

Need another word that means the same as “collapse”? Find 54 synonyms and 30 related words for “collapse” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Collapse” are: break up, crack, crack up, crock up, break, cave in, fall in, founder, give, give way, burst, break down, crumble, crumple, tumble, subside, fall down, sag, slump, settle, disintegrate, fall to pieces, come apart, faint, pass out, black out, lose consciousness, fall unconscious, fail, fall through, fold, fall flat, miscarry, go wrong, come to nothing, come to grief, be frustrated, be unsuccessful, not succeed, flop, prostration, crash, giving way, subsidence, disintegration, breakdown, failure, foundering, miscarriage, lack of success, attack, seizure, crisis, personal crisis

Collapse as a Noun

Definitions of "Collapse" as a noun

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

- *A natural event caused by something suddenly falling down or caving in.*
- *A sudden large decline of business or the prices of stocks (especially one that causes additional failures).*
- *A sudden failure of an institution or undertaking.*
- *The act of throwing yourself down.*
- *An instance of a structure falling down or giving way.*

- An abrupt failure of function or complete physical exhaustion.
- A physical or mental breakdown.



Synonyms of "Collapse" as a noun (15 Words)

attack	The act of attacking. <i>An attack on inflation.</i>
breakdown	A mental or physical breakdown. <i>His warning came after the breakdown of talks in London.</i>
crash	The act of colliding with something. <i>He slammed the phone down with a crash.</i>
<u>crisis</u>	A time of intense difficulty or danger. <i>After the crisis the patient either dies or gets better.</i>
disintegration	The spontaneous disintegration of a radioactive substance along with the emission of ionizing radiation. <i>The disintegration of infected cells.</i>

failure	An act that fails. <i>Symptoms of heart failure.</i>
flop	A complete failure. <i>The play was a dismal flop.</i>
foundering	(of a ship) sinking.
giving way	The elasticity of something that can be stretched and returns to its original length.
lack of success	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
miscarriage	Failure of a plan. <i>His wife had a miscarriage.</i>
personal crisis	A short newspaper article about a particular person or group.
prostration	The act of assuming a prostrate position. <i>The commander's prostration demoralized his men.</i>
seizure	The taking possession of something by legal process. <i>He suffered an epileptic seizure.</i>
subsidence	The gradual caving in or sinking of an area of land. <i>The race was abandoned because of subsidence of the track.</i>



Usage Examples of "Collapse" as a noun

- *The collapse of the old star under its own gravity.*
- *She's lying there in a state of collapse.*
- *The collapse of a number of prominent banks.*
- *The roof is in danger of collapse.*
- *The collapse of a railway bridge.*
- *The church roof is in danger of collapse.*
- *He suffered a collapse from overwork.*



Collapse as a Verb

Definitions of "Collapse" as a verb

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

- *Fail suddenly and completely.*
- *Suffer a nervous breakdown.*
- *Sit or lie down as a result of exhaustion or amusement.*
- *Fold or be foldable into a small space.*
- *Lose significance, effectiveness, or value.*
- *Compress a displayed part of (a spreadsheet or other electronic document.*
- *Fall apart.*
- *(of a person) fall down and become unconscious as a result of illness or injury.*
- *(of a lung or blood vessel) become flat and empty with the walls fallen inwards.*
- *(of a price or currency) drop suddenly in value.*

- *Fold or close up.*
- *Break down, literally or metaphorically.*
- *Cause to burst.*
- *(of a structure) suddenly fall down or give way.*
- *Cause (a lung or blood vessel) to collapse.*
- *Collapse due to fatigue, an illness, or a sudden attack.*
- *Cause (something) to fall down or give way.*



Synonyms of "Collapse" as a verb (39 Words)

be frustrated	Be priced at.
be unsuccessful	Be identical to; be someone or something.
black out	Make or become black.
break	Undergo breaking. <i>The company has attempted to break the strike using non union labour.</i>
break down	Break down literally or metaphorically.

break up	Go to pieces.
burst	Burst outward usually with noise. <i>He was bursting with joy and excitement.</i>
cave in	Explore natural caves.
come apart	Come under, be classified or included.
come to grief	Come forth.
come to nothing	Reach or enter a state, relation, condition, use, or position.
crack up	Suffer a nervous breakdown.
croak up	Raise.
crumble	(of something abstract) disintegrate gradually over a period of time. <i>The plaster started to crumble.</i>
<u>crumple</u>	Become wrinkled or crumpled or creased. <i>The child's face crumpled and he began to howl.</i>
<u>disintegrate</u>	Cause to undergo fission or lose particles. <i>A meson can spontaneously disintegrate.</i>
fail	Fail to do something leave something undone. <i>A player has failed a drugs test.</i>
<u>faint</u>	Lose consciousness for a short time because of a temporarily insufficient supply of oxygen to the brain. <i>I fainted from loss of blood.</i>
fall down	Slope downward.
fall flat	To be given by assignment or distribution.
fall in	Begin vigorously.
fall through	Pass suddenly and passively into a state of body or mind.
fall to pieces	Come out; issue.
fall unconscious	Move downward and lower, but not necessarily all the way.
<u>fold</u>	Be able to be opened out unfold. <i>The deckchair folds flat.</i>
<u>founder</u>	Stumble and nearly fall. <i>The horses founded.</i>
<u>give</u>	Give or supply. <i>That chair doesn't give.</i>
give way	Move in order to make room for someone for something.
go wrong	Move away from a place into another direction.
lose consciousness	Fail to make money in a business; make a loss or fail to profit.

