

Need another word that means the same as “chafe”? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for “chafe” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Chafe” are: fret, gall, fray, rub, scratch, annoy, bother, devil, get at, get to, gravel, irritate, nark, nettle, rag, rile, vex, excoriate, abrade, graze, grate, rub against, rub painfully, skin, scrape, rasp, warm, warm up, be impatient, be angry, be annoyed, be irritated, be incensed, be exasperated, be frustrated, annoyance, vexation, inflammation, swelling, lesion**

## Chafe as a Noun

### Definitions of "Chafe" as a noun

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

- *Wear or damage caused by rubbing.*
- *Anger produced by some annoying irritation.*
- *Soreness and warmth caused by friction.*
- *A state of annoyance.*



## Synonyms of "Chafe" as a noun (5 Words)

- annoyance** A thing that annoys someone; a nuisance.  
*He turned his charm on Tara much to Hegarty's **annoyance**.*
- inflammation** Arousal to violent emotion.  
*He tried to calm those who were in a state of extreme **inflammation**.*
- lesion** Any localized abnormal structural change in a bodily part.
- swelling** Something that bulges out or is protuberant or projects from its surroundings.  
*The lobes are prominent **swellings** on the base of the brain.*
- vexation** A cause of annoyance, frustration, or worry.  
*The **vexations** of life under canvas.*



## Usage Examples of "Chafe" as a noun

- *He had a nasty chafe on his knee.*
- *To prevent chafe the ropes should lie flat.*
- *Into what an unprofitable chafe you have put yourself!*





## Chafe as a Verb

### Definitions of "Chafe" as a verb

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

- *(with reference to a part of the body) make or become sore by rubbing against something.*
- *(of an object) rub abrasively against another.*
- *Feel extreme irritation or anger.*
- *Become or make annoyed or impatient because of a restriction or inconvenience.*
- *Tear or wear off the skin or make sore by abrading.*
- *Become or make sore by or as if by rubbing.*
- *Rub (a part of the body) to restore warmth or sensation.*
- *Warm by rubbing, as with the hands.*

- *Cause friction.*
- *Cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations.*



## Synonyms of "Chafe" as a verb (35 Words)

<b>abrade</b>	Scrape or wear away by friction or erosion. <i>It was a landscape slowly <b>abraded</b> by a fine stinging dust.</i>
<b>annoy</b>	Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations. <i>The decision really <b>annoyed</b> him.</i>
<b>be angry</b>	Spend or use time.
<b>be annoyed</b>	Have an existence, be extant.
<b>be exasperated</b>	Be identical to; be someone or something.
<b>be frustrated</b>	Have an existence, be extant.
<b>be impatient</b>	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
<b>be incensed</b>	Be identical to; be someone or something.
<b>be irritated</b>	Occupy a certain position or area.
<b>bother</b>	Take the trouble to do something; concern oneself. <i>Don t <b>bother</b> please.</i>
<b>devil</b>	Cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations. <i><b>Devilled</b> eggs.</i>
<b>excoriate</b>	Criticize (someone) severely. <i>The discharge is acrid and <b>excoriates</b> the skin of the nose.</i>
<b>fray</b>	(of a fabric, rope, or cord) unravel or become worn at the edge, typically through constant rubbing. <i>Bucks mark their territory by <b>fraying</b> small trees.</i>
<b>fret</b>	Provide a musical instrument with frets. <i>The bay s black waves <b>fret</b> the seafront.</i>
<b>gall</b>	Become or make sore by or as if by rubbing. <i>It <b>galls</b> me that we lost the suit.</i>
<b>get at</b>	Take the first step or steps in carrying out an action.
<b>get to</b>	Acquire as a result of some effort or action.
<b>grate</b>	Reduce food to small shreds by rubbing it on a grater. <i><b>Grate</b> carrots and onions.</i>
<b>gravel</b>	Cover with gravel. <i>Steps lead down from the terrace to a <b>gravelled</b> path.</i>
<b>graze</b>	Casually sample something. <i>Cattle <b>graze</b> on the open meadows.</i>



<b>irritate</b>	Cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations. <i>Sprays and polishes can <b>irritate</b> dry sensitive skin.</i>
<b>nark</b>	Cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations. <i>Women like her <b>nark</b> me.</i>
<b>nettle</b>	Sting with nettles. <i>I was only asking Jess said <b>nettled</b>.</i>
<b>rag</b>	Apply paint to a surface with a rag. <i>The deputy <b>ragged</b> the Prime Minister.</i>
<b>rasp</b>	Scrape or file something with a rasp. <i>My breath <b>rasped</b> in my throat.</i>
<b>rile</b>	Make (water) turbulent or muddy. <i>He has been <b>riled</b> by suggestions that his Arsenal future is in doubt.</i>
<b>rub</b>	Make dry clean or smooth by rubbing. <i>He <b>rubbed</b> a finger round the rim of his mug.</i>
<b>rub against</b>	Scrape or rub as if to relieve itching.
<b>rub painfully</b>	Scrape or rub as if to relieve itching.
<b>scrape</b>	Gather (money or other resources) together over time. <i>He found a ditch <b>scraped</b> a hole and put the bag in it.</i>
<b>scratch</b>	Play a record using the scratch technique. <i>I <b>scratched</b> myself on the tree.</i>
<b>skin</b>	Remove the skin from an animal or a fruit or vegetable. <i>He scrambled down from the tree with such haste that he <b>skinned</b> his knees.</i>
<b>vex</b>	Disturb the peace of mind of; afflict with mental agitation or distress. <i><b>Vex</b> the subject of the death penalty.</i>
<b>warm</b>	Get warm or warmer. <i>The blanket will <b>warm</b> you.</i>
<b>warm up</b>	Get warm or warmer.





