

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.*

<b>droning</b>	A pipe of the bagpipe that is tuned to produce a single continuous tone.
<b>harkat ul-ansar</b>	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.
<b>harkat ul-mujahedeen</b>	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.
<b>harkat-ul-mujahidin</b>	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.
<b>hua</b>	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.
<b>humming</b>	A humming noise.
<b>movement of holy warriors</b>	A general tendency to change (as of opinion).
<b><u>murmur</u></b>	An abnormal sound of the heart; sometimes a sign of abnormal function of the heart valves. <i>A quiet <b>murmur</b> of thanks.</i>
<b>murmuring</b>	A complaint uttered in a low and indistinct tone. <i><b>Murmurings</b> of discontent from the fans.</i>
<b>purr</b>	A purring sound. <i>With a soft <b>purr</b> the car headed out on to the road.</i>
<b><u>throb</u></b>	A deep pulsating type of pain. <i>He felt a <b>throbbing</b> in his head.</i>
<b>throbbing</b>	A deep pulsating type of pain. <i>The <b>throbbing</b> of the engines.</i>
<b>thrum</b>	A thrumming sound. <i>He could hear the <b>thrum</b> of a banjo.</i>
<b><u>vibration</u></b>	The act of vibrating. <i>I picked up no unusual <b>vibrations</b> 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)

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

<b><u>buzz</u></b>	Call with a buzzer. <i>He <b>buzzed</b> the servant.</i>
<b>croon</b>	Sing softly. <i>Goodbye you lovely darling she <b>crooned</b>.</i>
<b>drone</b>	Speak tediously in a dull monotonous tone. <i>He reached for another beer while Jim <b>droned</b> on.</i>
<b>have a bad smell</b>	Have sex with; archaic use.
<b><u>murmur</u></b>	Make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath. <i>Now they do not simply <b>murmur</b> against him they quarrel noisily with him.</i>
<b>pulsate</b>	Move with or as if with a regular alternating motion. <i>Blood vessels throb and <b>pulsate</b>.</i>
<b><u>pulse</u></b>	Modulate a wave or beam so that it becomes a series of pulses. <i>A knot of muscles at the side of his jaw <b>pulsed</b>.</i>
<b>purr</b>	Indicate pleasure by purring characteristic of cats. <i>A sleek blue BMW <b>purred</b> past him.</i>
<b>reek</b>	Smell badly and offensively. <i>The speeches <b>reeked</b> of anti Semitism.</i>
<b>seethe</b>	Foam as if boiling. <i>The grey ocean <b>seethed</b>.</i>
<b><u>sing</u></b>	Sing in accompaniment to a song or piece of music. <i>The nightingale was <b>singing</b>.</i>
<b>smell</b>	Smell bad. <i>This passage <b>smells</b> of plagiarism.</i>
<b>stink</b>	Be very unpleasant, contemptible, or scandalous. <i>He thinks the values of our society <b>stink</b>.</i>
<b>stink to high heaven</b>	Smell badly and offensively.
<b><u>throb</u></b>	Beat or sound with a strong, regular rhythm; pulsate steadily. <i>The war drums <b>throbbled</b>.</i>
<b>thrum</b>	Make a continuous rhythmic humming sound. <i>Blind men <b>thrum</b> and hum in the soft air.</i>
<b><u>vibrate</u></b>	Feel sudden intense sensation or emotion. <i>The cabin started to <b>vibrate</b>.</i>
<b>whir</b>	(of something rapidly rotating or moving to and fro) make a low, continuous, regular sound. <i>The ceiling fans <b>whirred</b> in the smoky air.</i>



## 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)

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

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

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

