

Need another word that means the same as "hug"? Find 40 synonyms and 30 related words for "hug" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Hug" are: bosom, embrace, squeeze, cuddle, clasp, clutch, cling to, hold someone close, hold someone tight, take someone in one's arms, clasp someone to one's bosom, press someone to one's bosom, cradle, fold, enfold, envelop, hold tight, hold in one's arms, keep close to, stay near to, follow closely, follow the course of, hold on to, cherish, harbour, nurture, nurse, foster, retain, maintain, keep in one's mind, clinch, bear hug, hold, caress

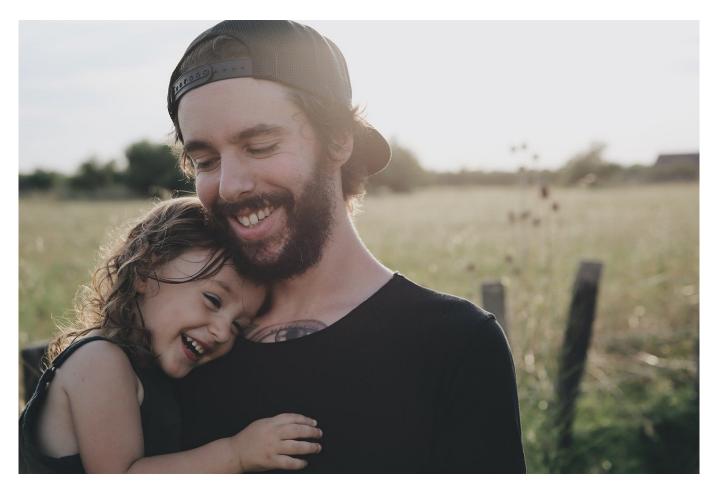
#### Hug as a Noun

#### Definitions of "Hug" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "hug" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A squeezing grip in wrestling.
- A tight or amorous embrace.
- An act of holding someone tightly in one's arms, typically to express affection.





#### Synonyms of "Hug" as a noun (9 Words)

**bear hug** An investor with a pessimistic market outlook; an investor who expects prices to fall and so sells now in order to buy later at a lower price.

A gentle or loving touch.

Caress
He showered her with caresses.

**clasp** A grasp or handshake. He released his **clasp** on my arm.

(boxing) the act of one boxer holding onto the other to avoid being hit and to rest

**clinch** momentarily.

Breaking from a **clinch** he crossed with his right.

**clutch** The pedal operating the clutch in a vehicle.

She made a **clutch** at his body.

**cuddle** A prolonged and affectionate hug. He just wanted a comforting kiss and a **cuddle**.



**embrace** An act of accepting something willingly or enthusiastically.

His willing **embrace** of new ideas.

**hold** A stronghold.

Tom had some kind of **hold** over his father.

A twisting squeeze.

It was a tight **squeeze** in the tiny hall.



# Usage Examples of "Hug" as a noun

- Come here and give me a big hug.
- There were hugs and tears as they were reunited.





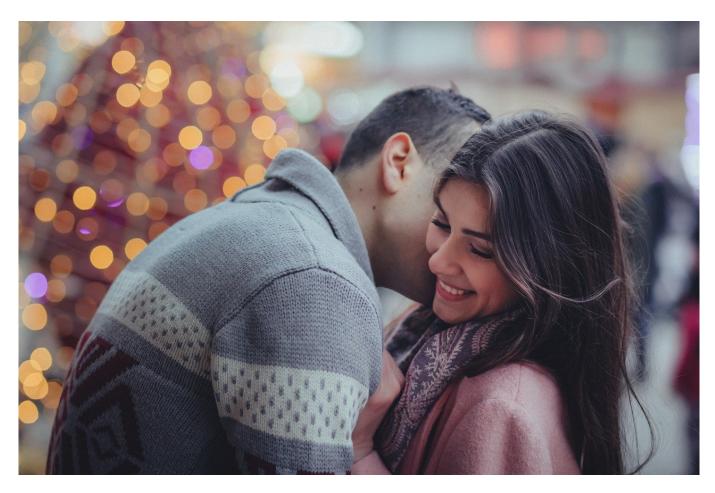
## Hug as a Verb

### Definitions of "Hug" as a verb

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "hug" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- Hold (something) closely or tightly round or against part of one's body.
- Squeeze (someone) tightly in your arms, usually with fondness.
- Fit closely or tightly.
- Cherish or cling to (something such as a belief.
- Squeeze (someone) tightly in one's arms, typically to express affection.
- Congratulate or be pleased with oneself.
- Fit tightly round.
- Keep close to.
- Hold (someone) tightly in your arms, usually with fondness.





### Synonyms of "Hug" as a verb (31 Words)

cherish

Protect and care for (someone) lovingly.

He needed a woman he sould charish

He needed a woman he could **cherish**.

clasp Grasp (something) tightly with one's hand.

He **clasp**ed Joanne in his arms.

clasp someone to one's

bosom

Fasten with a buckle or buckles.

**cling to**To remain emotionally or intellectually attached.

clutch Affect.

He stood **clutch**ing a microphone.

cradle Place a phone receiver in its cradle.

She **cradle**d the receiver gently.

cuddle Ingratiate oneself with.

He cuddles the baby close.



embrace Squeeze (someone) tightly in your arms, usually with fondness.

They **embrace**d.

enfold Enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering.

He shut off the engine and silence **enfold**ed them.

**envelop** Enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering.

Fog **envelop**ed the house.

Become folded up.

A bag was **fold**ed around the book.

