

Need another word that means the same as "clench"? Find 36 synonyms and 30 related words for "clench" in this overview.

Table Of Contents:

- <u>Clench as a Noun</u>
- Definitions of "Clench" as a noun
- Synonyms of "Clench" as a noun (12 Words)
- <u>Usage Examples of "Clench" as a noun</u>
- <u>Clench as a Verb</u>
- Definitions of "Clench" as a verb
- Synonyms of "Clench" as a verb (24 Words)
- <u>Usage Examples of "Clench" as a verb</u>
- <u>Associations of "Clench" (30 Words)</u>

The synonyms of "Clench" are: clinch, firm, fast, secure, clenched, clinched, squeeze together, press together, close tightly, shut tightly, grip, grasp, grab, clutch, clamp, clasp, hold tightly, seize, press, squeeze, lay hands on, lay one's hands on, fasten one's hand on, hang on to, clutches, hold, contraction, tightening, tensing, tension, cramp

Clench as a Noun

Definitions of "Clench" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "clench" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A contraction or tightening of part of the body.
- A small slip noose made with seizing.
- The act of grasping.





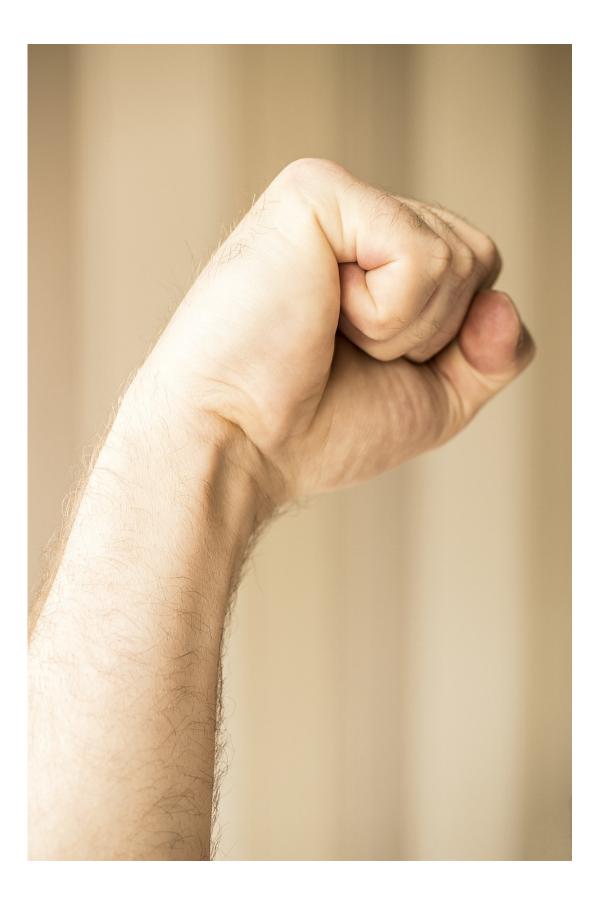
Synonyms of "Clench" as a noun (12 Words)

| clasp | A silver bar on a medal ribbon, inscribed with the name of the battle at which the wearer was present. He received the Queen s medal with four clasp s. |
|--------------------|---|
| clinch | A small slip noose made with seizing. We went into a passionate clinch on the sofa. |
| clutch | The pedal operating the clutch in a vehicle. She made a clutch at his body. |
| clutches | A collection of things or persons to be handled together. |
| <u>contraction</u> | A word or group of words resulting from shortening an original form. She was now in no doubt that she was having contraction s. |



| cramp | A metal bar with bent ends for holding masonry together. The facade is built of travertine blocks without mortar but held by metal cramps . |
|--------------|---|
| <u>grasp</u> | The act of grasping. He has a good grasp of accounting practices. |
| grip | A hairgrip. Handlebar grip s. |
| hold | A stronghold. He has a hold over them. |
| tensing | A grammatical category of verbs used to express distinctions of time. |
| tension | Mental or emotional strain. <i>He suffered from fatigue and emotional tension.</i> |
| tightening | The act of making something tighter. The tightening of economic controls. |







Usage Examples of "Clench" as a noun

• She saw the anger rise, saw the clench of his fists.



Clench as a Verb

Definitions of "Clench" as a verb

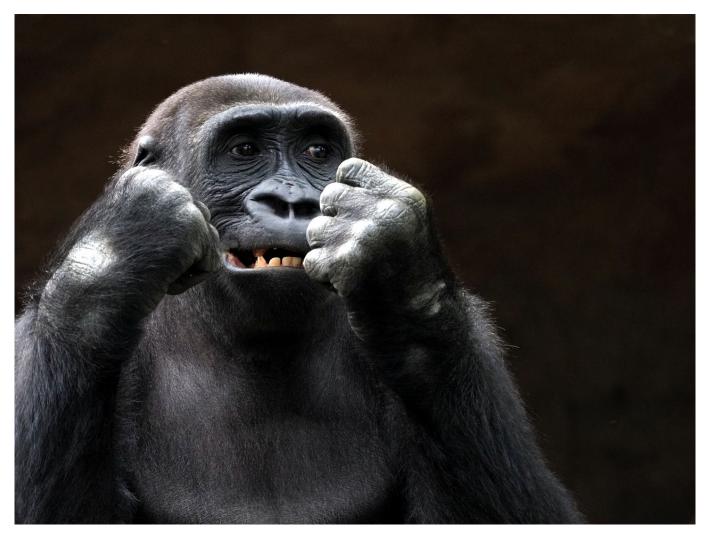
According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "clench" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- Hold in a tight grasp.
- (with reference to the fingers or hand) close into a tight ball, especially as a



manifestation of extreme anger.

