

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)

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



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

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

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