**follow closely** Adhere to or practice.

**follow the course of** Act in accordance with someone's rules, commands, or wishes.

Bring up under fosterage of children.

A person who would **foster** Holly was found.

Of a ship or its crew moor in a harbour.

**harbour** The water can become stagnant **harbour**ing bacteria and other

microorganisms.

**hold in one's arms** Be the physical support of; carry the weight of.

**hold on to** Remain in a certain state, position, or condition.

**hold someone close** Declare to be.

**hold someone tight** Resist or confront with resistance.

**hold tight** Drink alcohol without showing ill effects.

**keep close to** Raise.

**keep in one's mind** Behave as expected during of holidays or rites.

maintain Maintain by writing regular records.

The king swears he will **maintain** the laws of God.

Serve as a nurse care for sick or handicapped people.

nurse

He nursed his hurt pride.

Bring up.

**nurture**For a long time she had **nurture**d the dream of buying a shop.

press someone to one's

bosom

Create by pressing.

retain Absorb and continue to hold (a substance.

Limestone is known to **retain** water.

**squeeze** Squeeze or press together.

She **squeeze**d the bottle.

**stay near to** Remain behind.



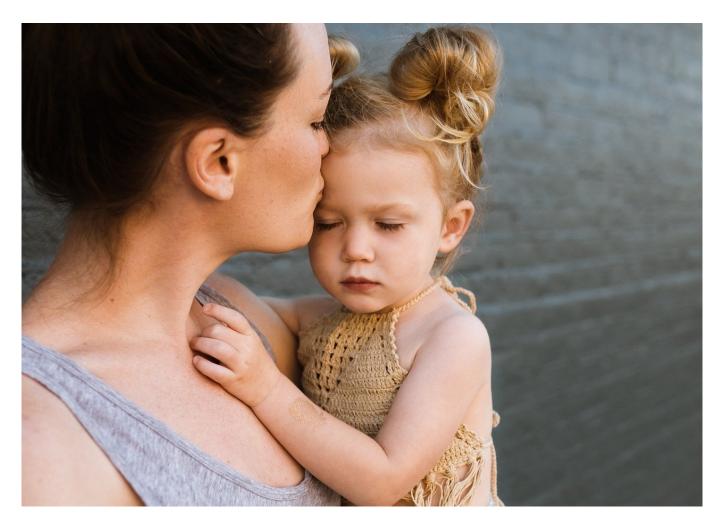
# **take someone in one's** Require as useful, just, or proper.



#### Usage Examples of "Hug" as a verb

- He hugged her close to him.
- $\bullet \ \textit{She hugged herself with secret joy.}\\$
- He hugged her close to him.
- I headed north, hugging the coastline all the way.
- ullet A pair of jeans that hugged the contours of his body.
- We hugged and kissed.
- Left-winger Stewart hugged the touchline.
- People kissed and hugged each other.
- A boy hugging a secret.
- He hugged his knees to his chest.
- The dress hugged her hips.
- The car hugs the road, cornering neatly.





# Associations of "Hug" (30 Words)

Lovable especially in a childlike or naive way.

I have four **adorable** Siamese cats.

Love intensely.

adore

He adored his mother.

alluring Highly attractive and able to arouse hope or desire.

An **alluring** prospect.

**charm** Induce into action by using one s charm.

A good luck **charm**.

Possessing or using or characteristic of or appropriate to supernatural

**charming** powers- Shakespeare.

A charming little cottage.



**cherubic** Having the innocence or plump prettiness of a young child.

A cherubic face.

(physics) something joined by two equal and opposite forces that act along

**couple** parallel lines.

A **couple** of girls were playing marbles.

Denoting a toy, especially a model of an animal, that is padded or spongy

**cuddly** and covered in soft fabric.

A **cuddly** teddybear.

cute Obviously contrived to charm.

Ryan s cute but he s kinda young.

dear A sweet or endearing person.

A **dear** friend.

A small platform on wheels used for holding heavy objects, typically film or

**dolly** television cameras.

He fumbled a **dolly** at slip.

**dote** Be foolish or senile due to old age.

Having an older brother who **dote**s you a lot is the best thing ever.

embrace Hold (someone) tightly in your arms, usually with fondness.

Aunt Sophie **embrace**d her warmly.

**embracement** The act of clasping another person in the arms (as in greeting or affection.

eros (Greek mythology) god of love; son of Aphrodite; identified with Roman

Cupid.

fond Having or displaying warmth or affection.

He was not too **fond** of dancing.

fondly With affection or liking.

They **fondly** believed the cheers were for them.

**glamorize** Make glamorous and attractive.

The lyrics **glamorize** drugs.

**gorgeous** Very pleasant or enjoyable.

The weather was **gorgeous**.

idolize Admire, revere, or love greatly or excessively.

Many teenagers **idolize**d the Beatles.

**kiss** A touch or caress with the lips.

The newly married couple **kiss**ed.

**kitten** Give birth to kittens.

Our cat **kitten**ed again this year.



lovable Inspiring or deserving love or affection.

A naughty but lovable child.

A person or thing that one loves.

**love** There were four memorial pages set up by her friends in honour of Phoebe

saying how much they loved and missed her.

lovely An attractive woman.

Don t worry my **lovely**.

married A person who is married.

Married life.

Indulge with every attention, comfort, and kindness; spoil.

Famous people just love being **pamper**ed.

smile Express with a smile.

He **smile**d his admiration of the great stone circle.

whisper

A soft or confidential tone of voice a whispered word or phrase.

She spoke in a whisper.

