

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)

benumb	Deprive of physical or emotional feeling. <i>It began with a government campaign of hysteria to confuse and benumb the population.</i>
bitter	Make bitter.
blunt	Make dull or blunt. <i>Blunted emotions.</i>
deaden	Cut a girdle around so as to kill by interrupting the circulation of water and nutrients. <i>The syllabus has deadened the teaching process.</i>
deadening	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)

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

insensible	(of a person or bodily extremity) without feeling; numb. <i>They knocked each other insensible with their fists.</i>
numbed	So frightened as to be unable to move; stunned or paralyzed with terror; petrified.
senseless	Lacking common sense; wildly foolish. <i>It was as senseless as crossing Death Valley on foot.</i>
unfeeling	Unsympathetic, harsh, or callous. <i>My mother is a cold unfeeling woman.</i>



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)

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

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

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