

Need another word that means the same as “dent”? Find 41 synonyms and 30 related words for “dent” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Dent” are: incision, prick, scratch, slit, ding, gouge, nick, indentation, dint, dimple, dip, depression, hollow, crater, pit, trough, reduction, depletion, deduction, cut, hole, indent, make a dent in, make an indentation in, mark, diminish, reduce, lessen, shrink, weaken, erode, undermine, sap, shake, break, crush, cripple, destroy, damage, impair

Dent as a Noun

Definitions of "Dent" as a noun

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

- *A depression scratched or carved into a surface.*
- *A slight hollow in a hard even surface made by a blow or pressure.*
- *A reduction in amount or size.*
- *An appreciable consequence (especially a lessening).*
- *An impression in a surface (as made by a blow).*



Synonyms of "Dent" as a noun (21 Words)

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| crater | A bowl-shaped depression formed by the impact of a meteorite or bomb. <i>Ganymede the largest moon in the solar system has relatively few impact craters.</i> |
| cut | A piece of meat cut from a carcass. <i>The mayor proposed extensive cuts in the city budget.</i> |
| <u>deduction</u> | An amount or percentage deducted. <i>Tax deductions.</i> |
| <u>depletion</u> | The state of being depleted. <i>The depletion of the ozone layer.</i> |
| depression | A state of depression and anhedonia so severe as to require clinical intervention. <i>Depression of the plunger delivers two units of insulin.</i> |
| dimple | A chad that has been punched or dimpled but all four corners are still attached. <i>There are approximately 336 dimples on a golf ball.</i> |
| ding | An impression in a surface (as made by a blow. |

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| dint | A dent or hollow in a surface. <i>I perceive you feel the dint of pity.</i> |
| dip | A thick sauce in which pieces of food are dipped before eating. <i>There was a dip in the road.</i> |
| gouge | A chisel with a concave blade, used in carpentry, sculpture, and surgery. |
| hole | An opening into or through something. <i>He played 18 holes.</i> |
| hollow | A depression hollowed out of solid matter. <i>He built himself a cabin in a hollow high up in the Appalachians.</i> |
| incision | A mark or decoration cut into a surface. <i>The method is associated with less blood loss during incision.</i> |
| indentation | The action of indenting or the state of being indented. <i>Paragraphs are marked off by indentation.</i> |
| nick | A small cut or notch. <i>He was being fingerprinted in the nick.</i> |
| pit | A person's armpit. <i>He had a flat tyre when he came into the pits.</i> |
| reduction | The act of reducing complexity. <i>There had been a reduction in the number of casualties.</i> |
| scratch | A technique used especially in rap music of stopping a record by hand and moving it back and forwards to give a rhythmic scratching effect. <i>He gave his scalp a good scratch.</i> |
| slit | Obscene terms for female genitals. <i>Arrow slits.</i> |
| trough | A long narrow shallow receptacle. <i>Seasonal peaks and troughs in the demand for goods and services.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Dent" as a noun

- *There was a hideous dent in the front passenger door.*
- *It made a dent in my bank account.*
- *He has barely made a dent in the poverty rate.*



Dent as a Verb

Definitions of "Dent" as a verb

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

- *Have an adverse effect on; diminish.*
- *Mark with a dent.*
- *Make a depression into.*



Synonyms of "Dent" as a verb (20 Words)

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| break | Break a piece from a whole. <i>I was acting as referee and telling them to break.</i> |
| crush | Crush or bruise. <i>Crush an aluminum can.</i> |
| damage | Inflict damage upon. <i>These fine china cups damage easily.</i> |
| destroy | Destroy completely damage irreparably. <i>The room had been destroyed by fire.</i> |
| diminish | Make or become less. <i>The trial has aged and diminished him.</i> |

