
<b>tenor</b>	An adult male with a tenor voice. <i>Nothing disturbed the even <b>tenor</b> of her ways.</i>
<b>thesis</b>	An unstressed syllable or part of a metrical foot in Greek or Latin verse. <i>A doctoral <b>thesis</b>.</i>
<b>undertaking</b>	The action of undertaking to do something. <i>I give an <b>undertaking</b> that we shall proceed with the legislation.</i>
<b>venture</b>	Any venturesome undertaking especially one with an uncertain outcome. <i>A joint <b>venture</b> between two aircraft manufacturers.</i>
<b>weight</b>	A system of units used to express the weight of something. <i>He placed two <b>weights</b> in the scale pan.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Burden" as a noun

- *The burden of establishing that the authority had misused its powers rests upon the*

*prosecution.*

- *The tax burden on low-wage earners.*
- *The burden of responsibility.*
- *The schooner Wyoming, of about 6,000 tons burden.*



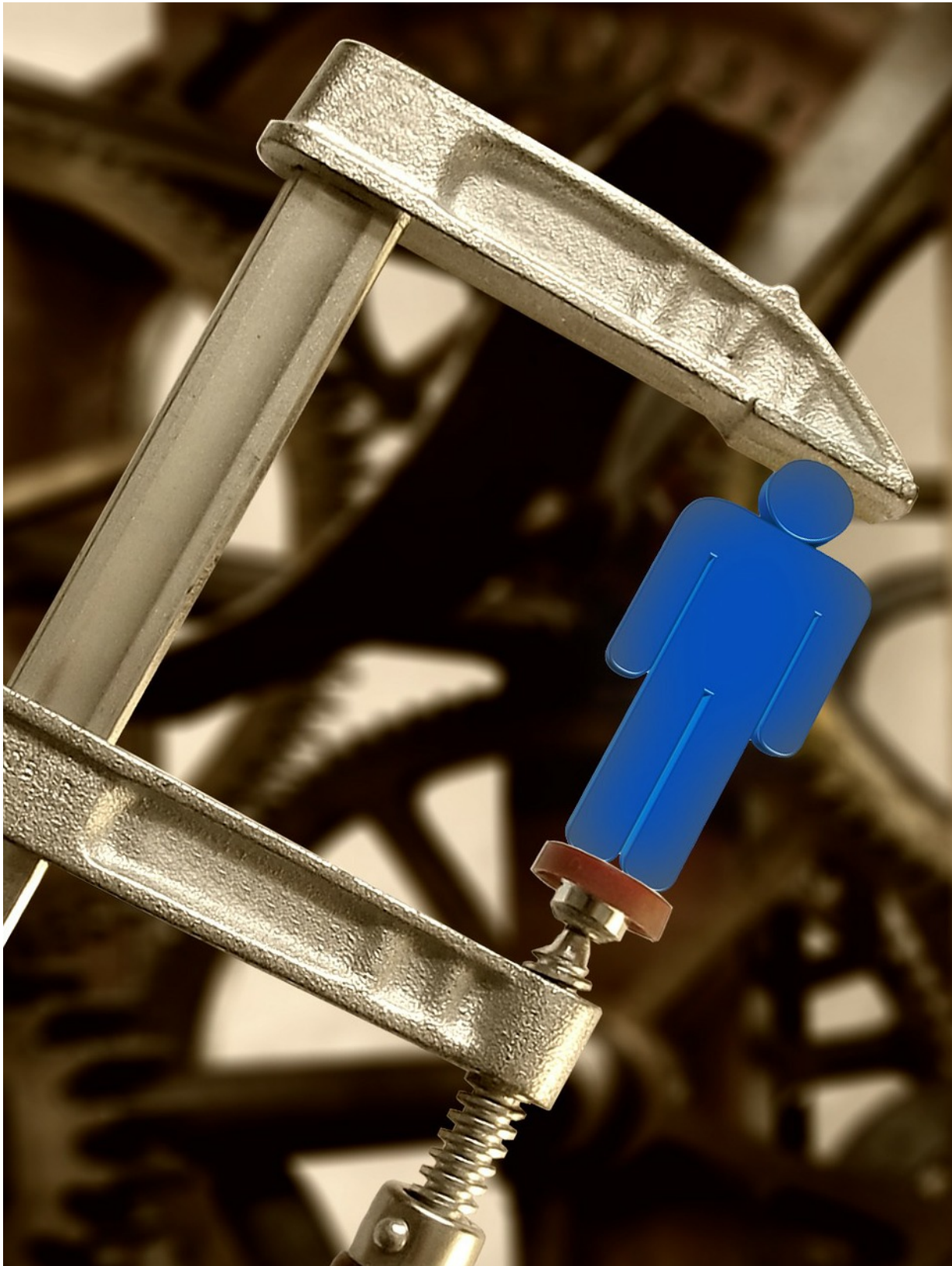


# Burden as a Verb

## Definitions of "Burden" as a verb

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

- *Load heavily.*
- *Weight down with a load.*
- *Impose a task upon, assign a responsibility to.*
- *Cause (someone) worry, hardship, or distress.*



