

Need another word that means the same as “lick”? Find 86 synonyms and 30 related words for “lick” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Lick” are: lap, lap up, figure out, puzzle out, solve, work, work out, bat, clobber, cream, drub, thrash, tongue, wet, moisten, wash, clean, flicker, play, flick, flit, dart, ripple, dance, overcome, get the better of, find an answer to, find a solution to, conquer, beat, quell, control, govern, master, curb, check, bridle, tame, defeat, best, trounce, rout, vanquish, overwhelm, overpower, destroy, triumph over, prevail over, gain a victory over, win against, win over, worst, subdue, quash, crush, biff, clout, poke, punch, slug, salt lick, dab, bit, drop, dash, spot, touch, hint, dribble, splash, sprinkle, trickle, knock, bang, hit, thump, smack, crack, thwack, buffet, jolt, stroke, rap, tap, clip**

## Lick as a Noun

### Definitions of "Lick" as a noun

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

- *A quick movement of flame, water, etc.*
- *An act of licking something with the tongue.*
- *Touching with the tongue.*
- *A short phrase or solo in jazz or popular music.*
- *A blow with the fist.*

- *A light coating or quick application of something, especially paint.*
- *A smart blow.*
- *A salt deposit that animals regularly lick.*
- *An extremely small amount of something abstract.*
- *(boxing) a blow with the fist.*



### Synonyms of "Lick" as a noun (31 Words)

- bang** A fringe of hair cut straight across the forehead.  
*She brushed back her wispy **bangs**.*
- biff** (boxing) a blow with the fist.
- bit** The cutting part of a drill usually pointed and threaded and is replaceable in a brace or bitstock or drill press.  
*He had a **bit** of good luck.*
- buffet** A meal set out on a buffet at which guests help themselves.  
*A cold **buffet** lunch.*

- clip** A piece of jewellery fastened by a clip.  
*He shot twice but his **clip** was empty.*
- clout** A long distance shot that hits a clout.  
*A **clout** round the ear.*
- dab** A brief application of a piece of absorbent material to a surface.  
*The catalogue is being dusted for your **dabs**.*
- dash** Impetuous or flamboyant vigour and confidence; panache.  
*A 20 mile **dash** to the airport.*
- dribble** Flowing in drops; the formation and falling of drops of liquid.  
*A mesmerizing **dribble** by Daley took him through to confirm Villa's victory.*
- drop** An instance of falling or dropping.  
*He had a **drop** too much to drink.*
- hint** A just detectable amount.  
*A **hint** mockery in her manner.*
- hit** A murder carried out by an underworld syndicate.  
*Some of the killings were contract **hits**.*
- jolt** An unpleasant surprise or shock.  
*The door closed with a **jolt**.*
- knock** The sound of knocking as on a door or in an engine or bearing.  
*A splendid **knock** of 117 against Somerset.*
- lap** A hanging flap on a garment or a saddle.  
*Come and sit on my **lap**.*
- poke** Power or acceleration in a car.  
*She gave the fire a **poke**.*
- punch** An iced mixed drink usually containing alcohol and prepared for multiple servings normally served in a punch bowl.  
*Photos give their arguments an extra visual **punch**.*
- rap** A piece of rap or the words themselves.  
*Dropping in after work for a **rap** over a beer.*
- salt lick** Negotiations between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics opened in 1969 in Helsinki designed to limit both countries' stock of nuclear weapons.
- slug** (boxing) a blow with the fist.  
*He took a **slug** of hard liquor.*
- smack** The act of smacking something a blow delivered with an open hand.  
*She gave Mark a **smack** across the face.*



- splash** The act of splashing a liquid substance on a surface.  
*There s going to be a big **splash** when Mike returns to the ring.*
- spot** A business establishment for entertainment.  
*A **spot** of rain.*
- sprinkle** A light rain.  
*Fiction with a **sprinkle** of fact.*
- tap** A taproom.  
*She turned the cold **tap** on.*
- thump** A heavy dull sound (as made by impact of heavy objects).  
*The bag landed on the floor with a **thump**.*
- thwack** A sharp blow.  
*He hit it with a hefty **thwack**.*
- touch** An act of touching someone or something.  
*Getting caught looks so incompetent as though we re losing our **touch**.*
- trickle** A small flow of liquid.  
*A **trickle** of blood.*



## Usage Examples of "Lick" as a noun

- *His mother gave him several licks for daring to blaspheme.*
- *There's not a lick of suspense in the entire plot.*
- *Cool guitar licks.*
- *Sammy gave his fingers a lick.*
- *She needed to give the kitchen a lick of paint.*
- *A tiny lick of flame flickered round the mouth of the flamethrower.*



## Lick as a Verb

### Definitions of "Lick" as a verb

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



- *Pass the tongue over (something) in order to taste, moisten, or clean it.*
- *Beat thoroughly and conclusively in a competition or fight.*
- *Overcome (a person or problem) decisively.*
- *(of a flame, wave, or breeze) move lightly and quickly like a tongue.*
- *Find the solution to (a problem or question) or understand the meaning of.*
- *Cut or knock someone or something down.*
- *Pass the tongue over.*
- *Take up with the tongue.*
- *Beat or thrash (someone).*



