

Need another word that means the same as “hum”? Find 46 synonyms and 30 related words for “hum” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Hum” are: thrum, buzz, seethe, purr, whir, throb, vibrate, murmur, drone, sing, croon, be busy, be active, be lively, bustle, be bustling, be a hive of activity, pulsate, pulse, smell, stink, stink to high heaven, reek, have a bad smell, be malodorous, al faran, harkat-ul-mujahidin, harkat ul-ansar, harkat ul-mujahedeen, hua, movement of holy warriors, humming, busyness, murmuring, droning, vibration, buzzing, whirring, throbbing

Hum as a Noun

Definitions of "Hum" as a noun

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

- *An unwanted low-frequency noise in an amplifier caused by variation of electric current, especially the alternating frequency of the mains.*
- *The state of being or appearing to be actively engaged in an activity.*
- *A humming noise.*
- *An Islamic fundamentalist group in Pakistan that fought the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s; now operates as a terrorist organization primarily in Kashmir and seeks Kashmir's accession by Pakistan.*
- *A low, steady continuous sound.*



Synonyms of "Hum" as a noun (21 Words)

al faran

An Islamic fundamentalist group in Pakistan that fought the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s; now operates as a terrorist organization primarily in Kashmir and seeks Kashmir's accession by Pakistan.

busyness

The quality of being full of activity.
*They manifested all the **busyness** of a pack of beavers.*

buzz

The sound of a buzzer or telephone.
*A **buzz** of conversation.*

buzzing

Sound of rapid vibration.
*I remember **buzzing** in my ears.*

drone

A musical instrument or part of one sounding a continuous note of low pitch in particular also drone pipe a pipe in a bagpipe or also drone string a string in an instrument such as a hurdy gurdy or a sitar.
*A photographer used a **drone** to take some unconventional photos of the countryside.*

droning	A pipe of the bagpipe that is tuned to produce a single continuous tone.
hakat ul-ansar	An Islamic fundamentalist group in Pakistan that fought the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s; now operates as a terrorist organization primarily in Kashmir and seeks Kashmir's accession by Pakistan.
hakat ul-mujahdeen	An Islamic fundamentalist group in Pakistan that fought the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s; now operates as a terrorist organization primarily in Kashmir and seeks Kashmir's accession by Pakistan.
hakat-ul-mujahidin	An Islamic fundamentalist group in Pakistan that fought the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s; now operates as a terrorist organization primarily in Kashmir and seeks Kashmir's accession by Pakistan.
hua	An Islamic fundamentalist group in Pakistan that fought the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s; now operates as a terrorist organization primarily in Kashmir and seeks Kashmir's accession by Pakistan.
humming	A humming noise.
movement of holy warriors	A general tendency to change (as of opinion.
<u>murmur</u>	An abnormal sound of the heart; sometimes a sign of abnormal function of the heart valves. <i>A quiet murmur of thanks.</i>
murmuring	A complaint uttered in a low and indistinct tone. <i>Murmurings of discontent from the fans.</i>
purr	A purring sound. <i>With a soft purr the car headed out on to the road.</i>
<u>throb</u>	A deep pulsating type of pain. <i>He felt a throbbing in his head.</i>
throbbing	A deep pulsating type of pain. <i>The throbbing of the engines.</i>
thrum	A thrumming sound. <i>He could hear the thrum of a banjo.</i>
<u>vibration</u>	The act of vibrating. <i>I picked up no unusual vibrations as to the envelope's contents.</i>

whir

A whirring sound.
*The **whir** of the projector.*

whirring

Sound of something in rapid motion.



Usage Examples of "Hum" as a noun

- *There is a constant hum of military preparation.*
- *The hum of distant traffic.*
- *A low hum of conversation.*
- *The hum of insects.*



Hum as a Verb

Definitions of "Hum" as a verb

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

- *Be in a state of great activity.*
- *Smell unpleasant.*
- *(of a place) be filled with a low, steady continuous sound.*
- *Sing with closed lips.*
- *Make a low, steady continuous sound like that of a bee.*
- *Be noisy with activity.*

- *Sound with a monotonous hum.*
- *Make a low continuous sound.*



Synonyms of "Hum" as a verb (25 Words)

be a hive of activity	Form or compose.
be active	Form or compose.
be bustling	Be priced at.
be busy	Spend or use time.
be lively	Spend or use time.
be malodorous	Occupy a certain position or area.
bustle	(of a place) be full of activity. <i>The cheerleaders bustled about excitingly before their performance.</i>

buzz

Call with a buzzer.
*He **buzzed** the servant.*

croon

Sing softly.
*Goodbye you lovely darling she **crooned**.*

drone

Speak tediously in a dull monotonous tone.
*He reached for another beer while Jim **droned** on.*

have a bad smell

Have sex with; archaic use.

