

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)

- barnacle** European goose smaller than the brant; breeds in the far north.
*Buses careered along with men hanging from their doors like **barnacles**.*
- bloodsucker** A person who extorts money or otherwise lives off other people.
- clinger** Fruit (especially peach) whose flesh adheres strongly to the pit.
- hirudinean** Carnivorous or bloodsucking aquatic or terrestrial worms typically having a sucker at each end.
- layabout** A person who habitually does little or no work.
*How d you get mixed up with that **layabout**.*
- [parasite](#)** 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.
*He was a **parasite** who lived off other people.*

- passenger** A member of a team or group who does far less effective work than the other members.
*He had been a superlative teacher but his health was gone and he was now a **passenger**.*
- sponge** An act of wiping or cleaning with a sponge.
*They gave him a quick **sponge** down.*
- sponger** 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)

- absorbent** A material having capacity or tendency to absorb another substance.
*As **absorbent** as a sponge.*
- bacteria** 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.
- bog** The toilet.
*The island is a wilderness of **bog** and loch.*
- bowel** The part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine.
*He felt his **bowels** loosen.*
- ciliated** Having a margin or fringe of hairlike projections.

compressible	Capable of being easily compressed. <i>A compressible box.</i>
damp	Damp air or atmosphere. <i>An ensemble of drums including a foot damped instrument.</i>
diarrhea	Frequent and watery bowel movements; can be a symptom of infection or food poisoning or colitis or a gastrointestinal tumor.
epithelial	Of or belonging to the epithelium. <i>Ovarian epithelial tumours.</i>
fawning	Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery. <i>Fawning interviews with Hollywood celebs.</i>
fungus	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 fungus.</i>
imbibe	Take (gas, light or heat) into a solution. <i>If one does not imbibe the culture one cannot succeed.</i>
intestinal	Of or relating to or inside the intestines. <i>The intestinal tract.</i>
larva	An immature form of other animals that undergo some metamorphosis, e.g. a tadpole.
mutualism	The doctrine that mutual dependence is necessary to social well-being.
parasite	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 parasite who lived off other people.</i>
parasitism	Habitual reliance on or exploitation of others. <i>Billionaires whose wealth is bound up with parasitism corruption and criminality.</i>
protozoan	Relating to or denoting protozoans.
receptive	Able to receive signals or stimuli. <i>A receptive audience.</i>
soaked	Very drunk. <i>He got absolutely soaked in the rain.</i>
spicule	A short-lived, relatively small radial jet of gas in the chromosphere or lower corona of the sun.
sponge	Wipe with a sponge so as to clean or moisten. <i>He edged closer clearly intending to sponge money from her.</i>
sycophant	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**.*

