

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)

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

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

crave

Plead or ask for earnestly.
*I must **crave** your indulgence.*

desire

Feel or have a desire for want strongly.
*John spake unto him and **desired** him in like manner and contestation as before.*

famish

Be hungry; go without food.
*Many **famished** in the countryside during the drought.*

have a craving for

Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.

starve

Suffer or die or cause to suffer or die from hunger.
*She left her animals to **starve**.*

thirst

Have a strong desire for something.
*An opponent **thirsting** for revenge.*



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)

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

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

