

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

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**The synonyms of “Delve” are: cut into, dig, turn over, rummage in, rummage about in, rummage around in, rummage round in, search, search through, hunt through, root about in, root around in, ferret in, ferret about in, ferret around in, fish about in, fish around in, poke about in, poke around in, dig in, go through, burrow in, investigate, conduct investigations into, make inquiries into, inquire into, probe, examine, explore, research, study, look into, go into, excavate, burrow, tunnel**

## Delve as a Verb

### Definitions of "Delve" as a verb

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

- *Reach inside a receptacle and search for something.*
- *Dig; excavate.*
- *Turn up, loosen, or remove earth.*
- *Research or make painstaking inquiries into something.*

### Synonyms of "Delve" as a verb (36 Words)

#### **burrow**

Hide underneath or press close to something.  
*The child **burrowed** deeper into the bed.*

#### **burrow in**

Move through by or as by digging.

#### **conduct investigations into**

Lead, as in the performance of a composition.

#### **cut into**

Record a performance on (a medium).

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| <b>dig</b>                 | Create by digging.<br><i>Authorities cause chaos by <b>digging</b> up roads.</i>   |
| <b>dig in</b>              | Create by digging.   |
| <b>examine</b>             | Question or examine thoroughly and closely.<br><i>A doctor <b>examined</b> me and said I might need a caesarean.</i>   |
| <b>excavate</b>            | Remove earth carefully from (an area) in order to find buried remains.<br><i>The cheapest way of doing this was to <b>excavate</b> a long trench.</i>                            |
| <b>explore</b>             | Inquire into.<br><i>Her fingers <b>explored</b> his hair.</i>  |
| <b>ferret about in</b>     | Search and discover through persistent investigation.  |
| <b>ferret around in</b>    | Hunt with ferrets.   |
| <b>ferret in</b>           | Hunt with ferrets.   |
| <b>fish about in</b>       | Catch or try to catch fish or shellfish.   |
| <b>fish around in</b>      | Catch or try to catch fish or shellfish.   |
| <b>go into</b>             | Pass, fare, or elapse; of a certain state of affairs or action.  |
| <b>go through</b>          | Go through in search of something search through someone's belongings in an unauthorized way.  |
| <b>hunt through</b>        | Pursue for food or sport (as of wild animals).   |
| <b>inquire into</b>        | Inquire about.   |
| <b>investigate</b>         | Investigate scientifically.<br><i>Future studies will <b>investigate</b> whether long term use of the drugs could prevent cancer.</i>  |
| <b>look into</b>           | Perceive with attention; direct one's gaze towards.  |
| <b>make inquiries into</b> | Favor the development of.  |
| <b>poke about in</b>       | Stir by poking.  |
| <b>poke around in</b>      | Poke or thrust abruptly.   |
| <b>probe</b>               | Examine physically with or as if with a probe.<br><i>Hands <b>probed</b> his body from top to bottom.</i>  |
| <b>research</b>            | Discover or verify information for use in (a book, programme, etc).<br><i>The students had to <b>research</b> the history of the Second World War for their history project.</i> |
| <b>root about in</b>       | Dig with the snout.  |

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| <b>root around in</b>    | Become settled or established and stable in one's residence or life style.  |
| <b>rummage about in</b>  | Search haphazardly.   |
| <b>rummage around in</b> | Search haphazardly.   |
| <b>rummage in</b>        | Search haphazardly.   |
| <b>rummage round in</b>  | Search haphazardly.   |
| <b>search</b>            | Look for information in a database or the World Wide Web using a search engine.<br><i>She <b>searched</b> the house from top to bottom.</i> |
| <b>search through</b>    | Search or seek.   |
| <b>study</b>             | Apply oneself to study.<br><i>He spent his time listening to the radio rather than <b>studying</b>.</i>                                     |
| <b>tunnel</b>            | Force a way through.<br><i>The insect <b>tunnels</b> its way out of the plant.</i>  |
| <b>turn over</b>         | To break and turn over earth especially with a plow.  |

## Usage Examples of "Delve" as a verb

- *She delved in her pocket.*
- *The society is determined to delve deeper into the matter.*
- *The approach from the surface above had awed her, so hugely delved were the tunnels.*
- *When Adam delved and Eve span, who was then the gentleman?*

