

Need another word that means the same as “crawl”? Find 61 synonyms and 30 related words for “crawl” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Crawl” are: cower, creep, cringe, fawn, grovel, go on all fours, move on hands and knees, inch, drag oneself along, pull oneself along, drag, trail, slither, slink, squirm, wriggle, writhe, scrabble, worm one's way, advance slowly, advance stealthily, sneak, grovel to, be obsequious towards, ingratiate oneself with, be servile towards, be sycophantic towards, abase oneself to, demean oneself to, bow and scrape to, toady to, dance attendance on, fawn on, fawn over, curry favour with, cultivate, seek the favour of, try to win over, try to get on the good side of, make up to, play up to, be full of, overflow with, teem with, abound in, abound with, be packed with, be crowded with, be thronged with, be jammed with, be alive with, be overrun with, swarm with, be bristling with, be infested with, be thick with, crawling, creeping, australian crawl, front crawl**

## Crawl as a Noun

### Definitions of "Crawl" as a noun

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

- *A swimming stroke involving alternate overarm movements and rapid kicks of the legs.*
- *A swimming stroke; arms are moved alternately overhead accompanied by a flutter kick.*

- A slow rate of movement, typically that of a vehicle.
- An act of moving on one's hands and knees or dragging one's body along the ground.
- A very slow movement.
- A slow mode of locomotion on hands and knees or dragging the body.



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

**australian crawl** A very slow movement.

**crawling**

A swimming stroke; arms are moved alternately overhead accompanied by a flutter kick.

**creep**

An opening in a hedge or wall for an animal to pass through.  
*I thought he was a nasty little **creep**.*

**creeping**

A slow longitudinal movement or deformation.

**front crawl**

The side that is forward or prominent.



### **Usage Examples of "Crawl" as a noun**

- *A crawl was all that the injured man could manage.*
- *They began the crawl back to their own lines.*
- *He reduced his speed to a crawl.*
- *The traffic advanced at a crawl.*
- *She could do the crawl and so many other strokes.*



## Crawl as a Verb

### Definitions of "Crawl" as a verb

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

- *(of paint or other liquid) move after application to form an uneven layer over the surface below.*
- *(of an insect or small animal) move slowly along a surface.*
- *Show submission or fear.*
- *Be covered or crowded with (insects or people), to an extent that is objectionable.*
- *(of a program) systematically visit (a number of web pages) in order to create an index of data.*

- *Be full of.*
- *(of a vehicle) move at an unusually slow pace.*
- *Move slowly; in the case of people or animals with the body near the ground.*
- *Behave obsequiously or ingratiatingly in the hope of gaining someone's favour.*
- *Move forward on the hands and knees or by dragging the body close to the ground.*
- *Swim using the crawl.*
- *Feel as if crawling with insects.*
- *Swim by doing the crawl.*



## Synonyms of "Crawl" as a verb (56 Words)

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| <b>abase oneself to</b>   | Cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of. |
| <b>abound in</b>          | Be in a state of movement or action.    |
| <b>abound with</b>        | Be in a state of movement or action.    |
| <b>advance slowly</b>     | Develop in a positive way.              |
| <b>advance stealthily</b> | Rise in rate or price.                  |
| <b>be alive with</b>      | Have life, be alive.                    |