## Synonyms of "Lick" as a verb (55 Words)

### **bat**

Have a turn at bat.  
*He **batted** the flies away.*

### **beat**

Shape by beating.  
*Upright cleaners have a motorized head which **beats** the carpet to loosen the dirt.*

<b>best</b>	Outwit or get the better of (someone). <i>She refused to allow herself to be <b>bested</b>.</i>
<b>bridle</b>	Put a bridle on. <b>Bridle</b> horses.
<b>check</b>	Put a check mark on or near or next to. <b>Check</b> your luggage before boarding.
<b>clean</b>	Make clean by removing dirt filth or unwanted substances from. <i>She house<b>cleans</b> every week.</i>
<b><u>clobber</u></b>	Beat thoroughly and conclusively in a competition or fight. <i>The Braves <b>clobbered</b> the Cubs 23 10.</i>
<b>conquer</b>	Bring under control by force or authority. <i>The Beatles were to leave Liverpool and <b>conquer</b> the world.</i>
<b>control</b>	Control others or oneself or influence skillfully usually to one's advantage. <i>He was appointed to <b>control</b> the company's marketing strategy.</i>
<b><u>cream</u></b>	Make creamy by beating. <i>You <b>cream</b> the butter first and then add the egg yolks.</i>
<b>crush</b>	Crush or bruise. <b>Crush</b> an aluminum can.
<b>curb</b>	Restrain a horse by means of a curb. <b>Curb</b> your dogs.
<b><u>dance</u></b>	Perform a particular dance or a role in a ballet. <i>Midges <b>danced</b> over the stream.</i>
<b><u>dart</u></b>	Move along rapidly and lightly skim or dart. <i>His forefinger <b>darted</b> in all directions as he spoke.</i>
<b>defeat</b>	Win a victory over (someone) in a battle or other contest; overcome or beat. <i>Garibaldi <b>defeated</b> the Neapolitan army.</i>
<b>destroy</b>	Destroy completely damage irreparably. <i>He has been determined to <b>destroy</b> her.</i>
<b>drub</b>	Hit or beat (someone) repeatedly. <i>He was <b>drubbed</b> with tiresome regularity by his classmates.</i>
<b>figure out</b>	Understand.
<b>find a solution to</b>	Receive a specified treatment (abstract).
<b>find an answer to</b>	Perceive oneself to be in a certain condition or place.
<b>flick</b>	Cause to move with a flick. <i>The candle <b>flickered</b>.</i>

<b>flicker</b>	(of light or a source of light) shine unsteadily; vary rapidly in brightness. <i>The candle <b>flickered</b> again.</i>
<b>flit</b>	Move house or leave one's home, typically secretly so as to escape creditors or obligations. <i>Small birds <b>flitted</b> about in the branches.</i>
<b>gain a victory over</b>	Obtain advantages, such as points, etc.
<b>get the better of</b>	Communicate with a place or person; establish communication with, as if by telephone.
<b>govern</b>	Control, influence, or regulate (a person, action, or course of events). <i>Who is <b>governing</b> the country now.</i>
<b>lap</b>	Move with or cause to move with a whistling or hissing sound. <i>The cat <b>lapped</b> up the milk.</i>
<b>lap up</b>	Take up with the tongue.
<b>master</b>	Make a master copy of a film or recording. <i>I never <b>mastered</b> Latin.</i>
<b>moisten</b>	Moisten with fine drops. <i>The dew <b>moistened</b> the meadows.</i>
<b>overcome</b>	Overcome usually through no fault or weakness of the person that is overcome. <i>You must <b>overcome</b> all difficulties.</i>
<b>overpower</b>	Be too intense for; overwhelm. <i>They were <b>overpowered</b> by the fumes.</i>
<b>overwhelm</b>	Overcome by superior force. <i>Floodwaters <b>overwhelmed</b> hundreds of houses.</i>
<b>play</b>	Move a piece or display a playing card in one's turn in a game. <i>I'll <b>play</b> you my favorite record.</i>
<b>prevail over</b>	Prove superior.
<b>puzzle out</b>	Be a mystery or bewildering to.
<b>quash</b>	Put an end to; suppress. <i>His conviction was <b>quashed</b> on appeal.</i>
<b>quell</b>	Overcome or allay. <i><b>Quell</b> my hunger.</i>
<b>ripple</b>	Stir up water so as to form ripples. <i>Applause <b>rippled</b> around the tables.</i>
<b>rout</b>	Make a groove in. <i>In a matter of minutes the attackers were <b>routed</b>.</i>



