

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

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**The synonyms of “Dwindle” are: dwindle away, dwindle down, diminish, decrease, reduce, get smaller, become smaller, grow smaller, become less, grow less, lessen, wane, contract, shrink, fall off, taper off, tail off, drop, fall, go down, sink, slump, plummet, decline, degenerate, deteriorate, fail, ebb, slip, slide, go downhill, go to rack and ruin, decay, wither, fade, fade away**

## Dwindle as a Verb

### Definitions of "Dwindle" as a verb

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

- *Become smaller or lose substance.*
- *Diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength.*

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

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| <b>become less</b>    | Come into existence.   |
| <b>become smaller</b> | Undergo a change or development.   |
| <b>contract</b>       | Enter into a contractual arrangement.<br><i>These sources were called quasistellar objects which was soon <b>contracted</b> to quasar.</i> |
| <b>decay</b>          | Undergo decay or decomposition.<br><i>The body started to <b>decay</b> and needed to be cremated.</i>                                      |

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| <b>decline</b>             | Grow worse.<br><i>Caroline <b>declined</b> the coffee.</i>   |
| <b>decrease</b>            | Decrease in size extent or range.<br><i>He <b>decreased</b> his staff.</i>   |
| <b>degenerate</b>          | Grow worse.<br><i>The debate <b>degenerated</b> into a brawl.</i>  |
| <b>deteriorate</b>         | Become worse or disintegrate.<br><i>Her condition <b>deteriorated</b>.</i>   |
| <b>diminish</b>            | Cause to seem less impressive or valuable.<br><i>The trial has aged and <b>diminished</b> him.</i>   |
| <b>drop</b>                | Let or cause to fall in drops.<br><i><b>Drop</b> off the passengers at the hotel.</i>  |
| <b>dwindle away</b>        | Become smaller or lose substance.  |
| <b>dwindle down</b>        | Become smaller or lose substance.  |
| <b>ebb</b>                 | Hem in fish with stakes and nets so as to prevent them from going back into the sea with the ebb.<br><i>The tide began to <b>ebb</b>.</i>                            |
| <b><u>fade</u></b>         | (with reference to recorded sound) increase or decrease in volume or merge into another recording.<br><i>The ball <b>faded</b> toward an area left of the green.</i> |
| <b>fade away</b>           | Disappear gradually.   |
| <b>fail</b>                | Become bankrupt or insolvent fail financially and close.<br><i>She cannot have <b>failed</b> to be aware of the situation.</i>                                       |
| <b>fall</b>                | Descend in free fall under the influence of gravity.<br><i><b>Fall</b> by the wayside.</i>   |
| <b>fall off</b>            | Be cast down.  |
| <b>get smaller</b>         | Enter or assume a certain state or condition.  |
| <b>go down</b>             | Be or continue to be in a certain condition.   |
| <b>go downhill</b>         | Enter or assume a certain state or condition.  |
| <b>go to rack and ruin</b> | Be in the right place or situation.  |
| <b>grow less</b>           | Grow emotionally or mature.  |
| <b>grow smaller</b>        | Become attached by or as if by the process of growth.  |
| <b>lessen</b>              | Decrease in size, extent, or range.<br><i>The years have <b>lessened</b> the gap in age between us.</i>  |
| <b><u>plummet</u></b>      | Fall or drop straight down at high speed.<br><i>A climber was killed when he <b>plummeted</b> 300 feet down an icy gully.</i>  |

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| <b>reduce</b>    | Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements.<br><i>The sauce should <b>reduce</b> to one cup.</i>  |
| <b>shrink</b>    | Be averse to or unwilling to do (something difficult or unappealing).<br><i>The metal is unsuitable for <b>shrinking</b> on to wooden staves.</i> |
| <b>sink</b>      | Cause a ship to sink.<br><i>They agreed to <b>sink</b> their differences.</i>   |
| <b>slide</b>     | Move smoothly along a surface.<br><i>She slid down the bank into the water.</i>   |
| <b>slip</b>      | Move smoothly and easily.<br><i>A beautiful woman's address was never likely to <b>slip</b> his mind.</i>   |
| <b>slump</b>     | Fail or decline substantially.<br><i>Denis was <b>slumped</b> in his seat.</i>  |
| <b>tail off</b>  | Remove or shorten the tail of an animal.  |
| <b>taper off</b> | Give a point to.  |
| <b>wane</b>      | Become smaller.<br><i>Interest in his novels <b>waned</b>.</i>  |
| <b>wither</b>    | Wither as with a loss of moisture.<br><i>The flesh had <b>withered</b> away.</i>  |

## Usage Examples of "Dwindle" as a verb

- Her savings dwindled down.
- Traffic has dwindled to a trickle.

