

Need another word that means the same as “jam”? Find 73 synonyms and 30 related words for “jam” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Jam” are: block, close up, impede, obstruct, obturate, occlude, mob, pack, pile, throng, crush, chock up, cram, jampack, ram, wad, stuff, shove, force, thrust, wedge, press, push, stick, squeeze, compress, confine, sandwich, insert, crowd, become stuck, catch, seize, seize up, become immobilized, become unable to move, become fixed, become wedged, become lodged, become trapped, immobilize, paralyse, disable, cripple, fix, hole, kettle of fish, mess, muddle, pickle, jamming, tailback, line, stream, obstruction, congestion, bottleneck, stoppage, predicament, plight, spot of trouble, bit of bother, difficulty, problem, puzzle, quandary, dilemma, quagmire, mire, imbroglio, mare's nest

Jam as a Noun

Definitions of "Jam" as a noun

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

- *A hold obtained by jamming a part of the body such as a hand or foot into a crack in the rock.*
- *Deliberate radiation or reflection of electromagnetic energy for the purpose of disrupting enemy use of electronic devices or systems.*
- *A dense crowd of people.*

- *An instance of a thing seizing or becoming stuck.*
- *Informal terms for a difficult situation.*
- *An awkward situation or predicament.*
- *Preserve of crushed fruit.*
- *(especially in dance or urban music) a song or track.*
- *An improvised performance by a group of musicians, especially in jazz or blues.*



Synonyms of "Jam" as a noun (29 Words)

- bit of bother** A short theatrical performance that is part of a longer program.
- bottleneck** The style of playing that uses a bottleneck.
*Animated films are still stymied by a technological **bottleneck**.*
- congestion** Excessive crowding.
*Traffic **congestion**.*

crush	The act of crushing. <i>A number of youngsters fainted in the crush.</i>
difficulty	The state or condition of being difficult. <i>Finished the test only with great difficulty.</i>
dilemma	A difficult situation or problem. <i>The insoluble dilemma of adolescence.</i>
fix	Something craved, especially an intravenous injection of a narcotic drug. <i>The company is working on a fix but suggests users consider technical workarounds in the meantime.</i>
hole	An awkward situation. <i>She is missed terribly and her death has left a hole in all our lives.</i>
imbroglio	A confused heap. <i>The abdication imbroglio of 1936.</i>
jamming	Deliberate radiation or reflection of electromagnetic energy for the purpose of disrupting enemy use of electronic devices or systems.
kettle of fish	A large hemispherical brass or copper percussion instrument with a drumhead that can be tuned by adjusting the tension on it.
line	A contour or outline considered as a feature of design or composition. <i>A powerful melodic line.</i>
mare's nest	A cosy or secluded retreat.
mess	A meal eaten in a mess hall by service personnel. <i>She replaced the jug and mopped up the mess.</i>
mire	A difficulty or embarrassment that is hard to extricate yourself from. <i>The service is sinking in the mire of its own regulations.</i>
muddle	An untidy and disorganized state or collection. <i>She was able to cut through confusion and muddle.</i>
obstruction	The physical condition of blocking or filling a passage with an obstruction. <i>The tractor hit an obstruction.</i>
pickle	A pickled cucumber. <i>Assorted pickles.</i>
plight	A solemn pledge of fidelity. <i>The woeful plight of homeless people.</i>
predicament	A difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation. <i>The club's financial predicament.</i>
press	The act of pressing the exertion of pressure. <i>He used pressure to stop the bleeding.</i>

- problem** A question raised for consideration or solution.
*She and her husband are having **problems**.*
- puzzle** A jigsaw puzzle.
*The meaning of the poem has always been a **puzzle**.*
- quagmire** An awkward, complex, or hazardous situation.
*Torrential rain turned the building site into a **quagmire**.*
- quandary** A difficult situation; a practical dilemma.
*A legal **quandary**.*
- spot of trouble** An act that brings discredit to the person who does it.
- stoppage** A cessation of work by employees in protest at the terms set by their employers.
*A power **stoppage**.*
- stream** The act of flowing or streaming continuous progression.
***Stream** of consciousness.*
- tailback** American football the person who plays tailback.
***Tailbacks** affected all roads into Leeds.*



