

Need another word that means the same as “fester”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “fester” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Fester” are: matureate, suppurate, become septic, form pus, secrete pus, discharge, run, weep, ooze, rot, moulder, decay, decompose, putrefy, go bad, go off, perish, spoil, deteriorate, disintegrate, degrade, break down, break up, rankle, chafe, gnaw, gnaw at one's mind, eat away at one's mind, ferment, brew, smoulder, suppurating sore

Fester as a Noun

Definitions of "Fester" as a noun

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

- *A sore that has become inflamed and formed pus.*



Synonyms of "Fester" as a noun (1 Word)

suppurating sore An open skin infection.



Fester as a Verb

Definitions of "Fester" as a verb

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

- *(of a negative feeling or a problem) become worse or more intense, especially through long-term neglect or indifference.*

- Ripen and generate pus.
- (of a person) deteriorate physically and mentally in isolated inactivity.
- (of food or rubbish) become rotten and offensive to the senses.
- (of a wound or sore) become septic; suppurate.

Synonyms of "Fester" as a verb (31 Words)

become septic	Enhance the appearance of.
break down	Break down literally or metaphorically.
break up	Assign to a lower position; reduce in rank.
<u>brew</u>	Prepare by brewing. <i>There was more trouble brewing as the miners went on strike.</i>
<u>chafe</u>	Become or make sore by or as if by rubbing. <i>It chafed him to be confined like this.</i>
decay	Undergo decay or decomposition. <i>The unoccupied house started to decay.</i>
<u>decompose</u>	(with reference to a chemical compound) break down or cause to break down into component elements or simpler constituents. <i>In how many ways can one decompose a number as a sum of squares.</i>
degrade	Treat or regard (someone) with contempt or disrespect. <i>Vast areas of natural habitats have been degraded.</i>
deteriorate	Grow worse. <i>If the situation continues to deteriorate the consequences could be severe.</i>
discharge	Go off or discharge. <i>There was a dull thud as the gun discharged.</i>
<u>disintegrate</u>	Undergo or cause to undergo disintegration at a subatomic level. <i>The material disintegrated.</i>
eat away at one's mind	Cause to deteriorate due to the action of water, air, or an acid.
ferment	Of a substance undergo fermentation. <i>Her mind ferments.</i>
form pus	Establish or impress firmly in the mind.
gnaw	Bite at or nibble something persistently. <i>Watching a dog gnaw at a big bone.</i>
gnaw at one's mind	Bite or chew on with the teeth.

go bad	Be abolished or discarded.
go off	Blend or harmonize.
maturate	Grow old or older. <i>If you got a wound in that country it never healed but festered white and matured.</i>
moulder	Break down. <i>The books if any are ever printed will moulder in the warehouse.</i>
ooze	Release (a liquid) in drops or small quantities. <i>She oozes a raunchy sex appeal.</i>
perish	(of rubber, food, etc.) lose its normal qualities; rot or decay. <i>The children perished in the fire.</i>
putrefy	Become putrid; decay with an offensive smell. <i>The stench of putrefying corpses.</i>
rankle	(of a comment or fact) cause continuing annoyance or resentment. <i>Lisa was rankled by his assertion.</i>
rot	Become physically weaker. <i>The education system has been allowed to rot.</i>
run	Run with the ball in such sports as football. <i>He is running the Marathon this year.</i>
secrete pus	Generate and separate from cells or bodily fluids.
smoulder	Show or feel barely suppressed anger, hatred, or another powerful emotion. <i>Anna smouldered with indignation.</i>
spoil	Become unfit for consumption or use. <i>Breakfast in bed you re spoiling me.</i>
suppurate	Cause to ripen and discharge pus. <i>The oil suppurates the pustules.</i>
weep	Mourn for; shed tears over. <i>She rubbed the sore making it weep.</i>

Usage Examples of "Fester" as a verb

- *Her wounds are festering.*
- *Remand prisoners are left to fester in our jails while they wait for trial.*
- *I developed a tropical sore that festered badly.*
- *Below the surface, the old antagonisms festered.*
- *Piles of mouldy grey paper festered by the sink.*

Associations of "Fester" (30 Words)

bleed	An instance of bleeding. <i>The bleeding has stopped now.</i>
blighted	Affected by blight; anything that mars or prevents growth or prosperity. <i>A blighted rose.</i>
decay	Fall into decay or ruin. <i>He developed a detector for decays of carbon 14.</i>
<u>decompose</u>	(with reference to a dead body or other organic matter) make or become rotten; decay or cause to decay. <i>The bodies decomposed in the heat.</i>
decomposition	Separation of a substance into two or more substances that may differ from each other and from the original substance. <i>The decomposition of organic waste.</i>
degeneracy	Moral perversion; impairment of virtue and moral principles. <i>A slide into moral degeneracy.</i>
degenerate	Lacking some usual or expected property or quality. <i>Get out of my house you degenerate.</i>
deteriorate	Become progressively worse. <i>His mind deteriorated.</i>
dyspepsia	A disorder of digestive function characterized by discomfort or heartburn or nausea.
entrails	The innermost parts of something. <i>A priest would find omens in the steaming entrails of a sacrificed animal.</i>
gastritis	Inflammation of the lining of the stomach; nausea and loss of appetite and discomfort after eating.
hemophilia	Congenital tendency to uncontrolled bleeding; usually affects males and is transmitted from mother to son.
hemostatic	Tending to check bleeding by contracting the tissues or blood vessels.
henchman	A faithful follower or political supporter, especially one prepared to engage in crime or violence by way of service. <i>The dictator's henchman.</i>
indigestion	A disorder of digestive function characterized by discomfort or heartburn or nausea. <i>You know crisps give me indigestion.</i>
killjoy	Someone who spoils the pleasure of others. <i>A few killjoys try to reform the seasonal activities.</i>

lesion	A region in an organ or tissue which has suffered damage through injury or disease, such as a wound, ulcer, abscess, or tumour.
molder	Break down.
offal	The entrails and internal organs of an animal used as food. <i>Beef offal.</i>
putrefaction	The process of decay or rotting in a body or other organic matter. <i>Rome had fallen into moral putrefaction.</i>
putrefy	(of a body or other organic matter) decay or rot and produce a fetid smell. <i>The stench of putrefying corpses.</i>
putrid	Of or relating to or attended by putrefaction. <i>The putrid atmosphere of the court.</i>
reflux	(of a fluid) flow backwards through a vessel or valve in the body. <i>The liquid is allowed to reflux until the thermometer records the lowest temperature possible.</i>
rot	Liver rot in sheep. <i>The chalets were neglected and their woodwork was rotting away.</i>
sore	A raw or painful place on the body. <i>All of us had sores and infections on our hands.</i>
spoil	The act of spoiling something by causing damage to it. <i>To the victor belong the spoils of the enemy.</i>
spoilsport	A person who behaves in a way that spoils others' pleasure, especially by not joining in an activity. <i>Don't be a spoilsport Sidney.</i>
ulcer	A moral blemish or corrupting influence. <i>He's a conman with an incurable ulcer called gambling.</i>
wilt	Any of a number of fungal or bacterial diseases of plants characterized by wilting of the foliage. <i>These varieties are more resistant to aphids and wilt.</i>
wound	Inflict a wound on. <i>You really wounded his pride when you turned him down.</i>