

Need another word that means the same as “engulf”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “engulf” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Engulf” are: absorb, engross, immerse, plunge, soak up, steep, inundate, flood, deluge, swamp, wash out, swallow up, submerge

Engulf as a Verb

Definitions of "Engulf" as a verb

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

- *Devote (oneself) fully to.*
- *Flow over or cover completely.*
- *Eat or swallow (something) whole.*
- *Powerfully affect (someone); overwhelm.*
- *(of a natural force) sweep over (something) so as to surround or cover it completely.*



Synonyms of "Engulf" as a verb (13 Words)

absorb	Use or take up (time or resources). <i>Steroids are absorbed into the bloodstream.</i>
deluge	Inundate with a great quantity of something. <i>Caravans were deluged by the heavy rains.</i>
engross	Consume all of one's attention or time. <i>The country had made the best of its position to engross trade.</i>
flood	Cover or submerge an area with water in a flood. <i>The images flooded his mind.</i>
immerse	Cause to be immersed. <i>Immerse the paper in water for twenty minutes.</i>
inundate	Flood. <i>The islands may be the first to be inundated as sea levels rise.</i>
<u>plunge</u>	Begin with vigor. <i>To peel fruit cover with boiling water and then plunge them into iced water.</i>

- soak up** Submerge in a liquid.
- steep** Devote (oneself) fully to.
***Steep** the blossoms in oil.*
- submerge** Put under water.
*Houses had been flooded and cars **submerged**.*
- swallow up** Tolerate or accommodate oneself to.
- swamp** Drench or submerge or be drenched or submerged.
*A huge wave **swamped** the canoes.*
- wash out** Be capable of being washed.



Usage Examples of "Engulf" as a verb

- *The toad can engulf nestling birds.*
- *The bright light engulfed him completely.*

- *The cafe was engulfed in flames.*
- *Europe might be engulfed by war.*
- *A feeling of anguish so great that it threatened to engulf him.*



Associations of "Engulf" (30 Words)

absorb	Take in, also metaphorically. <i>Arms spending absorbs roughly two per cent of the national income.</i>
awash	Covered with water. <i>The monsoon left the whole place awash.</i>
<u>blade</u>	Something long and thin resembling a blade of grass. <i>A blade of lint on his suit.</i>

<u>cascade</u>	Rush down in big quantities like a cascade. <i>Blonde hair cascaded down her back.</i>
deeply	Intensely. <i>They felt the loss deeply.</i>
deluge	Charge someone with too many tasks. <i>He has been deluged with offers of work.</i>
<u>dive</u>	A steep nose-down descent by an aircraft. <i>He hit the sea in a shallow dive.</i>
drop	An instance of falling or dropping. <i>He had a drop too much to drink.</i>
<u>drown</u>	Deliberately kill a person or animal by drowning. <i>His voice was drowned out by the approaching engine noise.</i>
enclose	Enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering. <i>Breakwaters enclosed the harbour.</i>
engross	Produce (a legal document, especially a deed or statute) in its final form. <i>The solicitors will submit a draft conveyance and engross the same after approval.</i>
envelop	Enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering. <i>A feeling of despair enveloped him.</i>
focus	Adjust the focus of a telescope camera or other instrument. <i>They were focusing a telescope on a star.</i>
immerse	Cause to be immersed. <i>Immerse the paper in water for twenty minutes.</i>
<u>immersion</u>	The disappearance of a celestial body in the shadow of or behind another. <i>An immersion school.</i>
<u>knife</u>	Cut or move cleanly through something with a knife like action. <i>He was knifed to death during the argument.</i>
<u>occupy</u>	Fill or preoccupy the mind. <i>The young prince will soon occupy the throne.</i>
<u>overwhelm</u>	Bury or drown beneath a huge mass of something, especially water. <i>Floodwaters overwhelmed hundreds of houses.</i>
<u>plunge</u>	Dash violently or with great speed or impetuosity. <i>The stock market plunged.</i>
sheathe	Put (a weapon such as a knife or sword) into a sheath. <i>Sheathe a sword.</i>
sink	Cause to sink. <i>He saw the coffin sink below the surface of the waves.</i>

<u>submerge</u>	Descend below the surface of an area of water. <i>The tensions submerged earlier in the campaign now came to the fore.</i>
submergence	Sinking until covered completely with water. <i>Politicians may be blamed for submergence of principle.</i>
submerse	Put under water. <i>Pellets were then submersed in agar.</i>
<u>surround</u>	Surround with a wall in order to fortify. <i>The hotel is surrounded by its own gardens.</i>
swallow	An amount of something swallowed in one action. <i>She swallowed the last words of her speech.</i>
<u>sword</u>	One of the suits in a tarot pack. <i>Not many perished by the sword.</i>
underwater	Situated, occurring, or done beneath the surface of water. <i>Underwater photography.</i>
<u>waterfall</u>	A steep descent of the water of a river. <i>Each phase of a waterfall project must be complete prior to moving to the next phase.</i>
withdraw	Withdraw from active participation. <i>It put me off taking the Pill my partner now withdraws.</i>

