

Need another word that means the same as “dabble”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “dabble” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Dabble” are: play around, smatter, paddle, splash around, splash, dip, wet, moisten, dampen, immerse, trail, toy with, dip into, scratch the surface of, flirt with, tinker with, potter about with, potter around with, potter round with, trifle with, play with, fiddle with, dally with, have a smattering of

Dabble as a Verb

Definitions of "Dabble" as a verb

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

- *Bob forward and under so as to feed off the bottom of a body of water.*
- *Take part in an activity in a casual or superficial way.*
- *Immerse (one's hands or feet) partially in water and move them around gently.*
- *(of a duck or other waterbird) move the bill around in shallow water while feeding.*
- *Dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid.*
- *Work with in an amateurish manner.*
- *Play in or as if in water, as of small children.*



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

dally with	Behave carelessly or indifferently.
<u>dampen</u>	Lessen in force or effect. <i>Slider switches on the mixers can dampen the drums.</i>
dip	Dip into a liquid while eating. <i>The president s popularity has dipped.</i>
dip into	Dip into a liquid.
fiddle with	Play around with or alter or falsify, usually secretly or dishonestly.
flirt with	Behave carelessly or indifferently.
have a smattering of	Get something; come into possession of.
immerse	Cause to be immersed. <i>He immersed himself into his studies.</i>
moisten	Moisten with fine drops. <i>The dew moistened the meadows.</i>

paddle	Beat someone with a paddle as a punishment. <i>He was teaching trainees to paddle canoes.</i>
play around	Replay (as a melody).
play with	Perform on a stage or theater.
potter about with	Move around aimlessly.
potter around with	Work lightly.
potter round with	Move around aimlessly.
scratch the surface of	Cut the surface of; wear away the surface of.
smatter	Speak with spotty or superficial knowledge. <i>She smatters Russian.</i>
splash	Make wet by splashing. <i>A tear fell and splashed on to the pillow.</i>
splash around	Make a splashing sound.
tinker with	Try to fix or mend.
toy with	Engage in an activity as if it were a game rather than take it seriously.
trail	Draw or be drawn along behind someone or something. <i>The bank's plans have been extensively trailed.</i>
trifle with	Waste time; spend one's time idly or inefficiently.
wet	Cause to become wet. <i>She said she'd wet the tea immediately because they must be parched.</i>



Usage Examples of "Dabble" as a verb

- *They dabbled their feet in the rock pools.*
- *She dabbles in astronomy.*
- *Teal dabble in the shallows.*
- *He dabbled in left-wing politics.*



Associations of "Dabble" (30 Words)

always	Without variation or change, in every case. <i>He always arrives on time.</i>
<u>amplitude</u>	The maximum difference of an alternating electric current or potential from the average value. <i>The detection of signals only a few microvolts in amplitude.</i>
carelessly	In a rakish manner. <i>Roadsides are full of litter thrown carelessly by passers by.</i>
dip	A candle that is made by repeated dipping in a pool of wax or tallow. <i>The big hedge at the bottom of the dip.</i>
<u>ever</u>	At all times all the time and on every occasion. <i>Don t you ever regret giving up all that money.</i>
<u>frequency</u>	The number of occurrences within a given time period. <i>An increase in the frequency of accidents due to increased overtime.</i>
<u>frequently</u>	Many times at short intervals. <i>They go abroad frequently.</i>

hardly	Only with great difficulty. <i>I can hardly hear what she is saying.</i>
incidence	The relative frequency of occurrence of something. <i>An increased incidence of cancer.</i>
infrequently	Not many times. <i>A storage area for infrequently used items.</i>
intermittently	In an intermittent manner. <i>He has worked intermittently in a variety of jobs.</i>
modulated	Changed or adjusted in pitch, tone, or volume.
occasional	Occurring, appearing, or done infrequently and irregularly. <i>An occasional table.</i>
occasionally	At infrequent or irregular intervals; now and then. <i>Very occasionally the condition can result in death.</i>
oft	Many times at short intervals. <i>We often met over a cup of coffee.</i>
often	Many times at short intervals. <i>Vocabulary often reflects social standing.</i>
oftentimes	Many times at short intervals. <i>I would oftentimes go there.</i>
periodically	At regularly occurring intervals. <i>I will periodically check on your progress.</i>
quite	To a degree (not used with a negative). <i>You've no intention of coming back I'm quite sorry but no I have not.</i>
rare	(of an event, situation, or condition) not occurring very often. <i>Total eclipses are rare events.</i>
rarely	To an unusual degree; exceptionally. <i>I rarely drive above 50 mph.</i>
rareness	Noteworthy scarcity.
rarity	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>The rarity of the condition.</i>
recidivism	The tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend. <i>The prison has succeeded in reducing recidivism.</i>
seldom	Not common; infrequent. <i>Islay is seldom visited by tourists.</i>
smatter	To talk foolishly. <i>She smatters Russian.</i>

sometimes On certain occasions or in certain cases but not always.
***Sometimes** I want to do things on my own.*

sparse Not dense.
*Areas of **sparse** population.*

sporadically In a sporadic manner.
*The comedy is only **sporadically** funny.*

successively In proper order or sequence.
*He served **successively** as a major and a lieutenant colonel.*

