

Need another word that means the same as “murmur”? Find 50 synonyms and 30 related words for “murmur” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Murmur” are: heart murmur, grumble, grumbling, murmuring, mutter, muttering, murmuration, mussitation, murmur vowel, burble, babble, purl, gurgle, hum, humming, buzz, buzzing, whir, thrum, drone, sigh, whisper, undertone, mumble, complaint, moan, grouse, croak, gnarl, complain, carp, whine, bleat, talk under one's breath, speak in an undertone, speak softly, speak sotto voce, speak in hushed tones, rustle, rumble

Murmur as a Noun

Definitions of "Murmur" as a noun

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

- *A schwa that is incidental to the pronunciation of a consonant.*
- *A rumour.*
- *A low continuous indistinct sound; often accompanied by movement of the lips without the production of articulate speech.*
- *A complaint uttered in a low and indistinct tone.*
- *A softly spoken or almost inaudible utterance.*
- *An abnormal sound of the heart; sometimes a sign of abnormal function of the heart valves.*

- *A low continuous background noise.*
- *A recurring sound heard in the heart through a stethoscope that is usually a sign of disease or damage.*
- *The quiet or subdued expression of a particular feeling by a group of people.*



Synonyms of "Murmur" as a noun (27 Words)

babble	The continuous murmuring sound of flowing water. <i>A confused babble of voices.</i>
burble	Rambling speech. <i>The steady burble of running water.</i>
<u>buzz</u>	The sound of a buzzer or telephone. <i>There is a real buzz about the place.</i>
buzzing	A confusion of activity and gossip. <i>A persistent buzzing roused Haig from a dream.</i>

complaint	A pleading describing some wrong or offense. <i>There were complaints that the building was an eyesore.</i>
drone	A musical instrument or part of one sounding a continuous note of low pitch in particular also drone pipe a pipe in a bagpipe or also drone string a string in an instrument such as a hurdy gurdy or a sitar. <i>A photographer used a drone to take some unconventional photos of the countryside.</i>
grouse	The flesh of the grouse as food.
grumble	A complaint uttered in a low and indistinct tone. <i>The main grumble is that he spends too much time away.</i>
grumbling	A complaint uttered in a low and indistinct tone. <i>There were grumbings from the trustees.</i>
gurgle	A gurgling sound. <i>Catherine gave a gurgle of laughter.</i>
heart murmur	The courage to carry on.
hum	A humming noise. <i>A low hum of conversation.</i>
humming	A humming noise.
moan	A sound resembling a human moan. <i>She gave a low moan of despair.</i>
mumble	A quiet and indistinct utterance. <i>Rosie had replied in a mumble.</i>
murmur vowel	A schwa that is incidental to the pronunciation of a consonant.
murmuration	The action of murmuring. <i>The murmuration of a flock of warblers.</i>
murmuring	A schwa that is incidental to the pronunciation of a consonant. <i>The murmuring of the River Derwent.</i>
mussitation	A low continuous indistinct sound; often accompanied by movement of the lips without the production of articulate speech.
mutter	A barely audible utterance, especially one expressing dissatisfaction or irritation. <i>A little mutter of disgust.</i>
muttering	A low continuous indistinct sound; often accompanied by movement of the lips without the production of articulate speech. <i>There were disloyal mutterings about his leadership.</i>
purl	An ornamental edging of lace or ribbon.

sigh

A sound like a person sighing.
*She let out a long **sigh** of despair.*

thrum

A thrumming sound.
*He could hear the **thrum** of a banjo.*

undertone

An underlying quality or feeling.
*They were talking in **undertones**.*

whir

A whirring sound.
*The **whir** of the propellers.*

whisper

A soft or confidential tone of voice a whispered word or phrase.
*The thunder of the surf became a muted **whisper**.*



Usage Examples of "Murmur" as a noun

- *She had been born with a heart murmur.*
- *He had heard hints only, murmurs.*
- *The distant murmur of traffic.*
- *There were murmurs of dissent from his colleagues.*
- *A quiet murmur of thanks.*



Murmur as a Verb

Definitions of "Murmur" as a verb

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

- *Say something in a low or indistinct voice.*
- *Make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath.*
- *Express one's discontent about (someone or something) in a subdued manner.*
- *Speak softly or indistinctly.*
- *Make a low continuous sound.*



Synonyms of "Murmur" as a verb (23 Words)

bleat

Talk whiningly.

*The lambs were **bleating**.*

burble

Speak continuously and at length in an unintelligible or confused way.

*The air no longer flows smoothly over the wing but **burbles** and slows down decreasing lift.*

carp

Raise trivial objections.

complain

Express complaints discontent displeasure or unhappiness.

*Let the warbling flute **complain**.*

croak

Of a person make a sound similar to a croak when speaking or laughing.

