

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)

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

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

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

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

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

