

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)

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

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

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



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

