

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)

delete	(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 deleted before the new one is loaded.</i>
efface	Erase (a mark) from a surface. <i>With time the words are effaced by the rain.</i>
erase	Rub out or remove (writing or marks). <i>The tape could be magnetically erased and reused.</i>
excise	Levy an excise tax on. <i>The surgeon excised the tumor.</i>
remove	Remove from a position or an office. <i>Remove 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.*

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

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