

Need another word that means the same as “obsess”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “obsess” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Obsess” are: ghost, haunt, preoccupy, be uppermost in someone's mind, prey on someone's mind, prey on, possess, consume, plague, torment, hound, bedevil, take control of, take over, become an obsession with, have a hold on, engross, eat up, have a grip on, grip, dominate, rule, control, beset, monopolize, be fixated, be preoccupied, be infatuated, be possessed, be haunted, be consumed, be plagued, be tormented, be bedevilled, be eaten up, be gripped, be in the grip of, be dominated, be beset

Obsess as a Verb

Definitions of "Obsess" as a verb

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

- *Be preoccupied with something.*
- *Haunt like a ghost; pursue.*
- *Be constantly talking or worrying about something.*
- *Preoccupy or fill the mind of (someone) continually and to a troubling extent.*



Synonyms of "Obsess" as a verb (39 Words)

be bedevilled	Happen, occur, take place.
be beset	Be identical or equivalent to.
be consumed	Have life, be alive.
be dominated	Be identical to; be someone or something.
be eaten up	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
be fixated	Happen, occur, take place.
be gripped	Occupy a certain position or area.
be haunted	Happen, occur, take place.
be in the grip of	Have life, be alive.
be infatuated	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form.
be plagued	Happen, occur, take place.

be possessed	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
be preoccupied	Have life, be alive.
be tormented	Have life, be alive.
be uppermost in someone's mind	Occupy a certain position or area.
become an obsession with	Undergo a change or development.
bedevil	(of a person) torment or harass. <i>Projects like this are bedevilled by a shortage of cash.</i>
<u>beset</u>	Surround and harass. <i>I was beset by clouds of flies.</i>
consume	Serve oneself to or consume regularly. <i>This process consumes enormous amounts of energy.</i>
control	Control others or oneself or influence skillfully usually to one's advantage. <i>There were never enough masters to control the unruly mobs of boys.</i>
dominate	Be the most important or conspicuous person or thing in. <i>A picturesque city dominated by the cathedral tower.</i>
eat up	Take in food; used of animals only.
engross	Gain or keep exclusive possession of (something). <i>They seemed to be engrossed in conversation.</i>
<u>ghost</u>	Move like a ghost. <i>People who ghost are primarily focused on avoiding their own emotional discomfort.</i>
grip	To grip or seize as in a wrestling match. <i>He gripped the steering wheel.</i>
<u>haunt</u>	Haunt like a ghost pursue. <i>She haunts the ballet.</i>
have a grip on	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.
have a hold on	Suffer from; be ill with.
hound	Pursue or chase relentlessly. <i>His opponents used the allegations to hound him out of office.</i>
<u>monopolize</u>	Get or keep exclusively to oneself. <i>He monopolizes the laser printer.</i>

plague	Annoy continually or chronically. <i>He has been plagued by ill health.</i>
possess	Have possession of as distinct from ownership. <i>He just wanted her to possess her.</i>
preoccupy	(of a matter or subject) dominate or engross the mind of (someone) to the exclusion of other thoughts. <i>His mother was preoccupied with paying the bills.</i>
prey on	Prey on or hunt for.
prey on someone's mind	Prey on or hunt for.
rule	Mark or draw with a ruler. <i>The tenth House ruled by Saturn and associated with Capricorn.</i>
take control of	Take somebody somewhere.
take over	Develop a habit.
torment	Torment emotionally or mentally. <i>He was tormented by jealousy.</i>



Usage Examples of "Obsess" as a verb

- *Her husband, who is obsessing about the wrong she has done him.*
- *He was obsessed with the idea of revenge.*
- *She is obsessing over her weight.*
- *I became more and more obsessed by him.*



Associations of "Obsess" (30 Words)

- ambition** Have as one's ambition.
*Her **ambition** was to become a pilot.*
- blessedness** A state of supreme happiness.
- captivated** Filled with wonder and delight.

charmed	Strongly attracted. A charmed quark.
delighted	Filled with wonder and delight. A delighted smile.
delightful	Greatly pleasing or entertaining. A delightful surprise.
elated	Exultantly proud and joyful; in high spirits. The elated winner.
enjoy	Derive or receive pleasure from get enjoyment from take pleasure in. I enjoy watching good films.
enjoyable	(of an activity or occasion) giving delight or pleasure. They had an enjoyable afternoon.
euphoric	Characterized by or feeling intense excitement and happiness. A euphoric sense of freedom.
exult	Feel extreme happiness or elation. Exulting in her escape Lisa closed the door behind her.
exultant	Joyful and proud especially because of triumph or success. He waved to the exultant crowds.
exultation	A feeling of triumphant elation or jubilation; rejoicing. She laughs in exultation .
fascinated	Strongly attracted and interested. A crowd of fascinated onlookers.
ghost	Act as ghostwriter of a work. I didn't want to ghost her so we ended up having the talk and it was horrible.
glad	Any of numerous plants of the genus <i>Gladiolus</i> native chiefly to tropical and South Africa having sword-shaped leaves and one-sided spikes of brightly colored funnel-shaped flowers; widely cultivated. Heard the glad news.
grateful	Feeling or showing gratitude. A grateful heart.
haunt	Haunt like a ghost pursue. The bar was a favourite haunt of artists of the time.
hope	A specific instance of feeling hopeful. It revived their hope of winning the pennant.
infatuated	Possessed with an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone. An infatuated teenager.

jubilant	Joyful and proud especially because of triumph or success. <i>A large number of jubilant fans ran on to the pitch.</i>
lucky	Having, bringing, or resulting from good luck. <i>Three s my lucky number.</i>
please	Used to ask someone to stop doing something of which the speaker disapproves. <i>What type of fish is this please.</i>
pleased	Experiencing or manifesting pleasure. <i>A pleased smile.</i>
pleasurable	Affording satisfaction or pleasure. <i>Pleasurable activities.</i>
pursue	Continue or proceed along (a path or route). <i>Andrew was determined to pursue a computer career.</i>
rejoicing	A feeling of great happiness. <i>Rejoicing crowds filled the streets on VJ Day.</i>
think	An act of thinking. <i>I went for a walk to have a think.</i>
vivacious	Vigorous and animated. <i>A vivacious folk dance.</i>