Usage Examples of "Jam" as a noun

- *An ultra catchy jam, driven by the drums but given substance by the interjection of horns.*
- *Paper jams.*
- *I'm in a jam.*
- *She was held up in a jam on the M25.*
- *The band dedicated about a quarter of the set to new jams.*



Jam as a Verb

Definitions of "Jam" as a verb

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

- *Make (a broadcast or other electronic signal) unintelligible by causing interference.*
- *Press tightly together or cram.*
- *Squeeze or pack tightly into a specified space.*
- *Interfere with or prevent the reception of signals.*
- *Block passage through.*
- *Crowd or pack to capacity.*
- *Get stuck and immobilized.*
- *Crowd on to (a road or area) so as to block it.*
- *Become or make unable to move or work due to a part seizing up or becoming stuck.*
- *Push down forcibly.*
- *Cause (phone lines) to be continuously engaged with a large number of calls.*
- *Push (something) roughly and forcibly into position or a space.*
- *Improvise with other musicians, especially in jazz or blues.*
- *Crush or bruise.*



Synonyms of "Jam" as a verb (44 Words)

become fixed	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
become immobilized	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
become lodged	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
become stuck	Enhance the appearance of.
become trapped	Enhance the appearance of.
become unable to move	Come into existence.
become wedged	Come into existence.
block	Block passage through. Block a muscle.
catch	Be the catcher. <i>Did you catch that allusion.</i>
chock up	Raise.
close up	Be priced or listed when trading stops.
<u>compress</u>	Express in a shorter form; abridge. <i>Viola compressed her lips together grimly.</i>
confine	Deprive of freedom take into confinement. <i>She was confined for nearly a month.</i>
cram	(of a number of people) enter a place that is too small to accommodate all of them. <i>He had crammed so much into his short life.</i>
crowd	Cause to herd drive or crowd together. <i>Rampant plants will crowd out the less vigorous.</i>
crush	Crush or bruise. <i>The car crushed the toy.</i>
<u>disable</u>	Make unable to perform a certain action. Disable this command on your computer.
force	Urge or force a person to an action constrain or motivate. <i>Don't force it.</i>
immobilize	Make defenseless. <i>The car had been immobilized by a wheel clamp.</i>
impede	Be a hindrance or obstacle to. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>

<u>insert</u>	Insert casually. <i>The viral DNA is inserted into the host genome.</i>
jampack	Crowd or pack to capacity. <i>The theater was jampacked.</i>
mob	Crowd round (someone) or into (a place) in an unruly way. <i>He was mobbed by autograph hunters.</i>
obstruct	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>She was obstructing the entrance.</i>
obturate	Block passage through.
occlude	Shut in. <i>Occluded within these crystals are other molecules.</i>
<u>pack</u>	Have the property of being packable or of compacting easily. <i>She had packed and checked out of the hotel.</i>
paralyse	Make powerless and unable to function. <i>The regional capital was paralysed by a general strike.</i>
pile	Place or lay as if in a pile. <i>She piled all the groceries on the counter.</i>
press	Apply pressure to something to flatten shape or smooth it typically by ironing. <i>Press your thumb on this spot.</i>
<u>push</u>	Make strenuous pushing movements during birth to expel the baby. <i>Competition in the retail sector will push down prices.</i>
<u>ram</u>	Undergo damage or destruction on impact. <i>Their boat was rammed by a Japanese warship.</i>
<u>sandwich</u>	Make into a sandwich. <i>She was sandwiched in her airplane seat between two fat men.</i>
seize	Seize and take control without authority and possibly with force take as one's right or possession. <i>Most of the bank's assets were seized.</i>
seize up	Take hold of; grab.
<u>shove</u>	Make one's way by pushing someone or something. <i>The people pushed and shoved to get in line.</i>
<u>squeeze</u>	Squeeze like a wedge into a tight space. <i>He found a hole in the hedge and squeezed his way through.</i>
stick	Stick to firmly. <i>Stick your thumb in the crack.</i>