## Usage Examples of "Chafe" as a verb

- *Her arms chafed where the rope bit into them.*
- *The grommet stops the cable chafing on the metal.*
- *The collar chafed his neck.*
- *This leash chafes the dog's neck.*
- *It chafed him to be confined like this.*
- *The bank chafed at the restrictions imposed upon it.*
- *I chafed her feet and wrapped the blanket round her.*



## Associations of "Chafe" (30 Words)

- abrade** Scrape or wear away by friction or erosion.  
*It was a landscape slowly **abraded** by a fine stinging dust.*
- abrasion** The process of scraping or wearing something away.  
*There were cuts and **abrasions** to the lips and jaw.*
- attrition** The process of reducing something's strength or effectiveness through sustained attack or pressure.  
*The skull shows **attrition** of the edges of the teeth.*
- awl** A pointed tool for marking surfaces or for punching small holes.
- bingo** A game in which players mark off numbers on cards as the numbers are drawn randomly by a caller, the winner being the first person to mark off all their numbers.  
*A **bingo** hall.*



<b>bruise</b>	Inflict a bruise or bruises on a part of the body. <i>This remark really <b>bruised</b> my ego.</i>
<b>contusion</b>	An injury that doesn't break the skin but results in some discoloration. <i>Vigorously shaking the head back and forth can produce <b>contusions</b> to the soft structure of the brain.</i>
<u>excise</u>	Charge excise on goods. <i>The rate of <b>excise</b> duty on spirits.</i>
<b>excoriate</b>	Damage or remove part of the surface of (the skin). <i>The discharge is acrid and <b>excoriates</b> the skin of the nose.</i>
<u>expunge</u>	Obliterate or remove completely (something unwanted or unpleasant). <i>The kind of man that could <b>expunge</b> an unsatisfactory incident from his memory.</i>
<u>fray</u>	Cause friction. <i>As the temperature rose tempers <b>frayed</b>.</i>
<b>hurt</b>	Hurt the feelings of. <i>I felt so <b>hurt</b> and alone.</i>
<b>injury</b>	Wrongdoing that violates another's rights and is unjustly inflicted. <i>She suffered an <b>injury</b> to her back.</i>
<u>irritation</u>	(pathology) abnormal sensitivity to stimulation. <i>Some chemicals cause a direct <b>irritation</b> to the skin leading to dermatitis.</i>
<b>itch</b>	Scrape or rub as if to relieve itching. <i>He has a bad case of the <b>itch</b>.</i>
<b>itching</b>	An irritating cutaneous sensation that produces a desire to scratch.
<b>lottery</b>	A means of raising money by selling numbered tickets and giving prizes to the holders of numbers drawn at random. <i>The election was just a <b>lottery</b> to them.</i>
<b>nail</b>	Attach something somewhere by means of nails. <i>A pair of <b>nail</b> clippers.</i>
<b>pain</b>	Cause mental or physical pain to. <i>The <b>pain</b> of loneliness.</i>
<b>roughen</b>	Make or become rough. <i>His voice <b>roughened</b>.</i>
<u>rub</u>	Reproduce the design of a sepulchral brass or a stone by rubbing paper laid on it with coloured wax pencil or chalk etc. <i>A muscle <b>rub</b>.</i>
<u>scar</u>	Mark with a scar or scars. <i>This fossil bark is typified by its lozenge shaped leaf <b>scars</b>.</i>

- scrape** A place where soil has been scraped away especially a shallow hollow formed in the ground by a bird during a courtship display or for nesting.  
*The **scrape** of violin bows distracted her.*
- scratch** A technique used especially in rap music of stopping a record by hand and moving it back and forwards to give a rhythmic scratching effect.  
*Banks seem prepared to **scratch** stabilization charges.*
- scratching** The action of playing a record using the scratch technique.  
*A screen protector prevents any **scratching** of the display.*
- scrub** An act of scrubbing something or someone.  
*He had to **scrub** the floor.*
- skin** Of a wound form new skin.  
*We had a few beers and then we **skinned** up.*
- slit** Cut a slit into.  
*A wide recording head magnetizes the tape before it is **slit** to domestic size.*
- tattoo** A design on the skin made by tattooing.  
*She tapped her fingers in a nervous **tattoo**.*
- wound** The act of inflicting a wound.  
*He feared that mentioning it might reopen the **wound**.*



