

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)

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

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

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

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