murmur

Make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath.
*Now they do not simply **murmur** against him they quarrel noisily with him.*

pulsate

Move with or as if with a regular alternating motion.
*Blood vessels throb and **pulsate**.*

pulse

Modulate a wave or beam so that it becomes a series of pulses.
*A knot of muscles at the side of his jaw **pulsed**.*

purr

Indicate pleasure by purring characteristic of cats.
*A sleek blue BMW **purred** past him.*

reek

Smell badly and offensively.
*The speeches **reeked** of anti Semitism.*

seethe

Foam as if boiling.
*The grey ocean **seethed**.*

sing

Sing in accompaniment to a song or piece of music.
*The nightingale was **singing**.*

smell

Smell bad.
*This passage **smells** of plagiarism.*

stink

Be very unpleasant, contemptible, or scandalous.
*He thinks the values of our society **stink**.*

stink to high heaven Smell badly and offensively.

throb

Beat or sound with a strong, regular rhythm; pulsate steadily.
*The war drums **throbbed**.*

thrum

Make a continuous rhythmic humming sound.
*Blind men **thrum** and hum in the soft air.*

vibrate

Feel sudden intense sensation or emotion.
*The cabin started to **vibrate**.*

whir

(of something rapidly rotating or moving to and fro) make a low, continuous, regular sound.
*The ceiling fans **whirred** in the smoky air.*



Usage Examples of "Hum" as a verb

- *The computers hummed.*
- *When the wind drops this stuff really hums.*
- *The refrigerator is humming.*
- *The room hummed with an expectant murmur.*
- *He hummed softly to himself.*
- *The house was humming with preparations for the dance.*
- *She was humming a cheerful tune.*
- *She hummed a melody.*



Associations of "Hum" (30 Words)

alto	A person with an alto voice. <i>Alto clarinet or recorder.</i>
<u>anthem</u>	A song of praise (to God or to a saint or to a nation). <i>The song became the anthem for hippy activists.</i>
aria	An elaborate song for solo voice.
<u>buzz</u>	Call with a buzzer. <i>He buzzed the stewardesses every five minutes.</i>
cantata	A medium-length narrative piece of music for voices with instrumental accompaniment, typically with solos, chorus, and orchestra.
<u>choir</u>	Sing in a choir. <i>His famous Spem in alium for eight five part choirs.</i>
choral	A stately Protestant (especially Lutheran) hymn tune. <i>A choral scholar.</i>

<u>chorus</u>	A section of text spoken by the chorus in drama. <i>The orchestra lacked polish and the chorus were inclined to rush ahead regardless.</i>
<u>concert</u>	Arrange (something) by mutual agreement or coordination. <i>They found direct evidence of concert of action.</i>
contralto	A woman singer having a contralto voice. <i>She sang in a high contralto.</i>
croon	Say in a soft, low voice. <i>The female vocalist crooned smoky blues into the microphone.</i>
descant	Sing in descant. <i>I hear the wood thrush piping one mellow descant more.</i>
<u>ensemble</u>	The coordination between performers executing an ensemble passage. <i>Cherubini's numbers with solos and ensembles intermingled have a freedom and originality.</i>
euphony	The quality of being pleasing to the ear. <i>The poet put euphony before mere factuality.</i>
hymn	Praise by singing a hymn. <i>The joys of domesticity were being hymned in magazines.</i>
lullaby	A quiet song intended to lull a child to sleep. <i>She lullabied us, she fed us.</i>
madrigal	Sing madrigals. <i>The group was madrigaling beautifully.</i>
<u>melody</u>	A sequence of single notes that is musically satisfying; a tune. <i>Her great gift was for melody.</i>
music	The score or scores of a musical composition or compositions. <i>The background music of softly lapping water.</i>
orchestra	The part of a theatre where the orchestra plays typically in front of the stage and on a lower level.
philharmonic	Composing or characteristic of an orchestral group. <i>The most philharmonic ear is at times deeply affected by a simple air.</i>
rehearsal	A practice or trial performance of a play or other work for later public performance. <i>He missed too many rehearsals.</i>
<u>sing</u>	An act or spell of singing. <i>The kettle was singing.</i>

singing	The act of singing vocal music. <i>The cries of laughter from children are a pleasant counterpoint to the singing of blackbirds.</i>
soloist	A musician or singer who performs a solo. <i>He appears as a concerto soloist with all the great British orchestras.</i>
song	A musical composition suggestive of a song. <i>The wheels sang their song as the train rocketed ahead.</i>
soprano	A female or boy singer with a soprano voice. <i>A good soprano voice.</i>
<u>symphony</u>	A long and complex sonata for symphony orchestra. <i>We heard the Vienna symphony.</i>
<u>tune</u>	Adjust the pitches of (musical instruments). <i>The clarinet was out of tune.</i>
<u>whistle</u>	The act of signalling e g summoning by whistling or blowing a whistle. <i>She whistled for her maid.</i>

