

Need another word that means the same as “famine”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “famine” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Famine” are: dearth, shortage, scarcity of food, food shortages, scarcity, lack, want, deficiency, insufficiency, shortfall, undersupply, scantiness, rareness, paucity, poverty, drought, unavailability, lack of food, need for food, hungriness, ravenousness, emptiness

Famine as a Noun

Definitions of "Famine" as a noun

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

- *A severe shortage of food (as through crop failure) resulting in violent hunger and starvation and death.*
- *A shortage.*
- *Extreme scarcity of food.*
- *An acute insufficiency.*
- *Hunger.*



Synonyms of "Famine" as a noun (22 Words)

<u>dearth</u>	An acute insufficiency. <i>There is a dearth of evidence.</i>
deficiency	The amount by which something, especially revenue, falls short; a deficit. <i>A budget deficiency of 96 billion.</i>
drought	A prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water. <i>He ended a five game goal drought.</i>
<u>emptiness</u>	The quality of having no value or purpose; futility. <i>Feelings of emptiness and loneliness.</i>
food shortages	Any substance that can be metabolized by an animal to give energy and build tissue.
hungriness	A physiological need for food; the consequence of food deprivation.
insufficiency	(pathology) inability of a bodily part or organ to function normally. <i>Insufficiency of adequate housing.</i>

lack	The state of being without or not having enough of something. <i>There is no lack of entertainment aboard ship.</i>
lack of food	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
need for food	A condition requiring relief.
paucity	The presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts. <i>A paucity of information.</i>
poverty	The state of being inferior in quality or insufficient in amount. <i>Thousands of families are living in abject poverty.</i>
rareness	Noteworthy scarcity.
ravenousness	Excessive desire to eat.
scantiness	The quality of being meager. <i>Problems because of the scantiness of reliable information.</i>
scarcity	The state of being scarce or in short supply; shortage. <i>The growing scarcity of resources.</i>
scarcity of food	A small and inadequate amount.
<u>shortage</u>	A state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts. <i>Food shortages.</i>
shortfall	The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required. <i>They are facing an expected 10 billion shortfall in revenue.</i>
unavailability	The state of being unable to be used or obtained. <i>A change in policy due to the unavailability of land.</i>
undersupply	An insufficient stock or amount of something. <i>Soaring construction levels resulted in a global undersupply of steel.</i>
want	A lack or deficiency of something. <i>Freedom from want.</i>



Usage Examples of "Famine" as a noun

- *Drought resulted in famine throughout the region.*
- *The famine of 1921-2.*
- *The cotton famine of the 1860s.*



Associations of "Famine" (30 Words)

covet

Wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person).

*She **covets** her sister's house.*

crave

Ask for.

*I must **crave** your indulgence.*

craving

A powerful desire for something.

*A **craving** for chocolate.*

dearth

An acute insufficiency.

*There is a **dearth** of evidence.*

deficiency	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable. <i>A budget deficiency of 96 billion.</i>
deficit	(in sport) the amount or score by which a team or individual is losing. <i>The balance of payments is again in deficit.</i>
drought	A prolonged absence of a specified thing. <i>I asked for something to slake my drought.</i>
dry	Cause to become dry. <i>Cream conditioners for dry hair.</i>
dryness	Objectivity and detachment. <i>The dryness of his delivery.</i>
famish	Die of food deprivation. <i>They had famished the city into surrender.</i>
hanker	Feel a strong desire for or to do something. <i>She hankered to go back.</i>
hunger	Feel or suffer hunger. <i>They died from cold and hunger.</i>
inadequacy	Unsatisfactoriness by virtue of being inadequate. <i>Juvenile offenses often reflect an inadequacy in the parents.</i>
indigence	A state of extreme poverty; destitution. <i>Their indigence appalled him.</i>
insufficiency	The condition of being insufficient. <i>Insufficiency of adequate housing.</i>
lack	Be without. <i>She lacks in patience.</i>
need	Have or feel a need for. <i>The basic human need for food.</i>
needy	Needy people collectively. <i>Those from needy backgrounds.</i>
paucity	An insufficient quantity or number. <i>A paucity of information.</i>
prolonged	Relatively long in duration; tediously protracted. <i>The region suffered a prolonged drought.</i>
scarcity	The state of being scarce or in short supply; shortage. <i>A time of scarcity.</i>
shortage	The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required. <i>Food shortages.</i>

shortfall	The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required. <i>They are facing an expected 10 billion shortfall in revenue.</i>
slake	Combine (quicklime) with water to produce calcium hydroxide. <i>Restaurants worked to slake the Italian obsession with food.</i>
<u>starve</u>	Feel very hungry. <i>The political prisoners starved to death.</i>
thirst	Feel the need to drink. <i>An opponent thirsting for revenge.</i>
<u>unquenchable</u>	Impossible to quench. <i>His enthusiasm was unquenchable.</i>
want	Hunt or look for want for a particular reason. <i>Your former neighbor is wanted by the FBI.</i>
<u>yearn</u>	Have an intense feeling of longing for something, typically something that one has lost or been separated from. <i>No fellow spirit yearned towards her.</i>
yearning	Involving or expressing yearning. <i>A yearning hope.</i>