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| <b>be bristling with</b>      | Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.   |
| <b>be crowded with</b>        | Form or compose.  |
| <b>be full of</b>             | Represent, as of a character on stage.  |
| <b>be infested with</b>       | Be priced at.   |
| <b>be jammed with</b>         | Occupy a certain position or area.  |
| <b>be obsequious towards</b>  | Occupy a certain position or area.  |
| <b>be overrun with</b>        | Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun.   |
| <b>be packed with</b>         | Have an existence, be extant.   |
| <b>be servile towards</b>     | Be priced at.   |
| <b>be sycophantic towards</b> | Represent, as of a character on stage.  |
| <b>be thick with</b>          | Be priced at.   |
| <b>be thronged with</b>       | Occupy a certain position or area.  |
| <b>bow and scrape to</b>      | Bend one's back forward from the waist on down.   |
| <b><u>cover</u></b>           | Crouch or curl up.<br><i>Children <b>covered</b> in terror as the shoot out erupted.</i>  |
| <b><u>creep</u></b>           | Move slowly; in the case of people or animals with the body near the ground.<br><i>The fog was <b>creeping</b> up from the marsh.</i> |
| <b><u>cringe</u></b>          | Experience an inward shiver of embarrassment or disgust.<br><i>He <b>cringed</b> away from the blow.</i>                              |
| <b><u>cultivate</u></b>       | Try to improve or develop (one's mind).<br><i><b>Cultivate</b> the land.</i>  |
| <b>curry favour with</b>      | Give a neat appearance to.  |
| <b>dance attendance on</b>    | Move in a graceful and rhythmical way.  |
| <b>demean oneself to</b>      | Reduce in worth or character, usually verbally.   |
| <b>drag</b>                   | Proceed for an extended period of time.<br><i>But in so many other areas we still are <b>dragging</b>.</i>                            |
| <b>drag oneself along</b>     | Force into some kind of situation, condition, or course of action.  |
| <b>fawn</b>                   | Have fawns.<br><i>The forest was closed for hunting when the does were <b>fawning</b>.</i>  |
| <b>fawn on</b>                | Have fawns.   |

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| <b>fawn over</b>                      | Try to gain favor by cringing or flattering.   |
| <b>go on all fours</b>                | Be or continue to be in a certain condition.   |
| <b>grovel</b>                         | Act in an obsequious way in order to obtain someone's forgiveness or favour.<br><i>He <b>grovelled</b> at George's feet.</i>   |
| <b>grovel to</b>                      | Show submission or fear.   |
| <b>inch</b>                           | Advance slowly as if by inches.<br><i>Spain's conservatives are <b>inching</b> ahead.</i>  |
| <b>ingratiate oneself with</b>        | Gain favor with somebody by deliberate efforts.  |
| <b>make up to</b>                     | Make by shaping or bringing together constituents.   |
| <b>move on hands and knees</b>        | Propose formally; in a debate or parliamentary meeting.  |
| <b>overflow with</b>                  | Overflow with a certain feeling.   |
| <b>play up to</b>                     | Participate in games or sport.   |
| <b>pull oneself along</b>             | Strain abnormally.   |
| <b>scrabble</b>                       | Feel searchingly.<br><i>I had to <b>scrabble</b> around to find this apartment.</i>  |
| <b>seek the favour of</b>             | Try to locate or discover, or try to establish the existence of.   |
| <b>slink</b>                          | Come or go unobtrusively or furtively.<br><i>I saw a cougar <b>slinking</b> toward its prey.</i>   |
| <b><u>slither</u></b>                 | Slide or slip unsteadily on a loose or slippery surface.<br><i>We <b>slithered</b> down a snowy mountain track.</i>  |
| <b><u>sneak</u></b>                   | (especially in children's use) inform an adult or person in authority of a companion's misdeeds; tell tales.<br><i>Stead of <b>sneaking</b> around spying on the neighbor's house.</i> |
| <b><u>squirm</u></b>                  | To move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling).<br><i>He <b>squirmed</b> as he recalled the phrases he had used.</i>  |
| <b>swarm with</b>                     | Be teeming, be abuzz.  |
| <b>teem with</b>                      | Be teeming, be abuzz.  |
| <b>toady to</b>                       | Try to gain favor by cringing or flattering.   |
| <b><u>trail</u></b>                   | Be losing to an opponent in a game or contest.<br><i>The Mercedes <b>trailed</b> behind the horse cart.</i>  |
| <b>try to get on the good side of</b> | Take a sample of.  |
| <b>try to win over</b>                | Put to the test, as for its quality, or give experimental use to.  |

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| <b>worm one's way</b> | To move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling).  |
| <b>wriggle</b>        | Avoid (something) by devious means.<br><i>Don t try and <b>wriggle</b> out of your contract.</i>                              |
| <b>writhe</b>         | To move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling).<br><i>The prisoner <b>writhed</b> in discomfort.</i> |



