

Need another word that means the same as “expunge”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “expunge” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Expunge” are: excise, scratch, strike, erase, remove, delete, rub out, wipe out, efface**

## Expunge as a Verb

### Definitions of "Expunge" as a verb

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

- *Obliterate or remove completely (something unwanted or unpleasant).*
- *Remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line.*

### Synonyms of "Expunge" as a verb (9 Words)

<b><a href="#">delete</a></b>	(of a section of genetic code, or its product) be lost or excised from a nucleic acid or protein sequence. <i>Any program in memory will be <b>deleted</b> before the new one is loaded.</i>
<b>efface</b>	Erase (a mark) from a surface. <i>With time the words are <b>effaced</b> by the rain.</i>
<b><a href="#">erase</a></b>	Rub out or remove (writing or marks). <i>The tape could be magnetically <b>erased</b> and reused.</i>
<b><a href="#">excise</a></b>	Levy an excise tax on. <i>The surgeon <b>excised</b> the tumor.</i>
<b>remove</b>	Remove from a position or an office. <i><b>Remove</b> a case to another court.</i>

**rub out** Cause friction.

**scratch** Play a record using the scratch technique.  
*I found two names **scratched** on one of the windowpanes.*

**strike** Undertake strike action against an employer.  
***Strike** a pose.*

**wipe out** Rub with a circular motion.

## Usage Examples of "Expunge" as a verb

- *The kind of man that could expunge an unsatisfactory incident from his memory.*

## Associations of "Expunge" (30 Words)

**abolitionism** The doctrine that calls for the abolition of slavery.

**bowdlerize** Remove material that is considered improper or offensive from (a text or account), especially with the result that the text becomes weaker or less effective.  
*Every edition of his letters and diaries has been **bowdlerized**.*

**cutout** A photograph from which the background has been cut away.

**delete** Remove (a product, especially a recording) from the catalogue of those available for purchase.  
*You can use **delete** to remove a number of lines from your program.*

**discharge** Go off or discharge.  
*Machinery to rehabilitate the bankrupt through the process of **discharge**.*

**eject** Leave an aircraft rapidly using an ejection seat or capsule.  
*He **ejected** the spent cartridge.*

**elimination** The bodily process of discharging waste matter.  
*The treatment promotes the **elimination** of toxins.*

**eradicate** Destroy completely, as if down to the roots.  
*This disease has been **eradicated** from the world.*

**erase** Remove from memory or existence.  
*The magic of the landscape **erased** all else from her mind.*

**evict** Expel or eject without recourse to legal process.  
*A single mother and her children have been **evicted** from their home.*

**excise** Levy an excise tax on.  
*The rate of **excise** duty on spirits.*

<b>exclude</b>	Expel (a pupil) from school. <i>The bad results were <b>excluded</b> from the report.</i>
<b><u>exclusion</u></b>	The state of being excommunicated. <i><b>Exclusions</b> can be added to your policy.</i>
<b><u>expel</u></b>	Remove from a position or office. <i>Eight diplomats were <b>expelled</b> from Norway for espionage.</i>
<b>expulsion</b>	The action or process of forcing someone to leave a place. <i>A rise in the number of pupil <b>expulsions</b>.</i>
<b>expurgate</b>	Remove matter thought to be objectionable or unsuitable from (a text or account). <i>Editors heavily <b>expurgated</b> the novel before its initial publication.</i>
<b>extirpate</b>	Surgically remove (an organ). <i>Timber wolves were <b>extirpated</b> from New England more than a century ago.</i>
<b>get</b>	Take vengeance on or get even. <i>I need all the sleep I can <b>get</b>.</i>
<b>irreducible</b>	Not able to be reduced or simplified. <i>Literature is often <b>irreducible</b> to normative ideas.</i>
<b>liquidate</b>	Get rid of (someone who may be a threat) by killing. <i>Nationalist rivals and critics were <b>liquidated</b> in bloody purges.</i>
<b>liquidation</b>	Termination of a business operation by using its assets to discharge its liabilities. <i>The company went into <b>liquidation</b>.</i>
<b><u>obliterate</u></b>	Destroy utterly; wipe out. <i>The memory was so painful that he <b>obliterated</b> it from his mind.</i>
<b>oust</b>	Deprive of or exclude from possession of something. <i>The word processor has <b>ousted</b> the typewriter.</i>
<b>reductive</b>	Tending to present a subject or problem in a simplified form, especially one viewed as crude. <i>Such a conclusion by itself would be <b>reductive</b>.</i>
<b>remove</b>	Remove from a position or an office. <i>Customs officials <b>removed</b> documents from the premises.</i>
<b>riddance</b>	The action of getting rid of a troublesome or unwanted person or thing. <i>The new movement emphasized discipline not <b>riddance</b> or punishment as a method of solving the criminal problem.</i>
<b>rout</b>	A disorderly retreat of defeated troops. <i>A <b>rout</b> of strangers ought not to be admitted.</i>

**rub**

Make dry clean or smooth by rubbing.

*He was **rubbing** an old brass.*

**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.

*The dog **scratched** to be let in.*

**shorten**

Become short or shorter.

*Ladbroke's **shortened** Nashwan's odds from 2/1 to 7/4.*