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| dint | Mark (a surface) with dents or hollows. <i>The metal was dull and dinted.</i> |
| erode | (of a disease) gradually destroy (bodily tissue). <i>Rain eroded the terraces.</i> |
| <u>impair</u> | Make worse or less effective. <i>A noisy job could permanently impair their hearing.</i> |
| <u>indent</u> | Bind by or as if by indentures as of an apprentice or servant. <i>We were indenting for paper clips one by one in those days.</i> |
| lessen | Make smaller. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i> |
| make a dent in | Calculate as being. |
| make an indentation in | Achieve a point or goal. |
| mark | Make or leave a mark on. <i>The examiner may have hundreds of scripts to mark.</i> |
| reduce | Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>Reduce one's standard of living.</i> |
| sap | Excavate the earth beneath. <i>Her illness had sapped her of energy and life.</i> |
| shake | Shake a body part to communicate a greeting feeling or cognitive state. <i>Shake one's head.</i> |
| <u>shrink</u> | Draw back, as with fear or pain. <i>Hot water will shrink the sweater.</i> |
| undermine | Lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously. <i>This could undermine years of hard work.</i> |
| <u>weaken</u> | Lessen the strength of. <i>Fault lines had weakened and shattered the rocks.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Dent" as a verb

- *This neither deterred him nor dented his enthusiasm.*
- *The bicycle dented my car.*
- *He hit a concrete bollard, denting the wing.*



Associations of "Dent" (30 Words)

[abyss](#)

A catastrophic situation seen as likely to occur.

*The **abyss** between the two nations.*

aperture

A space through which light passes in an optical or photographic instrument, especially the variable opening by which light enters a camera.

*The bell ropes passed through **apertures** in the ceiling.*

balloon

Ride in a hot air balloon.

*I ate out of boredom and I just **ballooned** up.*

chip

Form by chipping.

*Granite **chips**.*

cut

The way or style in which something especially a garment or someone's hair is cut.

***Cut** to a dentist's surgery.*

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| deep | A deep part of the sea. <i>Deep in enemy territory.</i> |
| deflate | Become deflated or flaccid as by losing air. <i>His response deflated me.</i> |
| dint | Mark (a surface) with dents or hollows. <i>The metal was dull and dinted.</i> |
| <u>engrave</u> | Cut or carve a text or design on (a hard object). <i>Engraved the trophy cup with the winner's name.</i> |
| <u>furrow</u> | Cut a furrow into a columns. <i>Fields of ridge and furrow.</i> |
| gouge | Obtain money by swindling or extortion. <i>The channel had been gouged out by the ebbing water.</i> |
| groove | 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. <i>Her vocals drift delicately across a soaring soul groove.</i> |
| hole | Hit the ball into a hole. <i>George holed a six iron shot from the fairway.</i> |
| jail | Put someone in jail. <i>The driver was jailed for two years.</i> |
| nick | Make a nick or nicks in. <i>A small nick on his wrist.</i> |
| opening | The act of opening something. <i>The play's opening scene.</i> |
| <u>pit</u> | Remove the pits from. <i>You'll get the chance to pit your wits against the world champions.</i> |
| <u>prison</u> | A prisonlike situation a place of seeming confinement. <i>Both men were sent to prison.</i> |
| puncture | Make a puncture in something. <i>Puncture an air balloon.</i> |
| <u>rift</u> | A major fault separating blocks of the earth's surface a rift valley. <i>The rift between the two branches of the legal profession.</i> |
| <u>rupture</u> | An instance of breaking or bursting suddenly and completely. <i>One of the boys was ruptured and needed to be fitted with a truss.</i> |
| <u>scar</u> | Form or be marked with a scar. <i>Such lung scarring is associated with cigarette smoking.</i> |
| <u>shrink</u> | Decrease in size, range, or extent. <i>Can you shrink this image.</i> |

- sinkhole** A depression in the ground communicating with a subterranean passage (especially in limestone) and formed by solution or by collapse of a cavern roof.
- slit** Form one's eyes into slits; squint.
***Slitted** eyes.*
- therein** (formal) in or into that thing or place.
*They can read **therein** what our plans are.*
- thrash** Give a thrashing to; beat hard.
*The wind screeched and the mast **thrashed** the deck.*
- tire** Exhaust or get tired through overuse or great strain or stress.
*The journey had **tired** her.*
- trace** Discover traces of.
***Trace** quantities of PCBs.*
- wide** A ball that is judged to be too wide of the stumps for the batsman to play for which an extra is awarded to the batting side.
*The government's desire for **wider** share ownership.*

