

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)

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

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

