

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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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)

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

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

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

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

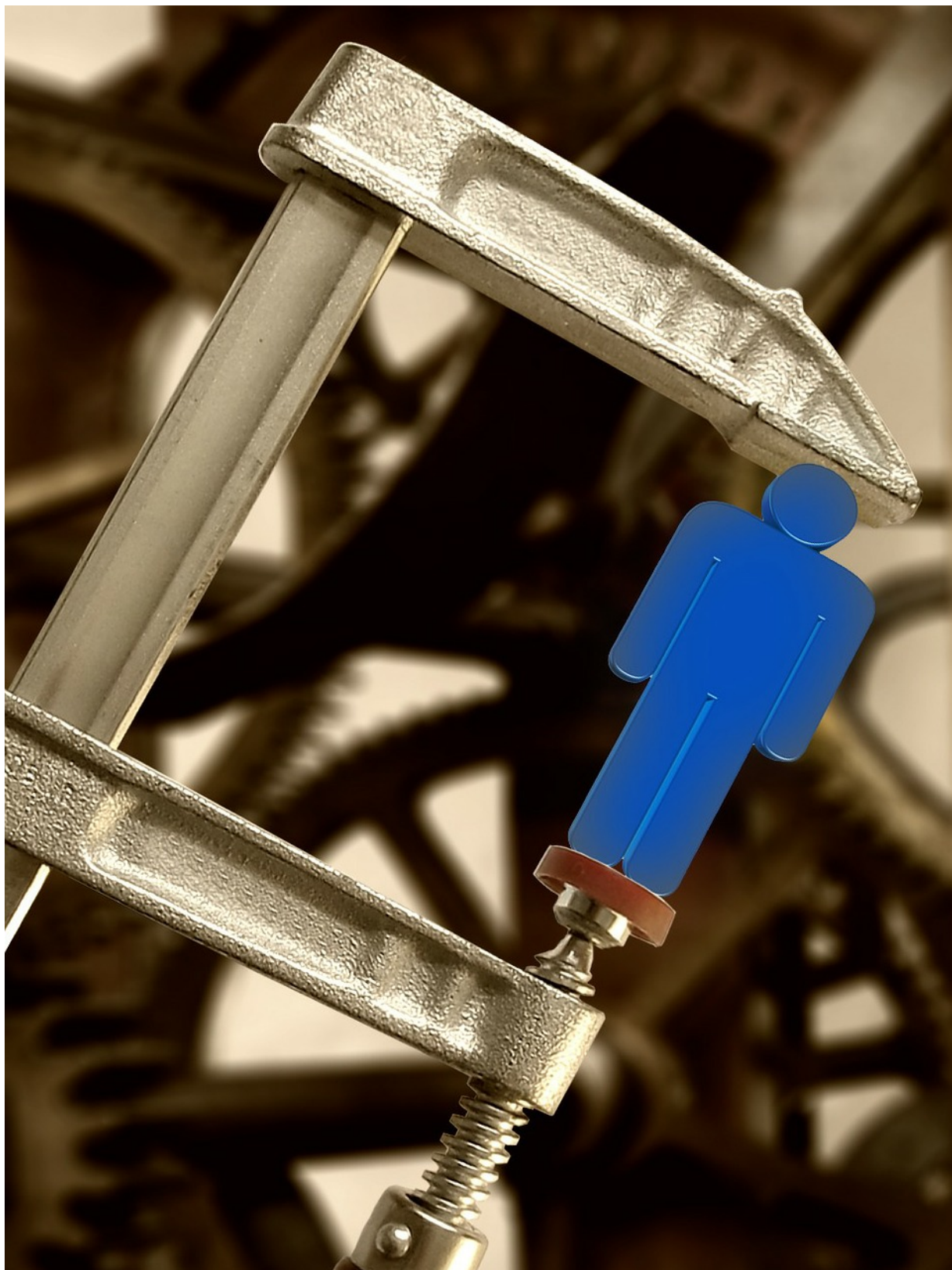


Burden as a Verb

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)

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

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

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

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

