

Need another word that means the same as “hunger”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “hunger” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Hunger” are: hungriness, thirst, thirstiness, lack of food, need for food, ravenousness, emptiness, desire, craving, longing, yearning, pining, hankering, appetite, lust, ache, want, need, crave, starve, famish, have a craving for**

## Hunger as a Noun

### Definitions of "Hunger" as a noun

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

- *A feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food, coupled with the desire to eat.*
- *A severe lack of food.*
- *Strong desire for something (not food or drink).*
- *A physiological need for food; the consequence of food deprivation.*
- *A strong desire or craving.*



## Synonyms of "Hunger" as a noun (18 Words)

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| <b><u>ache</u></b>      | A continuous or prolonged dull pain in a part of one's body.<br><i>The <b>ache</b> in her head worsened.</i> |
| <b>appetite</b>         | A natural desire to satisfy a bodily need, especially for food.<br><i>He has a healthy <b>appetite</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>craving</u></b>   | An intense desire for some particular thing.<br><i>A <b>craving</b> for chocolate.</i>                       |
| <b>desire</b>           | Something that is desired.<br><i>A man of many <b>desires</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>emptiness</u></b> | Having an empty stomach.<br><i>The <b>emptiness</b> of outer space.</i>                                      |
| <b>hankering</b>        | A yearning for something or to do something.<br><i>A <b>hankering</b> for family life.</i>                   |
| <b>hungriness</b>       | A physiological need for food; the consequence of food deprivation.  |

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| <b>lack of food</b>  | The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.  |
| <b>longing</b>       | A yearning desire.<br><i>Miranda felt a wistful <b>longing</b> for the old days.</i>                                       |
| <b>need</b>          | The state of requiring help, or of lacking basic necessities such as food.<br><i>Help us in our hour of <b>need</b>.</i>   |
| <b>need for food</b> | Anything that is necessary but lacking.  |
| <b>pinning</b>       | Straight-grained durable and often resinous white to yellowish timber of any of numerous trees of the genus Pinus.         |
| <b>ravenousness</b>  | Excessive desire to eat.   |
| <b>thirst</b>        | Lack of the liquid needed to sustain life.<br><i>He is oblivious to all the <b>thirst</b> around him.</i>                  |
| <b>thirstiness</b>   | A deficiency of moisture (especially when resulting from a permanent absence of rainfall).                                 |
| <b>want</b>          | The state of being poor and in need of essentials; poverty.<br><i>Victorian houses which are in <b>want</b> of repair.</i> |
| <b>yearning</b>      | Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need.<br><i>He felt a <b>yearning</b> for the mountains.</i>                               |



## Usage Examples of "Hunger" as a noun

- *Hunger for affection.*
- *They died from cold and hunger.*
- *She was faint with hunger.*
- *Her hunger for knowledge.*





## Hunger as a Verb

### Definitions of "Hunger" as a verb

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

- *Feel or suffer hunger.*
- *Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.*
- *Have a strong desire or craving for.*
- *Feel the need to eat.*
- *Be hungry; go without food.*



## Synonyms of "Hunger" as a verb (7 Words)

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| <a href="#">crave</a>     | Plead or ask for earnestly.<br><i>I must <b>crave</b> your indulgence.</i>   |
| <b>desire</b>             | Feel or have a desire for want strongly.<br><i>John spake unto him and <b>desired</b> him in like manner and contestation as before.</i> |
| <b>famish</b>             | Be hungry; go without food.<br><i>Many <b>famished</b> in the countryside during the drought.</i>  |
| <b>have a craving for</b> | Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.  |
| <a href="#">starve</a>    | Suffer or die or cause to suffer or die from hunger.<br><i>She left her animals to <b>starve</b>.</i>                                    |
| <b>thirst</b>             | Have a strong desire for something.<br><i>An opponent <b>thirsting</b> for revenge.</i>  |





## Usage Examples of "Hunger" as a verb

- *He hungered for a sense of self-worth.*
- *When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterwards hungered.*