- Squeeze together tightly.
- (with reference to a muscular part of the body) tighten or contract sharply, especially with strong emotion.
- (with reference to the teeth) press or be pressed tightly together, especially with anger or determination or so as to suppress a strong emotion.
- Grasp (something) tightly and firmly.



Synonyms of "Clench" as a verb (24 Words)

| clamn | Fasten or fix with a clamp. The two frames are clamp ed together. |
|-------|--|
| riasn | Fasten (something) with a small brooch or similar device. <i>He</i> clasp ed her arm. |



| <u>clenched</u> | Hold in a tight grasp. |
|----------------------|---|
| clinch | Fasten a rope or angling line with a clinch knot. The nails were clinch ed. |
| clinched | Secure or fasten by flattening the ends of nails or bolts. |
| close tightly | Bring together all the elements or parts of. |
| clutch | Take hold of; grab. <i>He stood clutching a microphone.</i> |
| fast | Abstain from eating. Before the medical exam you must fast . |
| fasten one's hand on | Become fixed or fastened. |
| firm | Become taut or tauter. The shares firm ed 15p to 620p. |
| <u>grab</u> | Make a grasping or snatching motion with the hand. She grab bed the child s hand and ran out of the room. |
| <u>grasp</u> | Seize and hold firmly. She grasp ed the bottle. |
| grip | To grip or seize as in a wrestling match. He grip ped the steering wheel. |
| hang on to | Prevent from reaching a verdict, of a jury. |
| hold tightly | Cause to stop. |
| lay hands on | Impose as a duty, burden, or punishment. |
| lay one's hands on | Prepare or position for action or operation. |
| press | Press and smooth with a heated iron. The crowds press ed along the street. |
| press together | Squeeze or press together. |
| <u>secure</u> | Make certain of. Doors are likely to be well secure d at night. |
| seize | Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force take as one s right or possession. The patient was seize d with unbearable pains. |
| shut tightly | Become closed. |
| <u>squeeze</u> | Squeeze tightly between the fingers. She squeeze d the bottle. |
| squeeze together | Obtain by coercion or intimidation. |





Usage Examples of "Clench" as a verb

- She clenched her fists, struggling for control.
- Clench a steering wheel.
- Her teeth clenched in anger.
- *He clenched his teeth, fighting waves of nausea.*
- Her heart clenched in fear.
- My stomach was clenched in a knot.
- Ian's right hand clenched into a fist.
- *He clenched the steering wheel so hard that the car wobbled.*
- Clench one's jaw.







Associations of "Clench" (30 Words)

| apprehend | Anticipate (something) with uneasiness or fear. A warrant was issued but he has not been apprehend ed. |
|---------------|--|
| capture | The action of capturing or of being captured. <i>The star capture</i> d a comet. |
| catch | A chance or act of catching the ball to dismiss a batsman. <i>He shared his catch with the others.</i> |
| clasp | Place (one's arms) around something so as to hold it tightly. We embraced a tight clasp with cheeks touching. |
| clinch | Fasten a rope or angling line with a clinch knot. These findings clinch ed the matter. |
| clutch | The pedal operating the clutch in a vehicle. She clutch ed her purse. |
| comprehend | Include, comprise, or encompass. A divine order comprehend ing all men. |
| <u>cope</u> | (of a person) deal effectively with something difficult. The roads are barely adequate to cope with the present traffic. |
| dragnet | A net drawn through a river or across ground to trap fish or game. Many who had escaped the police dragnet retreated to a mountain hideout. |
| <u>engage</u> | Engage for service under a term of contract. She had offered to engage a room in the house of the woman. |
| fist | Clench the hand or fingers into a fist. He fist ed a goal bound shot over the bar. |
| forfeited | Surrendered as a penalty. |
| <u>grab</u> | Get hold of or seize quickly and easily. I ve added frame grab s to give a good flavour of what the film is all about. |
| grapple | The act of engaging in close hand-to-hand combat. He grapple d the young man around the throat. |
| <u>grasp</u> | The act of grasping. Edward grasp ed her by the wrist. |
| grip | A hairgrip. He had to take a grip on his nerves. |
| <u>hijack</u> | An incident or act of hijacking. A man armed with grenades hijack ed the jet yesterday. |



| hijacker | A person who takes over an organization or activity and uses it for a different purpose. These activists are the real hijacker s of the revolution. |
|----------------|---|
| impound | (of a dam) hold back (water. The customs agents impound ed the illegal shipment. |
| <u>kidnap</u> | The action of kidnapping someone. They were arrested for robbery and kidnap . |
| kidnapping | The unlawful act of capturing and carrying away a person against their will and holding them in false imprisonment. <i>A new wave of kidnappings and murders.</i> |
| paralyze | Cause to be paralyzed and immobile. <i>The bureaucracy</i> paralyze s the entire operation. |
| seize | Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force take as one s right or possession. <i>Jack was seized to the gun and had his two dozen lashes.</i> |
| tackle | (American football) grasping an opposing player with the intention of stopping by throwing to the ground. <i>Police have launched an initiative to tackle rising crime.</i> |
| tongs | An instrument with two movable arms that are joined at one end, used for picking up and holding things. <i>Sugar tongs</i> . |
| transfix | Cause (someone) to become motionless with horror, wonder, or astonishment. A field mouse is transfix ed by the curved talons of an owl. |
| understandable | Capable of being apprehended or understood. Such fears are understandable . |
| vise | A holding device attached to a workbench; has two jaws to hold workpiece firmly in place. |
| wrestle | Move or manipulate (something) with difficulty. The security guards wrestle d them to the ground. |