## Synonyms of "Burden" as a verb (10 Words)

<b>burthen</b>	Weight down with a load.
<b>cause suffering to</b>	Give rise to; cause to happen or occur, not always intentionally.
<b>cause trouble to</b>	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.
<b><u>charge</u></b>	Cause formation of a net electrical charge in or on. <i>He <b>charged</b> his weapon at me.</i>
<b>load</b>	Of a ship or vehicle take on a load. <i>The King and Queen <b>loaded</b> Columbus with wealth and honours.</i>
<b><u>oppress</u></b>	Come down on or keep down by unjust use of one's authority. <i>A system which <b>oppressed</b> working people.</i>
<b>saddle</b>	Put a saddle on a horse. <i>He <b>saddled</b> me with that heavy responsibility.</i>
<b>trouble</b>	Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>He was not <b>troubled</b> by doubts.</i>
<b><u>weight</u></b>	Assign a handicap weight to a horse. <i>The jugs were covered with muslin veils <b>weighted</b> with coloured beads.</i>
<b>weight down</b>	Weight down with a load.



## Usage Examples of "Burden" as a verb

- *They were not yet burdened with adult responsibility.*
- *She walked forwards burdened with a wooden box.*



## Associations of "Burden" (30 Words)

<b>burdensome</b>	Not easily borne; wearing. <i>The <b>burdensome</b> task of preparing the income tax return.</i>
<b>cargo</b>	Goods carried on a ship, aircraft, or motor vehicle. <i>Transportation of bulk <b>cargo</b>.</i>
<b>demanding</b>	(of a person) making others work hard or meet high standards; not easily satisfied. <i>She has a busy and <b>demanding</b> job.</i>
<b>difficult</b>	Hard to control. <i>She had a <b>difficult</b> decision to make.</i>

<b>encumber</b>	Restrict (someone or something) so as to make free movement difficult. <i>They had arrived <b>encumbered</b> with families.</i>
<b>encumbrance</b>	Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome. <i>For parents childhood is too long a period of <b>encumbrance</b>.</i>
<b>exacting</b>	Requiring precise accuracy. <i>An <b>exacting</b> job.</i>
<b>expeditionary</b>	Designed for military operations abroad. <i>The French <b>expeditionary</b> force in Indochina.</i>
<b>grueling</b>	Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort. <i>A <b>grueling</b> campaign.</i>
<b>heavy</b>	Large and powerful especially designed for heavy loads or rough work. <i><b>Heavy</b> traffic.</i>
<b>inequitable</b>	Unfair; unjust. <i><b>Inequitable</b> taxation.</i>
<b>laborious</b>	Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort. <i>The work is very slow and <b>laborious</b>.</i>
<b>lade</b>	Ship (goods) as cargo. <i>Vessels <b>lade</b> there.</i>
<b>laden</b>	Fill or place a load on. <i>Table <b>laden</b> with food.</i>
<b>lading</b>	A cargo.
<b>load</b>	Fill or place a load on. <i>The increased <b>load</b> on the heart caused by a raised arterial pressure.</i>
<b>loaded</b>	(of statements or questions) charged with associative significance and often meant to mislead or influence. <i>It s Friday night and we want to get <b>loaded</b>.</i>
<b>luggage</b>	Suitcases or other bags in which to pack personal belongings for travelling. <i>Upon landing we waited and waited for our <b>luggage</b>.</i>
<b>onerous</b>	Not easily borne; wearing. <i>My duties weren t <b>onerous</b> I only had to greet the guests.</i>
<b>onus</b>	An onerous or difficult concern. <i>The <b>onus</b> is on you to show that you have suffered loss.</i>
<b>oppress</b>	Cause distress or anxiety to. <i>The government <b>oppresses</b> political activists.</i>

<b>packing</b>	A charge made when delivering goods to cover the cost of packing them. <i>Polystyrene <b>packing</b>.</i>
<b>shipment</b>	The act of sending off something. <i>Logs waiting for <b>shipment</b>.</i>
<b>taxing</b>	Not easily borne; wearing. <i>A <b>taxing</b> schedule.</i>
<b>tricky</b>	Not to be trusted. <i><b>Tricky</b> Dick.</i>
<b>troublesome</b>	Difficult to deal with. <i>A <b>troublesome</b> infection.</i>
<b>uncomfortable</b>	Conducive to or feeling mental discomfort. <i>An <b>uncomfortable</b> way of surprising me just when I felt surest.</i>
<b>unload</b>	Leave or unload. <i>She hadn t finished <b>unloading</b> the car.</i>
<b>wearing</b>	The mechanical process of wearing or grinding something down as by particles washing over it. <i>The visit was especially <b>wearing</b>.</i>
<b>weight</b>	Assign a handicap weight to a horse. <i>The progression implied an increasing <b>weightiness</b> of the items listed.</i>