miscarry	(of a plan) fail to attain an intended outcome. <i>Such a rash crime and one so very likely to miscarry.</i>
not succeed	Attain success or reach a desired goal.
pass out	Grant authorization or clearance for.
sag	Cause to sag. <i>Exports are forging ahead while home sales sag.</i>
settle	Bring to an end settle conclusively. <i>He told me to hold my tongue or he would find a way to settle me.</i>
slump	Sit, lean, or fall heavily and limply. <i>Land prices slumped.</i>
subside	Sink into a sitting, kneeling, or lying position. <i>The floods subside almost as quickly as they arise.</i>
<u>tumble</u>	Cause to topple or tumble by pushing. <i>The clothes tumbled in the dryer.</i>



Usage Examples of "Collapse" as a verb

- *He collapsed from loss of blood.*
- *The wall collapsed.*
- *The talks collapsed last week over territorial issues.*
- *He had an operation to collapse his lung.*
- *It feels as if the slightest pressure would collapse it.*
- *Tabulation programs can be used to collapse this list in various ways.*
- *Many people tend to collapse the distinction between the two concepts.*
- *The roof collapsed.*
- *The business collapsed.*
- *She was so dehydrated that her veins had collapsed.*
- *The roof collapsed on top of me.*

- *Some cots collapse down to fit into a holdall.*
- *The stock market collapsed.*
- *The price of oil collapsed.*
- *Collapse the music stand.*
- *Exhausted, he collapsed on the bed.*
- *The three of them collapsed with laughter.*



Associations of "Collapse" (30 Words)

apoplectic	Overcome with anger; furious. <i>An apoplectic attack.</i>
apoplexy	Extreme anger. <i>The decision has aroused apoplexy among environmentalists.</i>
appellate	Of or relating to or taking account of appeals (usually legal appeals). <i>Appellate court.</i>

<u>collision</u>	An instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another. <i>His car was in collision with a lorry.</i>
crumb	Remove crumbs from. <i>Crumb a cutlet.</i>
crumble	A pudding made with crumble and fruit. <i>Apple crumble.</i>
<u>crumple</u>	Become wrinkled or crumpled or creased. <i>The bumper crumpled as it glanced off the wall.</i>
crush	Crush or bruise. <i>You can crush a pill between two spoons.</i>
<u>debacle</u>	A sudden and ignominious failure; a fiasco. <i>The only man to reach double figures in the second innings debacle.</i>
<u>destruction</u>	The action or process of killing or being killed. <i>The avalanche left a trail of destruction.</i>
<u>disintegrate</u>	Break into parts or components or lose cohesion or unity. <i>The group disintegrated after the leader died.</i>
dismember	Cut off the limbs of (a person or animal). <i>The winning powers of World War I set out to dismember the Ottoman Empire.</i>
failure	An act that fails. <i>Bad weather had resulted in crop failures.</i>
fall	A defeat or downfall. <i>Bombs could be seen falling from the planes.</i>
<u>falling</u>	Coming down freely under the influence of gravity. <i>Falling temperature.</i>
fiasco	A sudden and violent collapse. <i>His plans turned into a fiasco.</i>
filibuster	Obstruct proposed legislation with a filibuster. <i>The bill was defeated by a Senate filibuster in June.</i>
flop	With a flopping sound. <i>Liz flopped down into the armchair.</i>
roller	Relating to or involving roller skates. <i>Roller hockey.</i>
ruin	A ruined building. <i>They explored several Roman ruins.</i>

seizure	The taking possession of something by legal process. <i>The patient had a seizure.</i>
shatter	Damage or destroy. <i>The wine glass shattered.</i>
shrivel	Wither, as with a loss of moisture. <i>She shrivelled him with one glance.</i>
<u>smash</u>	An act or sound of something smashing. <i>Their plane smashed into a mountainside.</i>
<u>sway</u>	Move or walk in a swinging or swaying manner. <i>The wind swayed the trees gently.</i>
topple	Cause to topple or tumble by pushing. <i>The push almost toppled him to the ground.</i>
<u>tumble</u>	Dry washing in a tumble dryer. <i>The tower of the World Trade Center tumbled after the plane hit it.</i>
<u>unconscious</u>	Without conscious volition. <i>Horrific apparitions surfaced out of the recesses of his unconscious.</i>
<u>waddle</u>	A waddling gait. <i>Ducks walk with a waddle.</i>

