

Need another word that means the same as “cower”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “cower” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Cower” are: crawl, creep, cringe, fawn, grovel, huddle, shrink, crouch, recoil, flinch, pull back, back away, draw back, shudder, shiver, tremble, shake, quake, blench, blanch, quail

Cower as a Verb

Definitions of "Cower" as a verb

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

- *Crouch or curl up.*
- *Show submission or fear.*
- *Crouch down in fear.*



Synonyms of "Cower" as a verb (21 Words)

back away Be behind; approve of.

blanch Cook (vegetables) briefly.
***Blanch** the almonds and grind them to a paste adding a little water.*

blench Make a sudden flinching movement out of fear or pain.
*Lord Ralph **blenched** at the very idea of working from dawn until dusk.*

crawl Swim by doing the crawl.
*The old cheese was **crawling** with maggots.*

creep To go stealthily or furtively.
*The fog was **creeping** up from the marsh.*

cringe Experience an inward shiver of embarrassment or disgust.
*I **cringed** at the fellow's stupidity.*

crouch Bend one's back forward from the waist on down.
*He **crouched** down.*

draw back	Finish a game with an equal number of points, goals, etc.
fawn	Have fawns. <i>The forest was closed for hunting when the does were fawning.</i>
flinch	Draw back, as with fear or pain. <i>She flinched when they showed the slaughtering of the calf.</i>
grovel	Act in an obsequious way in order to obtain someone's forgiveness or favour. <i>He grovelled at George's feet.</i>
huddle	Crowd or draw together. <i>A man with his clothes all huddled on anyhow.</i>
pull back	Take sides with; align oneself with; show strong sympathy for.
quail	Draw back, as with fear or pain.
quake	Shake with seismic vibrations. <i>He was a large man with a flaming temper and I was quaking as I ran to his office.</i>
recoil	(of a gun) move abruptly backwards as a reaction on firing a bullet, shell, or other missile. <i>The rifle recoiled.</i>
shake	Shake a body part to communicate a greeting feeling or cognitive state. <i>I couldn't shake the feeling that everyone was laughing at me.</i>
shiver	Shake, as from cold. <i>They shivered in the damp foggy cold.</i>
shrink	Reduce in size; reduce physically. <i>The metal is unsuitable for shrinking on to wooden staves.</i>
shudder	Tremble convulsively, as from fear or excitement. <i>She still shuddered at the thought of him.</i>
tremble	(of a person or part of the body) shake involuntarily, typically as a result of anxiety, excitement, or frailty. <i>Her voice trembled as she described how much she missed him.</i>

Usage Examples of "Cower" as a verb

- *Children cowered in terror as the shoot-out erupted.*

Associations of "Cower" (30 Words)

apology	A very poor or inadequate example of. <i>We owe you an apology.</i>
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<u>backlash</u>	An adverse reaction to some political or social occurrence. <i>A public backlash against racism.</i>
boggle	(of a person) hesitate to do or accept. <i>The inflated salary of a star boggles the mind.</i>
<u>crawl</u>	Feel as if crawling with insects. <i>The old cheese was crawling with maggots.</i>
<u>creep</u>	A slow mode of locomotion on hands and knees or dragging the body. <i>I thought he was a nasty little creep.</i>
<u>cringe</u>	An act of cringing. <i>He cringed away from the blow.</i>
crouch	A crouching stance or posture. <i>He crouched down.</i>
duck	A female duck. <i>A tangy stew of duck lamb and sausage.</i>
<u>flinch</u>	An act of flinching. <i>She flinched at the acidity in his voice.</i>
<u>furtive</u>	Suggestive of guilty nervousness. <i>He stole a furtive glance at her.</i>
grovel	Lie or crawl abjectly on the ground with one's face downwards. <i>He grovelled at George's feet.</i>
huddle	Heap together in a disorderly manner. <i>A huddle of frightened women.</i>
<u>insidious</u>	Proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with very harmful effects. <i>Insidious pleasures.</i>
lurk	Be or remain hidden so as to wait in ambush for someone or something. <i>Danger lurks beneath the surface.</i>
<u>posture</u>	Assume a posture as for artistic purposes. <i>I got out of the car in an alert posture.</i>
purloin	Make off with belongings of others. <i>He must have managed to purloin a copy of the key.</i>
<u>rebound</u>	The act of securing possession of the rebounding basketball after a missed shot. <i>He blasted the rebound into the net.</i>
<u>recoil</u>	The action of recoiling. <i>If man upsets his planetary ecosystem it will automatically recoil upon him.</i>
<u>shrink</u>	Wither, as with a loss of moisture. <i>You should see a shrink.</i>

silently	Without making any sound. <i>She sobbed silently in the corner.</i>
sit	Adopt or be in a position in which one's weight is supported by one's buttocks rather than one's feet and one's back is upright. <i>When does the court of law sit.</i>
sneak	Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions. <i>He was branded a prying sneak for eavesdropping on intimate conversation.</i>
snitch	An informer. <i>She was snitching a look out of the window.</i>
squat	An exercise in which a person squats down and rises again while holding a barbell across one's shoulders. <i>A squatty red smokestack.</i>
stealthily	In a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard. <i>I woke up and stealthily crept downstairs.</i>
stealthy	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed. <i>Stealthy footsteps.</i>
step	Place a ship's mast in its step. <i>A flight of marble steps.</i>
stoop	The downward swoop of a bird of prey. <i>He tends to stoop when he walks.</i>
surreptitious	Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods. <i>A surreptitious glance at his watch.</i>
wince	The facial expression of sudden pain. <i>He winced at the disgust in her voice.</i>