## Associations of "Delve" (30 Words)

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| <b>archaeologist</b> | An anthropologist who studies prehistoric people and their culture.<br><i>Chinese <b>archaeologists</b> uncovered life sized terracotta statues.</i> |
| <b>burrow</b>        | A hole or tunnel dug by a small animal, especially a rabbit, as a dwelling.<br><i><b>Burrow</b> through the forest.</i>                              |
| <b>colliery</b>      | A coal mine and the buildings and equipment associated with it.  |
| <b>coxswain</b>      | The person who steers a ship's boat, racing boat, or other boat.   |
| <b>dig</b>           | Remove harvest or recover by digging.<br><i><b>Dig</b> your foot into the floor.</i>   |
| <b>disinter</b>      | Dig up (something that has been buried, especially a corpse).<br><i>He has <b>disinterred</b> an important collection of writings.</i>               |

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| <b>dug</b>         | An udder or breast or teat.  |
| <b>excavate</b>    | Make (a hole or channel) by digging.<br><i>Clothing and weapons were <b>excavated</b> from the burial site.</i>  |
| <b>excavation</b>  | A hole in the ground made by excavating.<br><i>Inside the <b>excavation</b> were the bones of some huge creature.</i>  |
| <b>exhume</b>      | Dig out (something buried, especially a corpse) from the ground.<br><i>Various landforms have been <b>exhumed</b> from beneath a covering of Triassic sediments.</i>     |
| <b>furrow</b>      | Hollow out in the form of a furrow or groove.<br><i>Gorges <b>furrowing</b> the deep sea floor.</i>  |
| <b>gold</b>        | Made of or coloured like gold.<br><i>He admired the <b>gold</b> of her hair.</i>   |
| <b>granite</b>     | Something having the quality of granite unyielding firmness.<br><i><b>Granite</b> columns.</i>   |
| <b>gravel</b>      | Cover with gravel.<br><i>They <b>gravelled</b> the road.</i>   |
| <b>groove</b>      | A long narrow furrow cut either by a natural process such as erosion or by a tool as e.g. a groove in a phonograph record.<br><i>Deep lines <b>grooved</b> her face.</i> |
| <b>harrow</b>      | Draw a harrow over land.<br><i>Todd could take it whereas I m <b>harrowed</b> by it.</i>   |
| <b>hole</b>        | Hit the ball into the hole.<br><i>The team are in a bit of a <b>hole</b> and it s a case of seeing if they can dig themselves out.</i>                                   |
| <b>inhume</b>      | Bury.<br><i>No hand his bones shall gather or <b>inhume</b>.</i>   |
| <b>investigate</b> | Investigate scientifically.<br><i>Let s <b>investigate</b> the syntax of Chinese.</i>  |
| <b>mine</b>        | Lay mines.<br><i><b>Mine</b> ores and metals.</i>  |
| <b>pit</b>         | Sink in or contract so as to form a pit or hollow.<br><i><b>Pit</b> plums and cherries.</i>  |
| <b>plow</b>        | To break and turn over earth especially with a plow.<br><i>The ship <b>plowed</b> through the water.</i>   |
| <b>quarry</b>      | Extract something such as stones from or as if from a quarry.<br><i>A British term for <b>quarry</b> is stone pit.</i>   |

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| <b><u>scoop</u></b>       | Take out or up with or as if with a scoop.<br><i>He got a <b>scoop</b> on the bribery of city officials.</i>                                    |
| <b>seed</b>               | Of a plant reproduce itself by means of its own seeds.<br><i>Mulches encourage many plants to <b>seed</b> freely.</i>                           |
| <b>shovel</b>             | Move coal earth snow or a similar substance with a shovel.<br><i>An area of turf had been dug up by vandals using a pick and <b>shovel</b>.</i> |
| <b>tiller</b>             | Grow shoots in the form of stools or tillers.   |
| <b>turnover</b>           | The act of upsetting something.<br><i>An apple <b>turnover</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>underground</u></b> | A member of an underground political group or movement.<br><i>The French <b>underground</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>unearth</u></b>     | Drive (an animal, especially a fox) out of a hole or burrow.<br><i>The CIA <b>unearthed</b> a plot to kill the President.</i>                   |