## Associations of "Hunger" (30 Words)

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| <b>covet</b>         | Yearn to possess (something, especially something belonging to another.<br><i>She <b>covets</b> her sister s house.</i>                            |
| <b>crave</b>         | Plead or ask for earnestly.<br><i>I must <b>crave</b> your indulgence.</i>   |
| <b>craving</b>       | An intense desire for some particular thing.<br><i>A <b>craving</b> for chocolate.</i>   |
| <b>dearth</b>        | A situation where food is in short supply.<br><i>There is a <b>dearth</b> of evidence.</i>   |
| <b>deficit</b>       | A deficiency or failing, especially in a neurological or psychological function.<br><i>Last year there was a serious budgetary <b>deficit</b>.</i> |
| <b>destitute</b>     | Not having.<br><i>Young recruits <b>destitute</b> of experience.</i>   |
| <b>famine</b>        | Hunger.<br><i>The <b>famine</b> of 1921 2.</i>   |
| <b>famish</b>        | Be hungry; go without food.<br><i>They had <b>famished</b> the city into surrender.</i>  |
| <b>homeless</b>      | Physically or spiritually homeless or deprived of security.<br><i>The plight of young <b>homeless</b> people.</i>                                  |
| <b>indigence</b>     | A state of extreme poverty; destitution.<br><i>He did valuable work towards the relief of <b>indigence</b>.</i>                                    |
| <b>indigent</b>      | Poor enough to need help from others.<br><i>A charity for the relief of <b>indigent</b> artists.</i>   |
| <b>insufficiency</b> | (pathology) inability of a bodily part or organ to function normally.<br><i>Renal <b>insufficiency</b>.</i>  |
| <b>lack</b>          | Be without.<br><i>Sam did not <b>lack</b> for friends.</i>   |
| <b>mealtime</b>      | The hour at which a meal is habitually or customarily eaten.<br><i>Family life seemed to revolve around <b>mealtimes</b>.</i>                      |
| <b>need</b>          | Have need of.<br><i>God has no <b>need</b> of men to accomplish His work.</i>  |
| <b>needy</b>         | Needy people collectively.<br><i><b>Needy</b> and elderly people.</i>  |
| <b>pauper</b>        | A person who is very poor.<br><i>He was buried in a <b>pauper</b> s grave.</i>   |
| <b>pauperism</b>     | A state of extreme poverty or destitution.   |

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| <b>penury</b>     | A state of extreme poverty or destitution.<br><i>He couldn't face another year of <b>penury</b>.</i>  |
| <b>poor</b>       | Of a low or inferior standard or quality.<br><i>Many people are eating a very <b>poor</b> diet.</i>   |
| <b>poverty</b>    | The state of being extremely poor.<br><i>The <b>poverty</b> of her imagination.</i>   |
| <b>raptorial</b>  | (of a bird or other animal) predatory.<br><i><b>Raptorial</b> birds.</i>  |
| <b>ravening</b>   | (of a ferocious wild animal) extremely hungry and hunting for prey.<br><i><b>Ravening</b> creditors.</i>  |
| <b>scarcity</b>   | The state of being scarce or in short supply; shortage.<br><i>A time of <b>scarcity</b>.</i>  |
| <b>shortage</b>   | A state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts.<br><i>The problems of land <b>shortage</b> in the countryside.</i>         |
| <b>shortfall</b>  | The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required.<br><i>They are facing an expected 10 billion <b>shortfall</b> in revenue.</i> |
| <b>starvation</b> | A state of extreme hunger resulting from lack of essential nutrients over a prolonged period.<br><i>The besiegers used <b>starvation</b> to induce surrender.</i>   |
| <b>starve</b>     | Force someone out of (a place) or into (a specified state) by starvation.<br><i>Seven million <b>starved</b> to death.</i>  |
| <b>thirst</b>     | A feeling of needing or wanting to drink something.<br><i>An opponent <b>thirsting</b> for revenge.</i>   |
| <b>want</b>       | Hunt or look for want for a particular reason.<br><i><b>Want</b> courtesy.</i>  |

