

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



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](https://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/chafe), "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)

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

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

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.*

bruise	Inflict a bruise or bruises on a part of the body. <i>This remark really bruised my ego.</i>
contusion	An injury that doesn't break the skin but results in some discoloration. <i>Vigorously shaking the head back and forth can produce contusions to the soft structure of the brain.</i>
<u>excise</u>	Charge excise on goods. <i>The rate of excise duty on spirits.</i>
excoriate	Damage or remove part of the surface of (the skin). <i>The discharge is acrid and excoriates the skin of the nose.</i>
<u>expunge</u>	Obliterate or remove completely (something unwanted or unpleasant). <i>The kind of man that could expunge an unsatisfactory incident from his memory.</i>
<u>fray</u>	Cause friction. <i>As the temperature rose tempers frayed.</i>
hurt	Hurt the feelings of. <i>I felt so hurt and alone.</i>
injury	Wrongdoing that violates another's rights and is unjustly inflicted. <i>She suffered an injury to her back.</i>
<u>irritation</u>	(pathology) abnormal sensitivity to stimulation. <i>Some chemicals cause a direct irritation to the skin leading to dermatitis.</i>
itch	Scrape or rub as if to relieve itching. <i>He has a bad case of the itch.</i>
itching	An irritating cutaneous sensation that produces a desire to scratch.
lottery	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 lottery to them.</i>
nail	Attach something somewhere by means of nails. <i>A pair of nail clippers.</i>
pain	Cause mental or physical pain to. <i>The pain of loneliness.</i>
roughen	Make or become rough. <i>His voice roughened.</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 rub.</i>
<u>scar</u>	Mark with a scar or scars. <i>This fossil bark is typified by its lozenge shaped leaf scars.</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. <i>The scrape of violin bows distracted her.</i>
<u>scratch</u>	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. <i>Banks seem prepared to scratch stabilization charges.</i>
scratching	The action of playing a record using the scratch technique. <i>A screen protector prevents any scratching of the display.</i>
<u>scrub</u>	An act of scrubbing something or someone. <i>He had to scrub the floor.</i>
<u>skin</u>	Of a wound form new skin. <i>We had a few beers and then we skinned up.</i>
slit	Cut a slit into. <i>A wide recording head magnetizes the tape before it is slit to domestic size.</i>
tattoo	A design on the skin made by tattooing. <i>She tapped her fingers in a nervous tattoo.</i>
<u>wound</u>	The act of inflicting a wound. <i>He feared that mentioning it might reopen the wound.</i>