## Associations of "Dwindle" (30 Words)

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| <b>abate</b>    | Make less active or intense.<br><i>The storm <b>abated</b>.</i>   |
| <b>curtail</b>  | Deprive someone of (something).<br><i><b>Curtail</b> drinking in school.</i>                                      |
| <b>deadened</b> | Lessen the momentum or velocity of.<br><i><b>Deadened</b> wine.</i>   |
| <b>decline</b>  | Grow smaller.<br><i>Her health began to <b>decline</b>.</i>   |
| <b>decrease</b> | Decrease in size extent or range.<br><i>There was a <b>decrease</b> in his temperature as the fever subsided.</i> |

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| <b>decrement</b>  | A process of becoming smaller or shorter.<br><i>The instruction <b>decrements</b> the accumulator by one.</i>   |
| <b>depletion</b>  | The act of decreasing something markedly.<br><i>The <b>depletion</b> of the ozone layer.</i>  |
| <b>diminish</b>   | Lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of.<br><i>The trial has aged and <b>diminished</b> him.</i>  |
| <b>diminution</b> | A reduction in the size, extent, or importance of something.<br><i>A permanent <b>diminution</b> in value.</i>  |
| <b>downgrade</b>  | A downward gradient on a railway or road.<br><i>Some jobs had gradually been <b>downgraded</b> from skilled to semi skilled.</i>  |
| <b>fade</b>       | The process of becoming less bright.<br><i>Shortly after receiving the snap he threw a <b>fade</b> to Crabtree.</i>   |
| <b>flagging</b>   | Flagstones collectively.<br><i>She wants to revive her <b>flagging</b> career.</i>  |
| <b>flinch</b>     | An act of flinching.<br><i>Don t call me that he said with a <b>flinch</b>.</i>   |
| <b>languish</b>   | (of a person, animal, or plant) lose or lack vitality; grow weak.<br><i>When a visitor comes in she smiles and <b>languishes</b>.</i>                                   |
| <b>lessen</b>     | Wear off or die down.<br><i>The warmth of the afternoon <b>lessened</b>.</i>  |
| <b>recoil</b>     | The action of recoiling.<br><i>Ronni felt herself <b>recoil</b> at the very thought.</i>  |
| <b>reduce</b>     | Reduce in size reduce physically.<br><i><b>Reduce</b> one s standard of living.</i>   |
| <b>retrench</b>   | Tighten one's belt; use resources carefully.<br><i>Right wing parties which seek to <b>retrench</b> the welfare state.</i>  |
| <b>rundown</b>    | A reduction in the productivity or activities of a company or institution.<br><i>A <b>rundown</b> in the business would be a devastating blow to the local economy.</i> |
| <b>shorten</b>    | Become short or shorter.<br><i>The manuscript must be <b>shortened</b>.</i>   |
| <b>shrink</b>     | Become or make smaller in size or amount.<br><i>I don t <b>shrink</b> from my responsibilities.</i>   |
| <b>shrinkage</b>  | The amount by which something shrinks.<br><i>The material lost 2 inches per yard in <b>shrinkage</b>.</i>   |
| <b>shrivel</b>    | Cause to feel worthless or insignificant.<br><i>The flowers simply <b>shrivelled</b> up.</i>  |

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| <b>wane</b>          | (of the moon) have a progressively smaller part of its visible surface illuminated, so that it appears to decrease in size.<br><i>Interest in his novels <b>waned</b>.</i> |
| <b>waning</b>        | A gradual decrease in magnitude or extent.<br><i>The waxing and <b>waning</b> of the moon.</i>   |
| <b><u>weaken</u></b> | Lessen the strength of.<br><i>The fever <b>weakened</b> his body.</i>  |
| <b><u>wilt</u></b>   | Any of a number of fungal or bacterial diseases of plants characterized by wilting of the foliage.<br><i>My opponent was <b>wilting</b>.</i>                               |
| <b><u>wince</u></b>  | Make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement of the body out of pain or distress.<br><i>She <b>winc</b>ed when she heard his pompous speech.</i>                |
| <b>wither</b>        | Wither as with a loss of moisture.<br><i>The state in socialist societies has failed to <b>wither</b> away.</i>  |
| <b>wizened</b>       | Shrivelled or wrinkled with age.<br><i>A <b>wizened</b> weather beaten old man.</i>  |