*Without **croaking** it may be observed that our government is upon a dangerous experiment.*

gnarl

Twist into a state of deformity.
*The wind has **gnarled** this old tree.*

grouse

Hunt grouse.

grumble

Make a low rumbling sound.
*He **grumbled** a rude response.*

moan

Make a sound resembling a human moan.
*Just then their patient **moaned** and opened his eyes.*

mumble

Say something indistinctly and quietly, making it difficult for others to hear.

*She **mumbled** a piece of black bread.*

mutter

Say something in a low or barely audible voice, especially in dissatisfaction or irritation.

*He **muttered** something under his breath.*

purl

Knit with a purl stitch.

*Knit one **purl** one.*

rumble

(especially of a large vehicle) move with a rumbling sound.

*Heavy lorries **rumbled** through the streets.*

rustle

Move with a rustling sound.

***Rustle** cattle.*

sigh

Heave or utter a sigh breathe deeply and heavily.

*Harry sank into a chair and **sighed** with relief.*

speak in an undertone

Express in speech.

speak in hushed tones

Express in speech.

speak softly

Make a characteristic or natural sound.

speak sotto voce

Use language.

talk under one's breath

Reveal information.

whine

Complain in a feeble or petulant way.

*The dog **whined** and scratched at the back door.*

whir

Make a soft swishing sound.

*The motor **whirred**.*

whisper

(of leaves, wind, or water) rustle or murmur softly.

*Alison was **whispering** in his ear.*



Usage Examples of "Murmur" as a verb

- *'How interesting,' he murmured quietly.*
- *She murmured softly to the baby in her arms.*
- *Now they do not simply murmur against him, they quarrel noisily with him.*
- *Nina murmured an excuse and hurried away.*
- *The wind was murmuring through the trees.*



Associations of "Murmur" (30 Words)

ambiguous	Having more than one possible meaning. <i>The polling had a complex and equivocal or ambiguous message for potential female candidates.</i>
ambiguously	In an ambiguous manner. <i>A peculiar ambiguously remembered landscape where past and present seem repeatedly confounded.</i>
babble	The sound of people talking simultaneously. <i>He babbled to another convict while he was in jail.</i>
babbling	Gibberish resembling the sounds of a baby. <i>The constant babbling of the kids.</i>
chatter	Cut unevenly with a chattering tool. <i>She was chattering about her holiday.</i>

equivocal	(of a person) using ambiguous or evasive language. <i>Popularity is an equivocal crown.</i>
<u>equivocate</u>	Use ambiguous language so as to conceal the truth or avoid committing oneself. <i>The government have equivocated too often in the past.</i>
equivocation	Falsification by means of vague or ambiguous language. <i>I say this without equivocation.</i>
evasion	The act of physically escaping from something (an opponent or a pursuer or an unpleasant situation) by some adroit maneuver. <i>His evasion of his clear duty was reprehensible.</i>
<u>evasive</u>	Avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger especially enemy fire. <i>They decided to take evasive action.</i>
gibber	Speak rapidly and unintelligibly, typically through fear or shock. <i>They shrieked and gibbered as flames surrounded them.</i>
<u>grumble</u>	Make a low rumbling sound. <i>Stones grumbled down the cliff.</i>
hesitate	Interrupt temporarily an activity before continuing. <i>Authorities hesitate to quote exact figures.</i>
<u>incoherent</u>	Not logical or internally consistent. <i>Incoherent with grief.</i>
inconclusive	Not leading to a firm conclusion or result; not ending doubt or dispute. <i>Inconclusive evidence.</i>
indeterminate	Not capable of being determined. <i>A zillion is a large indeterminate number.</i>
maunder	Speak (about unimportant matters) rapidly and incessantly. <i>Dennis maundered on about the wine.</i>
<u>mumble</u>	Say something indistinctly and quietly, making it difficult for others to hear. <i>The old man had no teeth left and mumbled his food.</i>
<u>mutter</u>	A low continuous indistinct sound; often accompanied by movement of the lips without the production of articulate speech. <i>Back benchers were muttering about the next reshuffle.</i>
<u>nonsense</u>	Ornamental objects of no great value. <i>The proposal would make a nonsense of their plans.</i>
palaver	Flattery intended to persuade. <i>An hour of aimless palaver.</i>

palter	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>If you palter or double in your answers I will have thee hung alive in an iron chain.</i>
prattle	Speak (about unimportant matters) rapidly and incessantly. <i>Do you intend to keep up this childish prattle.</i>
prevaricate	Speak or act in an evasive way. <i>He seemed to prevaricate when journalists asked pointed questions.</i>
prevarication	Intentionally vague or ambiguous.
<u>slur</u>	Mark notes with a slur. <i>Essential attributes are being slurred over or ignored.</i>
smudge	Make a smudge on soil by smudging. <i>He had a smudge on his cheek.</i>
<u>stutter</u>	A tendency to stutter while speaking. <i>She flinched as a machine gun stuttered nearby.</i>
<u>unclear</u>	Poorly stated or described. <i>Their future remains unclear.</i>
<u>vague</u>	Thinking or communicating in an unfocused or imprecise way. <i>Saw a vague outline of a building through the fog.</i>