<b>solve</b>	Find the solution to (a problem or question) or understand the meaning of. <i>Did you <b>solve</b> the problem.</i>
<b>subdue</b>	Overcome, quieten, or bring under control (a feeling or person). <i>Charles went on a campaign to <b>subdue</b> the Saxons.</i>
<b>tame</b>	Adapt (a wild plant or unclaimed land) to the environment. <i>The author finally <b>tamed</b> some of his potentially offensive statements.</i>
<b>thrash</b>	Give a thrashing to beat hard. <i>Two months of <b>thrashing</b> around on my own have produced nothing.</i>
<b>tongue</b>	Sound a note distinctly on a wind instrument by interrupting the air flow with the tongue. <i>The other horse <b>tongued</b> every part of the colt s mane.</i>
<b>triumph over</b>	To express great joy.
<b>trounce</b>	Censure severely or angrily. <i>Insider dealing has been roundly <b>trounced</b>.</i>
<b>vanquish</b>	Defeat thoroughly. <i>He successfully <b>vanquished</b> his rival.</i>
<b>wash</b>	Be capable of being washed. <i>He <b>washed</b> the dirt from his coat.</i>
<b>wet</b>	Make one s bed or clothes wet by urinating. <i>She said she d <b>wet</b> the tea immediately because they must be parched.</i>
<b>win against</b>	Be the winner in a contest or competition; be victorious.
<b>win over</b>	Attain success or reach a desired goal.
<b>work</b>	Be engaged in physical or mental activity in order to achieve a result do work. <i>The voting process doesn t <b>work</b> as well as people thought.</i>
<b>work out</b>	Cause to undergo fermentation.
<b>worst</b>	Defeat thoroughly. <i>This was not the time for a deep discussion she was tired and she would be <b>worsted</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Lick" as a verb

- *All right Mary, I know when I'm licked.*
- *He licked the stamp and stuck it on the envelope.*
- *The boy was quiet, but if you cross he path, he lick you down.*
- *The dog licked her hand.*
- *The cub licked the milk from its mother's breast.*
- *The Chancellor said that the government had inflation licked.*
- *The flames licked around the wood.*
- *She stands tall and could lick any man in the place.*
- *We licked the other team on Sunday!*





## Associations of "Lick" (30 Words)

- acidic** (of a colour) strikingly intense or bright.  
*A cocktail of **acidic** pollutants.*
- brow** An eyebrow.  
*He wiped his **brow**.*
- bulldog** Throw a steer by seizing the horns and twisting the neck, as in a rodeo.  
*I **bulldogged** and rode broncos.*
- cheek** An impudent statement.  
*He had the **cheek** to complain.*
- chin** Draw one's body up so that one's chin is level with or above a horizontal bar with one's feet off the ground as an exercise.  
*Grey stubble covered his cheeks and **chin**.*
- cleft** Split or divided.  
*He had a **cleft** chin and strong jaw.*



<b>dog</b>	Used in names of dogfishes e.g. sandy dog, spur dog. <i>She has <b>dogged</b> the door shut.</i>
<b>epiglottis</b>	A flap of cartilage behind the root of the tongue, which is depressed during swallowing to cover the opening of the windpipe.
<b>forehead</b>	The part of the face above the eyes.
<b>halitosis</b>	Offensive breath.
<b>hyoid</b>	Relating to the hyoid or structures associated with it.
<b>jaw</b>	The lower movable bone of the jaw or the part of the face containing it. <i>He <b>jawed</b> his bubble gum.</i>
<b>kitten</b>	Give birth to kittens. <i>Our cat <b>kittened</b> again this year.</i>
<b>larynx</b>	A cartilaginous structure at the top of the trachea; contains elastic vocal cords that are the source of the vocal tone in speech.
<b>leech</b>	A person who extorts profit from or sponges on others. <i>They are <b>leeches</b> feeding off the hard working majority.</i>
<b>lingua</b>	A mobile mass of muscular tissue covered with mucous membrane and located in the oral cavity.
<b>lip</b>	Either of the two fleshy parts which form the upper and lower edges of the opening of the mouth. <i>The <b>lip</b> of the cup.</i>
<b>mouth</b>	The opening through which an animal takes in food corresponding to the human mouth. <i>They built a fire at the <b>mouth</b> of the cave.</i>
<b>nose</b>	Push or move with the nose. <i>The <b>nose</b> of the saddle.</i>
<b>palate</b>	A person's ability to distinguish between and appreciate different flavours. <i>The suggestions may not suit everyone's <b>palate</b>.</i>
<b>pet</b>	A fit of petulance or sulkiness especially at what is felt to be a slight. <i>She is the <b>pet</b> of the family.</i>
<b>pug</b>	Small compact smooth-coated breed of Asiatic origin having a tightly curled tail and broad flat wrinkled muzzle.
<b>pup</b>	Give birth to a puppy. <i><b>Pupping</b> females.</i>
<b>puppy</b>	A cheeky or arrogant boy or young man. <i>You ungrateful <b>puppy</b>.</i>
<b>spoken</b>	Speaking in a specified way. <i>The <b>spoken</b> language.</i>

**thrash** A violent or noisy movement of beating or thrashing.  
*The system is **thrashing** again.*

**throat** The part of an animal's body that corresponds to a person's throat.  
*Her **throat** was parched with thirst.*

**tongue** The tongue of certain animals used as meat.  
*A galantine of **tongue**.*

**whelp** Young of any of various canines such as a dog or wolf.  
*Copper **whelped** seven puppies.*



