

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**.*

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

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

<a href="#"><u>insert</u></a>	Insert casually. <i>The viral DNA is <b>inserted</b> into the host genome.</i>
<b>jampack</b>	Crowd or pack to capacity. <i>The theater was <b>jampacked</b>.</i>
<b>mob</b>	Crowd round (someone) or into (a place) in an unruly way. <i>He was <b>mobbed</b> by autograph hunters.</i>
<b>obstruct</b>	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>She was <b>obstructing</b> the entrance.</i>
<b>obturate</b>	Block passage through.
<b>occlude</b>	Shut in. <i><b>Occluded</b> within these crystals are other molecules.</i>
<a href="#"><u>pack</u></a>	Have the property of being packable or of compacting easily. <i>She had <b>packed</b> and checked out of the hotel.</i>
<b>paralyse</b>	Make powerless and unable to function. <i>The regional capital was <b>paralysed</b> by a general strike.</i>
<b>pile</b>	Place or lay as if in a pile. <i>She <b>piled</b> all the groceries on the counter.</i>
<b>press</b>	Apply pressure to something to flatten shape or smooth it typically by ironing. <i><b>Press</b> your thumb on this spot.</i>
<a href="#"><u>push</u></a>	Make strenuous pushing movements during birth to expel the baby. <i>Competition in the retail sector will <b>push</b> down prices.</i>
<a href="#"><u>ram</u></a>	Undergo damage or destruction on impact. <i>Their boat was <b>rammed</b> by a Japanese warship.</i>
<a href="#"><u>sandwich</u></a>	Make into a sandwich. <i>She was <b>sandwiched</b> in her airplane seat between two fat men.</i>
<b>seize</b>	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 <b>seized</b>.</i>
<b>seize up</b>	Take hold of; grab.
<a href="#"><u>shove</u></a>	Make one's way by pushing someone or something. <i>The people pushed and <b>shoved</b> to get in line.</i>
<a href="#"><u>squeeze</u></a>	Squeeze like a wedge into a tight space. <i>He found a hole in the hedge and <b>squeezed</b> his way through.</i>
<b>stick</b>	Stick to firmly. <i><b>Stick</b> 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)

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

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

