

Need another word that means the same as “numb”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “numb” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Numb” are: dead, asleep, benumbed, deprived of sensation, numbed, deadened, desensitized, insensible, insensate, senseless, unfeeling, benumb, blunt, dull, deadening, bitter, deaden, deprive of sensation, desensitize, render insensitive**

## Numb as a Verb

### Definitions of "Numb" as a verb

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

- *Make numb or insensitive.*
- *Deprive of feeling or responsiveness.*
- *Cause (a sensation) to be felt less intensely; deaden.*



## Synonyms of "Numb" as a verb (9 Words)

<b>benumb</b>	Deprive of physical or emotional feeling. <i>It began with a government campaign of hysteria to confuse and <b>benumb</b> the population.</i>
<b><u>bitter</u></b>	Make bitter.
<b>blunt</b>	Make dull or blunt. <i><b>Blunted</b> emotions.</i>
<b>dead</b>	Cut a girdle around so as to kill by interrupting the circulation of water and nutrients. <i>The syllabus has <b>deadened</b> the teaching process.</i>
<b>deadening</b>	Convert (metallic mercury) into a grey powder consisting of minute globules, as by shaking with chalk or fatty oil.

**deprive of sensation** Take away.

**desensitize** Make insensitive.  
*His military training **desensitized** him.*

**dull** Make dull or blunt.  
*The varnished table top **dulled** with time.*

**render insensitive** Bestow.







## Usage Examples of "Numb" as a verb

- *The shock numbed her senses.*
- *The cold had numbed her senses.*
- *Vodka might numb the pain in my hand.*



## Numb as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Numb" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "numb" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Unable to think, feel, or respond normally.*
- *Not showing human feeling or sensitivity; unresponsive.*
- *Lacking sensation.*
- *(of a part of the body) deprived of the power of physical sensation.*
- *So frightened as to be unable to move; stunned or paralyzed with terror; petrified.*
- *(followed by 'to')* not showing human feeling or sensitivity; unresponsive.



## Synonyms of "Numb" as an adjective (11 Words)

<b>asleep</b>	In a state of sleep. <i>The competition was not <b>asleep</b>.</i>
<b>benumbed</b>	Lacking sensation. <i>A hoarse shout cut through his <b>benumbed</b> senses.</i>
<b>dead</b>	(of a piece of equipment) no longer functioning. <i>Far from being <b>dead</b> money it is available to be spent or invested.</i>
<b>deadened</b>	Devoid of physical sensation; numb. <i>She felt no discomfort as the dentist drilled her <b>deadened</b> tooth.</i>
<b>deprived of sensation</b>	Marked by deprivation especially of the necessities of life or healthful environmental influences.
<b>desensitized</b>	Having been made less sensitive. <i><b>Desensitized</b> taste buds.</i>
<b>insensate</b>	Lacking physical sensation. <i>A patient who was permanently unconscious and <b>insensate</b>.</i>



**insensible**

(of a person or bodily extremity) without feeling; numb.  
*They knocked each other **insensible** with their fists.*

**numbed**

So frightened as to be unable to move; stunned or paralyzed with terror; petrified.

**senseless**

Lacking common sense; wildly foolish.  
*It was as **senseless** as crossing Death Valley on foot.*

**unfeeling**

Unsympathetic, harsh, or callous.  
*My mother is a cold **unfeeling** woman.*



## Usage Examples of "Numb" as an adjective

- *My feet were numb with cold.*
- *Numb to the cries for mercy.*
- *Too numb with fear to move.*
- *Numb with cold.*
- *The tragic events left us shocked and numb.*



## Associations of "Numb" (30 Words)

<b><u>anesthetic</u></b>	Characterized by insensibility. <i>An <b>anesthetic</b> state.</i>
<b>benighted</b>	In a state of pitiful or contemptible intellectual or moral ignorance. <i><b>Benighted</b> ages of barbarism and superstition.</i>
<b>blunt</b>	Make dull or blunt. <i>Thick marks made by a <b>blunt</b> pencil.</i>
<b>bored</b>	Feeling weary and impatient because one is unoccupied or lacks interest in one's current activity. <i><b>Bored</b> teenagers.</i>
<b><u>boredom</u></b>	The state of feeling bored. <i>I ll die of <b>boredom</b> if I live that long.</i>
<b>callosity</b>	An area of skin that is thick or hard from continual pressure or friction (as the sole of the foot).



<b>callous</b>	Make insensitive or callous deaden feelings or morals. <i>A <b>callous</b> indifference to suffering.</i>
<b>crass</b>	(of persons) so unrefined as to be lacking in discrimination and sensibility. <i>An act of <b>crass</b> stupidity.</i>
<b>dull</b>	Make dull or blunt. <i>Shares closed weaker after a day of <b>dull</b> trading.</i>
<b>ennui</b>	The feeling of being bored by something tedious. <i>He succumbed to <b>ennui</b> and despair.</i>
<b>folly</b>	Foolish or senseless behavior. <i>Trying to drive through a blizzard is the height of <b>folly</b>.</i>
<b>freezing</b>	The freezing point of water 0 C. <i>He was <b>freezing</b> and miserable.</i>
<b>icy</b>	Very unfriendly; hostile. <i>Her voice was <b>icy</b>.</i>
<b>indifference</b>	The trait of lacking enthusiasm for or interest in things generally. <i>It cannot be regarded as a matter of <b>indifference</b>.</i>
<b>indifferent</b>	Being neither good nor bad. <i>An <b>indifferent</b> chemical in a reaction.</i>
<b>insensate</b>	Completely lacking sense or reason. <i>A patient who was permanently unconscious and <b>insensate</b>.</i>
<b>insensible</b>	Too small or gradual to be perceived; inappreciable. <i>They knocked each other <b>insensible</b> with their fists.</i>
<b>insensitive</b>	Not aware of or able to respond to something. <i><b>Insensitive</b> to the needs of the patients.</i>
<b>monotony</b>	The quality of wearisome constancy, routine, and lack of variety. <i>You can become resigned to the <b>monotony</b> of captivity.</i>
<b>obtuse</b>	Lacking in insight or discernment. <i>An <b>obtuse</b> angle of 150.</i>
<b>senseless</b>	(of especially persons) lacking sense or understanding or judgment. <i>It was as <b>senseless</b> as crossing Death Valley on foot.</i>
<b>silly</b>	A word used for misbehaving children. <i>A <b>silly</b> idea.</i>
<b>standoffish</b>	Lacking cordiality; unfriendly. <i>A <b>standoffish</b> manner.</i>
<b>tedium</b>	Dullness owing to length or slowness. <i>The <b>tedium</b> of car journeys.</i>

<b><u>unconscious</u></b>	Unaware of. <i>Horrific apparitions surfaced out of the recesses of his <b>unconscious</b>.</i>
<b>undiscerning</b>	Lacking judgement, insight, or taste. <i>An <b>undiscerning</b> audience.</i>
<b><u>wanton</u></b>	A sexually unrestrained woman. <i><b>Wanton</b> behavior.</i>
<b>witless</b>	(of especially persons) lacking sense or understanding or judgment. <i>I was scared <b>witless</b>.</i>