

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

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The synonyms of “Flounder” are: stagger, struggle, thrash, thresh, flail, toss and turn, twist and turn, pitch, splash, stumble, falter, lurch, blunder, fumble, grope, squirm, writhe, struggle mentally, be out of one's depth, be in the dark, have difficulty, be confounded, be confused, be dumbfounded, struggle financially, be in dire straits, face financial ruin, be in difficulties, face bankruptcy, face insolvency

Flounder as a Verb

Definitions of "Flounder" as a verb

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

- *Struggle or stagger clumsily in mud or water.*
- *Walk with great difficulty.*
- *Behave awkwardly; have difficulties.*
- *Struggle mentally; show or feel great confusion.*
- *Be in serious difficulty.*



Synonyms of "Flounder" as a verb (30 Words)

be confounded	Have an existence, be extant.
be confused	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
be dumbfounded	Happen, occur, take place.
be in difficulties	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
be in dire straits	Have an existence, be extant.
be in the dark	Represent, as of a character on stage.
be out of one's depth	Have an existence, be extant.
blunder	Make one's way clumsily or blindly. <i>He blundered his stupid ideas.</i>
face bankruptcy	Oppose, as in hostility or a competition.
face financial ruin	Turn so as to face; turn the face in a certain direction.

face insolvency	Turn so as to expose the face.
falter	Move unsteadily or hesitantly. <i>He faltered and finally stopped in mid stride.</i>
flail	Move like a flail thresh about. <i>Her arms were flailing.</i>
fumble	Do or handle something clumsily. <i>He fumbled about in the dark but could not find her.</i>
have difficulty	Be confronted with.
<u>lurch</u>	Defeat by a lurch. <i>He was lurching from one crisis to the next.</i>
<u>pitch</u>	Set to a certain pitch. <i>He pitched his voice very low.</i>
splash	Make a splashing sound. <i>A field splashed with purple clover.</i>
<u>squirm</u>	To move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling). <i>He looked uncomfortable and squirmed in his chair.</i>
stagger	Waver in purpose; hesitate. <i>The drunken man staggered into the room.</i>
struggle	Make a strenuous or labored effort. <i>Many families on income support have to struggle to make ends meet.</i>
struggle financially	Be engaged in a fight; carry on a fight.
struggle mentally	Climb awkwardly, as if by scrambling.
stumble	Trip or momentarily lose one's balance; almost fall. <i>His legs still weak he stumbled after them.</i>
<u>thrash</u>	Give a thrashing to beat hard. <i>The wind screeched and the mast thrashed the deck.</i>
thresh	Move like a flail thresh about. <i>Machinery that can reap and thresh corn in the same process.</i>
toss and turn	Agitate.
twist and turn	Turn in the opposite direction.
<u>writhe</u>	Make twisting, squirming movements or contortions of the body. <i>The prisoner writhed in discomfort.</i>



Usage Examples of "Flounder" as a verb

- *Many firms are floundering.*
- *She floundered, not knowing quite what to say.*
- *She is floundering in college.*
- *He was floundering about in the shallow offshore waters.*



Associations of "Flounder" (30 Words)

cannery	A factory where food is canned.
<u>carp</u>	The lean flesh of a fish that is often farmed; can be baked or braised.
cetacean	Relating to or denoting cetaceans.
crab	The flesh of a crab as food. <i>George crabbed the plane into the wind.</i>
dolphin	A bollard, pile, or buoy for mooring boats.
eel	The fatty flesh of eel an elongate fish found in fresh water in Europe and America large eels are usually smoked or pickled.
fish	Catch or try to catch fish or shellfish. <i>After the scare about foot and mouth disease a lot of people started eating fish instead of meat.</i>

fishery	A place where fish are reared for commercial purposes.
fishing	The activity of catching fish, either for food or as a sport. <i>Fishing boats.</i>
herring	A fairly small silvery fish which is most abundant in coastal waters and is of widespread commercial importance.
krill	Shrimp-like planktonic crustaceans; major source of food for e.g. baleen whales.
lamprey	Primitive eellike freshwater or anadromous cyclostome having round sucking mouth with a rasping tongue.
lobster	Flesh of a lobster. <i>A heavily built man with a lobster nose.</i>
mackerel	Any of various fishes of the family Scombridae.
maritime	Bordering on the sea. <i>A maritime museum.</i>
minnow	An artificial lure imitating a minnow. <i>The paper is a minnow in the national newspaper mass market.</i>
octopus	Tentacles of octopus prepared as food.
phytoplankton	Plankton consisting of microscopic plants.
piscine	Of or relating to fish.
roach	A cockroach.
roe	The egg mass or spawn of certain crustaceans such as the lobster. <i>Lumpfish roe is most like caviar.</i>
roll	Move along or from side to side unsteadily or uncontrollably. <i>He rolled the handkerchief into a ball.</i>
salmon	The flesh of the salmon as food. <i>Cotton checked throw in cream and salmon pink.</i>
sardine	Pack closely together. <i>We sardined our dismantled bikes into the boot.</i>
scad	Any of a number of fishes of the family Carangidae.
seine	Fish an area with a seine. <i>They seine whitefish and salmon.</i>
squid	Italian cuisine squid prepared as food. <i>Fried squid in pumpkin sauce.</i>
trout	Any of various game and food fishes of cool fresh waters mostly smaller than typical salmons.
tuna	The flesh of the tuna as food.

wallow

A depression containing mud or shallow water formed by the wallowing of large mammals.

Wallow in your success.

