

Need another word that means the same as “infect”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “infect” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Infect” are: taint, pass infection to, transmit infection to, spread disease to, contaminate, pollute, make impure, foul, dirty, blight, spoil, mar, impair, damage, ruin, affect, have an effect on, influence, have an impact on, impact on, touch, take hold of**

## Infect as a Verb

### Definitions of "Infect" as a verb

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

- *(of a negative feeling or idea) take hold of or be communicated to (someone).*
- *Communicate a disease to.*
- *Corrupt with ideas or an ideology.*
- *Affect (a person, organism, etc.) with a disease-causing organism.*
- *Contaminate (air, water, etc.) with harmful organisms.*
- *Affect with a virus.*
- *Contaminate with a disease or microorganism.*
- *Affect in a contagious way.*



## Synonyms of "Infect" as a verb (22 Words)

<b>affect</b>	Act physically on; have an effect upon. <i>Your attitude will <b>affect</b> how successful you are.</i>
<b>blight</b>	Cause to suffer a blight. <i>Too much rain may <b>blight</b> the garden with mold.</i>
<b>contaminate</b>	Make (something) impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance. <i>Celebrity has <b>contaminated</b> every aspect of public life.</i>
<b>damage</b>	Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>She <b>damaged</b> the car when she hit the tree.</i>
<b>foul</b>	Hit a foul ball. <i>Make sure that your pet never <b>fouls</b> paths.</i>
<b>have an effect on</b>	Serve oneself to, or consume regularly.
<b>have an impact on</b>	Have a personal or business relationship with someone.

<b>impact on</b>	Have an effect upon.
<b><u>impair</u></b>	Make imperfect. <i>His vision was <b>impaired</b>.</i>
<b>influence</b>	Shape or influence give direction to. <i>The artist s work <b>influenced</b> the young painter.</i>
<b>make impure</b>	Add up to.
<b>mar</b>	Impair the quality or appearance of; spoil. <i>Violence <b>marred</b> a number of New Year celebrations.</i>
<b>pass infection to</b>	Disappear gradually.
<b>pollute</b>	Contaminate (water, the air, etc.) with harmful or poisonous substances. <i>The industrial wastes <b>polluted</b> the lake.</i>
<b>ruin</b>	Fall into ruin. <i>A noisy motorway has <b>ruined</b> village life.</i>
<b>spoil</b>	Treat with great or excessive kindness, consideration, or generosity. <i>The meat must be eaten before it <b>spoils</b>.</i>
<b>spread disease to</b>	Move outward.
<b>taint</b>	Contaminate with a disease or microorganism. <i>The air was <b>tainted</b> by fumes from the cars.</i>
<b>take hold of</b>	Be capable of holding or containing.
<b>touch</b>	Produce feelings of affection, gratitude, or sympathy in. <i>For a moment their fingers <b>touched</b>.</i>
<b>transmit infection to</b>	Transmit or serve as the medium for transmission.



## Usage Examples of "Infect" as a verb

- *The panic in his voice infected her.*
- *Pregnant women who may have been infected with the virus.*
- *Viruses have infected computer networks.*
- *Your children have infected you with this head cold.*
- *The water was infected by cholera.*
- *Society was infected by racism.*
- *His laughter infects everyone who is in the same room.*



## Associations of "Infect" (30 Words)

- canker** Become infected with a canker.  
*Cut out lesions on branches caused by **canker**.*
- contagion** The communication of disease from one person or organism to another by close contact.  
*A political fear a **contagion** that spread from city to city.*
- contagious** Capable of being transmitted by infection.  
*A **contagious** grin.*
- encephalitis** Inflammation of the brain usually caused by a virus; symptoms include headache and neck pain and drowsiness and nausea and fever ('phrenitis' is no longer in scientific use.)
- epidemic** Of the nature of an epidemic.  
*An **epidemic** outbreak of influenza.*

<b>epizootic</b>	An outbreak of an epizootic disease. <i>Epizootic diseases in domestic livestock.</i>
<b>flu</b>	Influenza. <i>She was in bed with <b>flu</b>.</i>
<b>hepatitis</b>	A disease characterized by inflammation of the liver.
<b>hookworm</b>	Infestation of the intestines by hookworms which enter the body usually through the skin.
<b>infection</b>	The communication of an attitude or emotional state among a number of people. <i>A chest <b>infection</b>.</i>
<b>infectious</b>	Liable to spread infection. <i>Outbreaks of <b>infectious</b> diseases.</i>
<b>influenza</b>	An acute febrile highly contagious viral disease.
<b>malaria</b>	An infective disease caused by sporozoan parasites that are transmitted through the bite of an infected Anopheles mosquito; marked by paroxysms of chills and fever.
<b>measles</b>	An acute and highly contagious viral disease marked by distinct red spots followed by a rash; occurs primarily in children. <i>A severe case of the <b>measles</b>.</i>
<b>pandemic</b>	An outbreak of a pandemic disease. <i>A <b>pandemic</b> outbreak of malaria.</i>
<b>pathogen</b>	Any disease-producing agent (especially a virus or bacterium or other microorganism).
<b>pest</b>	A serious sometimes fatal infection of rodents caused by Yersinia pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal. <i>Many <b>pests</b> have developed resistance to the common <b>pesticides</b>.</i>
<b>pestilence</b>	A fatal epidemic disease, especially bubonic plague. <i>Neither prayers nor demonstrations halted the advance of the <b>pestilence</b>.</i>
<b>plague</b>	A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium typically with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and sometimes infection of the lungs pneumonic plague. <i>A <b>plague</b> of locusts.</i>
<b>pox</b>	Smallpox.
<b>smallpox</b>	An acute contagious viral disease, with fever and pustules that usually leave permanent scars. It was effectively eradicated through vaccination by 1979.

<b>superbug</b>	A strain of pest accidentally imported into Florida from the Middle East then spread to California where it is a very serious pest feeding on almost all vegetable crops and poinsettias.
<b>taint</b>	Something with a contaminating influence or effect. <i>The rennet should be soaked in water containing sufficient salt to keep it from <b>tainting</b>.</i>
<b>transmissible</b>	(of a disease or trait) able to be passed on from one person or organism to another. <i><b>Transmissible</b> tradition.</i>
<b>transmission</b>	The mechanism by which power is transmitted from an engine to the axle in a motor vehicle. <i><b>Transmission</b> equipment.</i>
<b>tuberculosis</b>	An infectious bacterial disease characterized by the growth of nodules (tubercles) in the tissues, especially the lungs.
<b>tularemia</b>	A highly infectious disease of rodents (especially rabbits and squirrels) and sometimes transmitted to humans by ticks or flies or by handling infected animals.
<b>vaccine</b>	A program designed to detect computer viruses and inactivate them. <i>There is no <b>vaccine</b> against the virus.</i>
<b>viral</b>	(of an image, video, piece of information, etc.) circulated rapidly and widely from one internet user to another. <i>The video went <b>viral</b> and was seen by millions.</i>
<b>virus</b>	An infection or disease caused by a virus. <i>I ve had a <b>virus</b>.</i>

