

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)

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

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

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

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

