

Need another word that means the same as “leech”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “leech” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Leech” are: parasite, sponge, sponger, bloodsucker, hirudinean, clinger, barnacle, passenger, layabout, bleed, phlebotomise, phlebotomize**

## Leech as a Noun

### Definitions of "Leech" as a noun

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

- *A person who extorts profit from or sponges on others.*
- *An aquatic or terrestrial annelid worm with suckers at both ends. Many species are bloodsucking parasites, especially of vertebrates, and others are predators.*
- *A follower who hangs around a host (without benefit to the host) in hope of gain or advantage.*
- *Carnivorous or bloodsucking aquatic or terrestrial worms typically having a sucker at each end.*



## Synonyms of "Leech" as a noun (9 Words)

<b>barnacle</b>	European goose smaller than the brant; breeds in the far north. <i>Buses careered along with men hanging from their doors like <b>barnacles</b>.</i>
<b>bloodsucker</b>	A person who extorts money or otherwise lives off other people.
<b>clinger</b>	Fruit (especially peach) whose flesh adheres strongly to the pit.
<b>hirudinean</b>	Carnivorous or bloodsucking aquatic or terrestrial worms typically having a sucker at each end.
<b>layabout</b>	A person who habitually does little or no work. <i>How d you get mixed up with that <b>layabout</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>parasite</u></a>	An animal or plant that lives in or on a host (another animal or plant); it obtains nourishment from the host without benefiting or killing the host. <i>He was a <b>parasite</b> who lived off other people.</i>



<b>passenger</b>	A member of a team or group who does far less effective work than the other members. <i>He had been a superlative teacher but his health was gone and he was now a <b>passenger</b>.</i>
<b>sponge</b>	An act of wiping or cleaning with a sponge. <i>They gave him a quick <b>sponge</b> down.</i>
<b>sponger</b>	A person who applies decoration to pottery with a sponge.



### Usage Examples of "Leech" as a noun

- *They are leeches feeding off the hard-working majority.*



## Leech as a Verb

### Definitions of "Leech" as a verb

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

- *Habitually exploit or rely on.*
- *Draw blood.*





## Synonyms of "Leech" as a verb (3 Words)

**bleed** Release fluid or gas from (a closed system) by allowing air to escape through a valve.

*He didn't **bleed** his patients with leeches.*

**phlebotomise** Draw blood.

**phlebotomize** Withdraw blood from (a person) by surgically opening or puncturing a vein, historically for the purpose of bloodletting.

*It may be necessary to **phlebotomize** the patient.*







## Usage Examples of "Leech" as a verb

- *He's leeching off the abilities of others.*



## Associations of "Leech" (30 Words)

<b><u>absorbent</u></b>	A material having capacity or tendency to absorb another substance. <i>As <b>absorbent</b> as a sponge.</i>
<b>bacteria</b>	Single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms lacking chlorophyll that reproduce by fission; important as pathogens and for biochemical properties; taxonomy is difficult; often considered to be.
<b><u>bog</u></b>	The toilet. <i>The island is a wilderness of <b>bog</b> and loch.</i>
<b>bowel</b>	The part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine. <i>He felt his <b>bowels</b> loosen.</i>
<b>ciliated</b>	Having a margin or fringe of hairlike projections.



<b>compressible</b>	Capable of being easily compressed. <i>A <b>compressible</b> box.</i>
<b>damp</b>	Damp air or atmosphere. <i>An ensemble of drums including a foot <b>damped</b> instrument.</i>
<b>diarrhea</b>	Frequent and watery bowel movements; can be a symptom of infection or food poisoning or colitis or a gastrointestinal tumor.
<b>epithelial</b>	Of or belonging to the epithelium. <i>Ovarian <b>epithelial</b> tumours.</i>
<b>fawning</b>	Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery. <i><b>Fawning</b> interviews with Hollywood celebs.</i>
<b>fungus</b>	Any of a group of spore-producing organisms feeding on organic matter, including moulds, yeast, mushrooms, and toadstools. <i>Fallen logs were overgrown with bright <b>fungus</b>.</i>
<b>imbibe</b>	Take (gas, light or heat) into a solution. <i>If one does not <b>imbibe</b> the culture one cannot succeed.</i>
<b>intestinal</b>	Of or relating to or inside the intestines. <i>The <b>intestinal</b> tract.</i>
<b>larva</b>	An immature form of other animals that undergo some metamorphosis, e.g. a tadpole.
<b>mutualism</b>	The doctrine that mutual dependence is necessary to social well-being.
<b>parasite</b>	An animal or plant that lives in or on a host (another animal or plant); it obtains nourishment from the host without benefiting or killing the host. <i>He was a <b>parasite</b> who lived off other people.</i>
<b>parasitism</b>	Habitual reliance on or exploitation of others. <i>Billionaires whose wealth is bound up with <b>parasitism</b> corruption and criminality.</i>
<b>protozoan</b>	Relating to or denoting protozoans.
<b>receptive</b>	Able to receive signals or stimuli. <i>A <b>receptive</b> audience.</i>
<b>soaked</b>	Very drunk. <i>He got absolutely <b>soaked</b> in the rain.</i>
<b>spicule</b>	A short-lived, relatively small radial jet of gas in the chromosphere or lower corona of the sun.
<b>sponge</b>	Wipe with a sponge so as to clean or moisten. <i>He edged closer clearly intending to <b>sponge</b> money from her.</i>
<b>sycophant</b>	A person who acts obsequiously towards someone important in order to gain advantage.

**symbiosis** Interaction between two different organisms living in close physical association, typically to the advantage of both.  
*A perfect mother and daughter **symbiosis**.*

**thirsty** Feeling a need to drink something.  
*She s not even looking at you Stop being so **thirsty**.*

**toady** A person who tries to please someone in order to gain a personal advantage.  
*She imagined him **toadying** to his rich clients.*

**wean** Accustom (an infant or other young mammal) to food other than its mother's milk.  
*The doctor tried to **wean** her off the sleeping pills.*

**wet** Cause to become wet.  
*The race was held in the **wet**.*

