

Need another word that means the same as “muscle”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “muscle” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Muscle” are: brawn, brawniness, heftiness, muscularity, sinew, musculus, muscleman, thew, strength, power, burliness, huskiness, influence, might, force, forcefulness, weight, potency**

## Muscle as a Noun

### Definitions of "Muscle" as a noun

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

- *Physical power; strength.*
- *Authority or power or force (especially when used in a coercive way.*
- *A man or men exhibiting physical power or strength, typically employed to use or threaten violence.*
- *Power or influence, especially in a commercial or political sphere.*
- *One of the contractile organs of the body.*
- *A muscle or muscles when well developed or prominently visible under the skin.*
- *A band or bundle of fibrous tissue in a human or animal body that has the ability to contract, producing movement in or maintaining the position of parts of the body.*
- *Possessing muscular strength.*
- *A bully employed as a thug or bodyguard.*
- *Animal tissue consisting predominantly of contractile cells.*



## Synonyms of "Muscle" as a noun (18 Words)

<b>brawn</b>	Physical strength in contrast to intelligence. <i>A slice of <b>brawn</b>.</i>
<b>brawniness</b>	Possessing muscular strength.
<b>burliness</b>	Pain that feels hot as if it were on fire.
<b>force</b>	The army navy and air force of a country. <i>The <b>force</b> of his eloquence easily persuaded them.</i>
<b>forcefulness</b>	Physical energy or intensity. <i>A government has not the vitality and <b>forcefulness</b> of a living man.</i>
<b>heftiness</b>	Possessing muscular strength.
<b>huskiness</b>	A throaty harshness.
<b>influence</b>	A person or thing with the capacity to have an influence on someone or something. <i>The <b>influence</b> of television violence.</i>
<b>might</b>	Physical strength.
<b>muscleman</b>	A bully employed as a thug or bodyguard. <i>The drug lord had his <b>muscleman</b> to protect him.</i>
<b>muscularity</b>	An imaginative lively style (especially style of writing). <i>A remarkable <b>muscularity</b> of style.</i>
<b>musculus</b>	One of the contractile organs of the body.
<b>potency</b>	The power or right to give orders or make decisions. <i>She was given a low <b>potency</b> twice daily.</i>
<b>power</b>	Holding an office means being in power. <i>A red <b>power</b> tie.</i>
<b>sinew</b>	A piece of tough fibrous tissue uniting muscle to bone; a tendon or ligament. <i>The <b>sinews</b> of government.</i>
<b>strength</b>	The potential of a hand to win tricks, arising from the number and type of high cards it contains. <i>It s double the <b>strength</b> of your average beer.</i>
<b>thew</b>	Muscles and tendons perceived as generating strength. <i>She touched his magnificent <b>thews</b>.</i>
<b>weight</b>	Sports equipment used in calisthenic exercises and weightlifting it is not attached to anything and is raised and lowered by use of the hands and arms. <i>He was at least fifteen stone in <b>weight</b>.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Muscle" as a noun

- *The calf muscle.*
- *The drug lord had his muscleman to protect him.*
- *An ex-marine of enormous proportions who'd been brought along as muscle.*
- *Many companies lack the financial muscle to adopt a more hard-nosed relationship with buyers.*
- *His muscles rippled beneath his tanned skin.*
- *The sheet of muscle between the abdomen and chest.*
- *He had muscle but no brains.*
- *The senators used their muscle to get the party leader to resign.*



## Associations of "Muscle" (30 Words)

- [ache](#)** Have a desire for something or someone who is not present.  
*An **ache** in her heart.*
- afferent** An afferent nerve fibre or vessel.  
***Afferent** impulses.*
- ankle** The narrow part of the leg between the ankle joint and the calf.  
*He **ankled** the series to do a movie.*
- [bone](#)** A bone of an animal with meat on it fed to a dog.  
*He hauled his tired **bones** upright.*
- [bony](#)** Very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold.  
*He held up his **bony** fingers.*
- brawn** Physical strength in contrast to intelligence.  
*Pork **brawn**.*

<b>calf</b>	Fine leather from the skin of a calf. <i>A heifer <b>calf</b>.</i>
<b>contraction</b>	(physiology) a shortening or tensing of a part or organ (especially of a muscle or muscle fiber. <i>The manufacturing sector suffered a severe <b>contraction</b>.</i>
<b>cramp</b>	Fasten with a cramp or cramps. <i><b>Cramp</b> the wood.</i>
<b>dysphonia</b>	Difficulty in speaking due to a physical disorder of the mouth, tongue, throat, or vocal cords.
<b>extensor</b>	A muscle whose contraction extends or straightens a limb or other part of the body.
<b>flex</b>	The act of flexing. <i>A sing songy verse full of <b>flexes</b> and threats.</i>
<b>glycogen</b>	A substance deposited in bodily tissues as a store of carbohydrates. It is a polysaccharide which forms glucose on hydrolysis.
<b>gristle</b>	Tough elastic tissue; mostly converted to bone in adults.
<b>haggard</b>	A haggard hawk. <i>Alex s <b>haggard</b> face.</i>
<b>hamstring</b>	Cripple by cutting the hamstring. <i>He pulled a <b>hamstring</b>.</i>
<b>knee</b>	The joint in other animals that corresponds or is analogous to the human knee. <i>She <b>kneed</b> him in the groin.</i>
<b>lap</b>	A hanging flap on a garment or a saddle. <i>The cat <b>lapped</b> up the milk.</i>
<b>muscular</b>	Having a robust muscular body build characterized by predominance of structures bone and muscle and connective tissue developed from the embryonic mesodermal layer. <i>A <b>muscular</b> economy.</i>
<b>osseous</b>	Consisting of or turned into bone; ossified. <i><b>Osseous</b> tissue.</i>
<b>paralyze</b>	Cause to be paralyzed and immobile. <i>The poison <b>paralyzed</b> him.</i>
<b>sinew</b>	A cord or band of inelastic tissue connecting a muscle with its bony attachment. <i>The <b>sinews</b> in her neck.</i>



- sinewy** (of meat) full of sinews; especially impossible to chew.  
*The language is spare and **sinewy**.*
- skeletal** Existing only in outline or as a framework of something.  
*A **skeletal** plot for a novel.*
- spasm** Prolonged involuntary muscle contraction.  
*A **spasm** of coughing woke him.*
- stiffen** Severely restrict in scope or extent.  
***Stiffen** the regulations.*
- tendinous** Consisting of tendons or resembling a tendon.  
*The **tendinous** portion of the hamstring.*
- twitch** Use a twitch to subdue a horse.  
*He **twitched** a cigarette out of a packet.*

