

Need another word that means the same as “harden”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “harden” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Harden” are: temper, season, indurate, inure, solidify, set, become hard, become solid, congeal, clot, coagulate, stiffen, thicken, cake, freeze, bake, crystallize, toughen, desensitize, make insensitive, make tough, make unfeeling, harden someone's heart

Harden as a Verb

Definitions of "Harden" as a verb

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

- *Make hard or harder.*
- *(of prices of shares, commodities, etc.) rise and remain steady at a higher level.*
- *Harden by reheating and cooling in oil.*
- *Make fit.*
- *Make or become hard or harder.*
- *Make or become tougher and more clearly defined.*
- *Become hard or harder.*
- *Cause to accept or become hardened to; habituate.*
- *Make or become more severe and less sympathetic.*



Synonyms of "Harden" as a verb (23 Words)

bake	Be or become extremely hot in prolonged sun or hot weather. <i>Bake a cake.</i>
become hard	Come into existence.
become solid	Enhance the appearance of.
cake	Form a coat over. <i>The blood under his nose was beginning to cake.</i>
clot	Form or cause to form clots. <i>Blood clots.</i>
coagulate	Cause (a fluid) to change to a solid or semi-solid state. <i>Adrenaline coagulates the blood.</i>
<u>congeal</u>	Become semi-solid, especially on cooling. <i>The blood had congealed into blobs.</i>

crystallize	Assume crystalline form become crystallized. <i>No deduction is given for contingent liabilities until they crystallize.</i>
desensitize	Cause not to be sensitive. <i>Creams to desensitize the skin at the site of the injection.</i>
freeze	Stop a process or a habit by imposing a freeze on it. <i>This soup freezes well.</i>
harden someone's heart	Cause to accept or become hardened to; habituate.
indurate	Cause to accept or become hardened to; habituate. <i>Indurated customs.</i>
inure	Cause to accept or become hardened to; habituate. <i>These children have been inured to violence.</i>
make insensitive	Favor the development of.
make tough	Compel or make somebody or something to act in a certain way.
make unfeeling	To compose or represent.
season	Add a quality or feature to (something), especially so as to make it more lively or exciting. <i>I collect and season most of my wood.</i>
set	Set to a certain position or cause to operate correctly. <i>Once fruits have set feed weekly with a high potash liquid tomato fertilizer.</i>
solidify	Make solid or more solid cause to solidify. <i>Social and political pressures helped to solidify national identities.</i>
stiffen	Restrict. <i>He stiffened his knees in an effort to prevent them trembling.</i>
temper	Make more temperate acceptable or suitable by adding something else. <i>For a shiny sheen to the chocolate coating I recommend tempering the chocolate first.</i>
thicken	Become thick or thicker. <i>The fog had thickened.</i>
toughen	Make tough or tougher. <i>He tried to toughen his son up by sending him to public school.</i>



Usage Examples of "Harden" as a verb

- *She hardened her heart.*
- *Wait for the glue to harden.*
- *As oil prices hardened from their recent lows, the US dollar fell.*
- *The wax hardened.*
- *Suspicion hardened into certainty.*
- *The cold hardened the butter.*
- *This served only to harden the resolve of the island nations.*
- *Brick is made of moist clay hardened by heat.*



Associations of "Harden" (30 Words)

- bond** Join or be joined by a chemical bond.
*The grandparents want to **bond** with the child.*
- brace** Support or hold steady and make steadfast with or as if with a brace.
*He stood with legs **braced**.*
- calcareous** Composed of or containing or resembling calcium carbonate or calcite or chalk.
***Calcareous** soils.*
- calcify** Turn into lime; become calcified.
*These elements would **calcify** as rock.*
- cement** Fix with cement.
*Wooden posts were **cemented** into the ground.*

constrain	Compel or force (someone) to follow a particular course of action. <i>Duty constrains one to act often contrary to one's desires or inclinations.</i>
<u>deepen</u>	Become deeper in tone. <i>Her voice deepened when she whispered the password.</i>
enhance	Make better or more attractive. <i>This sauce will enhance the flavor of the meat.</i>
<u>escalate</u>	Increase in extent or intensity. <i>The disturbance escalated into a full scale riot.</i>
exacerbate	Make worse. <i>The strong pound has exacerbated the situation by making it much harder for UK companies to compete on price.</i>
<u>fortify</u>	Add nutrients to. <i>The girl was fortified by her religious faith.</i>
heighten	Increase. <i>Heightened interest.</i>
inflexible	Resistant to being bent. <i>Once she had made up her mind she was inflexible.</i>
intensification	Action that makes something stronger or more extreme. <i>The intensification of agriculture.</i>
<u>intensify</u>	Increase the opacity of (a negative) using a chemical. <i>The dispute began to intensify.</i>
intension	Resolution or determination.
lava	Rock that in its molten form as magma issues from volcanos lava is what magma is called when it reaches the surface. <i>Tablelands of lava.</i>
osseous	Consisting of or turned into bone; ossified. <i>Osseous tissue.</i>
ossified	Set in a rigidly conventional pattern of behavior, habits, or beliefs. <i>Ossified business practices.</i>
ossify	Turn into bone or bony tissue. <i>These tracheal cartilages may ossify.</i>
<u>reinforce</u>	Strengthen (an existing feeling, idea, or habit). <i>The helmet has been reinforced with a double layer of cork.</i>
<u>reinforcement</u>	The strengthening structure or material employed in reinforced concrete or plastic. <i>A small force would hold the position until reinforcements could be sent.</i>

resistant	Offering resistance to something or someone. <i>A water resistant adhesive.</i>
steel	Knife sharpener consisting of a ridged steel rod. <i>She steeled herself to remain calm.</i>
stiffen	Make stiff or stiffer. <i>He stiffened his knees in an effort to prevent them trembling.</i>
strength	The potency or degree of concentration of a drug, chemical, or drink. <i>They were taking no chances with the strength of the retaining wall.</i>
strengthen	Give a healthy elasticity to. <i>This exercise will strengthen your upper body.</i>
strong	Strong and sure. <i>The competition was too strong.</i>
tighten	Make tight or tighter. <i>Tighten the rules.</i>
toughen	Make tough or tougher. <i>He tried to toughen his son up by sending him to public school.</i>

