

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)

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| <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> |

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| 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. |
| shortage | 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.*

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| 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> |

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| 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> |