## Usage Examples of "Crawl" as a verb

- *My skin crawled-I was terrified.*
- *I turned without stopping and crawled back to the deep end.*
- *Its automated software robots crawl websites, grabbing copies of pages to index.*
- *The traffic was crawling along.*
- *The floor was dirty and crawling with bugs.*
- *A reporter's job can involve crawling to objectionable people.*
- *The crocodile was crawling along the riverbed.*



- *They crawled from under the table.*
- *Glazes can crawl away from a crack in the piece.*
- *The old cheese was crawling with maggots.*
- *European children learn the breast stroke; they often don't know how to crawl.*
- *The tiny spider was crawling up Nicky's arm.*



## Associations of "Crawl" (30 Words)

- apology** An expression of regret at having caused trouble for someone.  
*He wrote a letter of **apology** to the hostess.*
- cower** Show submission or fear.  
*Children **cowered** in terror as the shoot out erupted.*
- creep** Someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric.  
*I thought he was a nasty little **creep**.*
- cringe** Bend one's head and body in fear or apprehension or in a servile manner.  
*I **cringed** at the fellow's stupidity.*

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| <b>fawning</b>    | Attempting to win favor by flattery.<br><i><b>Fawning</b> interviews with Hollywood celebs.</i>                                       |
| <b>flattery</b>   | Excessive or insincere praise.<br><i>She allowed no hint of <b>flattery</b> to enter her voice.</i>                                   |
| <b>furtive</b>    | Secret and sly or sordid.<br><i><b>Furtive</b> behavior.</i>  |
| <b>glide</b>      | A flight in a glider or unpowered aircraft.<br><i>Students learning to <b>glide</b>.</i>  |
| <b>grovel</b>     | Show submission or fear.<br><i>He <b>grovelled</b> at George s feet.</i>  |
| <b>huddle</b>     | A quick private conference.<br><i>A man with his clothes all <b>huddled</b> on anyhow.</i>  |
| <b>lurk</b>       | Be or remain hidden so as to wait in ambush for someone or something.<br><i>You ll soon learn the <b>lurks</b> and perks.</i>         |
| <b>obsequious</b> | Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery.<br><i><b>Obsequious</b> shop assistants.</i>                             |
| <b>pounce</b>     | A sudden swoop or spring.<br><i>The paper <b>pounced</b> on her admission that she is still a member of CND.</i>                      |
| <b>purloin</b>    | Steal (something).<br><i>He must have managed to <b>purloin</b> a copy of the key.</i>  |
| <b>servile</b>    | Relating to or involving slaves or appropriate for slaves or servants.<br><i>The <b>servile</b> wars of Sicily.</i>                   |
| <b>silently</b>   | Without making any sound.<br><i>She sobbed <b>silently</b> in the corner.</i>   |
| <b>skid</b>       | Move a heavy object on skids.<br><i>They <b>skidded</b> the logs down the hill to the waterfront.</i>                                 |
| <b>slavish</b>    | Blindly imitative.<br><i>He noted the <b>slavish</b> feudal respect they had for her.</i>   |
| <b>slide</b>      | A transparency mounted in a frame viewed with a slide projector.<br><i>His <b>slide</b> didn t stop until the bottom of the hill.</i> |
| <b>slither</b>    | A slithering movement.<br><i>A snake like <b>slither</b> across the grass.</i>  |
| <b>snake</b>      | Something long thin and flexible that resembles a snake.<br><i>That man is a cold blooded <b>snake</b>.</i>                           |
| <b>sneak</b>      | Someone who prowls or sneaks about usually with unlawful intentions.<br><i>I <b>sneaked</b> out by the back exit.</i>                 |

- snitch** Inform on someone.  
*Someone **snitched** my wallet.*
- stealthily** In a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard.  
*We need to move **stealthily** and look inconspicuous.*
- stealthy** Behaving or done in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard.  
***Stealthy** footsteps.*
- surreptitious** Conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods.  
*Low wages were supplemented by **surreptitious** payments from tradesmen.*
- swoop** Seize or catch with a swooping motion.  
*She **swooped** up the hen in her arms.*
- sycophantic** Attempting to win favor by flattery.  
*A **sycophantic** interview.*
- walk** Make walk.  
*He **walks** the horse up the mountain.*
- wriggle** To move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling).  
*Don't try and **wriggle** out of your contract.*