stuff

Fill with a stuffing while cooking.
*His head has been **stuffed** with myths and taboos.*

throng

Flock or be present in great numbers.
*The pavements are **thronged** with people.*

wedge

Fix in position using a wedge.
*She **wedged** her holdall between two bags.*



Usage Examples of "Jam" as a verb

- *The driver jammed the brake pedal to the floor.*
- *He jammed his hat on.*
- *Mum, dad, and I jammed into the pickup truck.*
- *Listeners jammed a radio station's switchboard with calls.*
- *Four of us were jammed in one compartment.*
- *The mechanism jammed.*
- *The photocopier jammed.*
- *He had the opportunity to jam with Atlanta blues musicians.*

- *Jam a toe.*
- *People jammed their belongings into cars.*
- *The doors were jammed open.*
- *The theater was jampacked.*
- *The streets were jammed with tourist coaches.*
- *They were jamming broadcasts by the pirate radio ships.*



Associations of "Jam" (30 Words)

<u>accumulate</u>	Get or gather together. <i>Her goal was to accumulate a huge fortune.</i>
amass	Gather together or accumulate (a large amount or number of material or things) over a period of time. <i>He amassed a fortune estimated at close to a million pounds.</i>
<u>assemble</u>	Get people together. <i>A crowd had assembled outside the gates.</i>
bumper-to-bumper	A glass filled to the brim (especially as a toast).
clog	Impede with a clog or as if with a clog. <i>The gutters were clogged up with leaves.</i>
<u>congested</u>	(of the respiratory tract) blocked with mucus so as to hinder breathing. <i>The congested streets of the West End.</i>
congestion	Excessive crowding. <i>Traffic congestion.</i>

cram	(of a number of people) enter a place that is too small to accommodate all of them. <i>Cram books into the suitcase.</i>
crowd	Cause to herd drive or crowd together. <i>He d become just another face in the crowd.</i>
crystallized	Having become fixed and definite in form. <i>A box of crystallized fruits.</i>
hamper	Prevent the progress or free movement of. <i>A laundry hamper.</i>
hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>Language barriers hindered communication between scientists.</i>
impede	Be a hindrance or obstacle to. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>
mob	A disorderly crowd of people. <i>He was mobbed by autograph hunters.</i>
<u>multitude</u>	A large indefinite number. <i>Placing ultimate political power in the hands of the multitude.</i>
obstruct	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>She was obstructing the entrance.</i>
occlude	Cover (an eye) to prevent its use. <i>In monkeys and apes the upper canine occludes with the lower first premolar.</i>
onlooker	Someone who looks on. <i>A crowd of fascinated onlookers.</i>
overcrowd	Crowd together too much. <i>Try not to overcrowd the leaflet with text.</i>
pickle	A pickled cucumber. <i>Cheese and pickle.</i>
pile	Place or lay as if in a pile. <i>Tottering piles of dirty dishes.</i>
<u>plurality</u>	The number by which plurality exceeds the number of votes cast for the candidate placed second. <i>A plurality of critical approaches.</i>
rabble	A large group of butterflies. <i>We arrived at the grounds after following a rabble of butterflies.</i>
<u>riot</u>	Take part in a riot disturb the public peace by engaging in a riot. <i>The film s sex scenes caused a riot in Cannes.</i>

stymie

Prevent or hinder the progress of.
*The changes must not be allowed to **stymie** new medical treatments.*

throng

Flock or be present in great numbers.
*A crowd **thronged** the station.*

thwart

Oppose (a plan, attempt, or ambition) successfully.
*He was **thwarted** in his desire to punish Uncle Fred.*

traffic

Vehicles moving on a public highway.
*The government will vigorously pursue individuals who **traffic** in drugs.*

