

Need another word that means the same as “outbreak”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “outbreak” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Outbreak” are: eruption, irruption, flare-up, upsurge, outburst, epidemic, breakout, rash, wave, spate, flood, explosion, burst, blaze, flurry, start, beginning, onset, breaking out, opening, outset, day one, inception, dawn, genesis

Outbreak as a Noun

Definitions of "Outbreak" as a noun

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

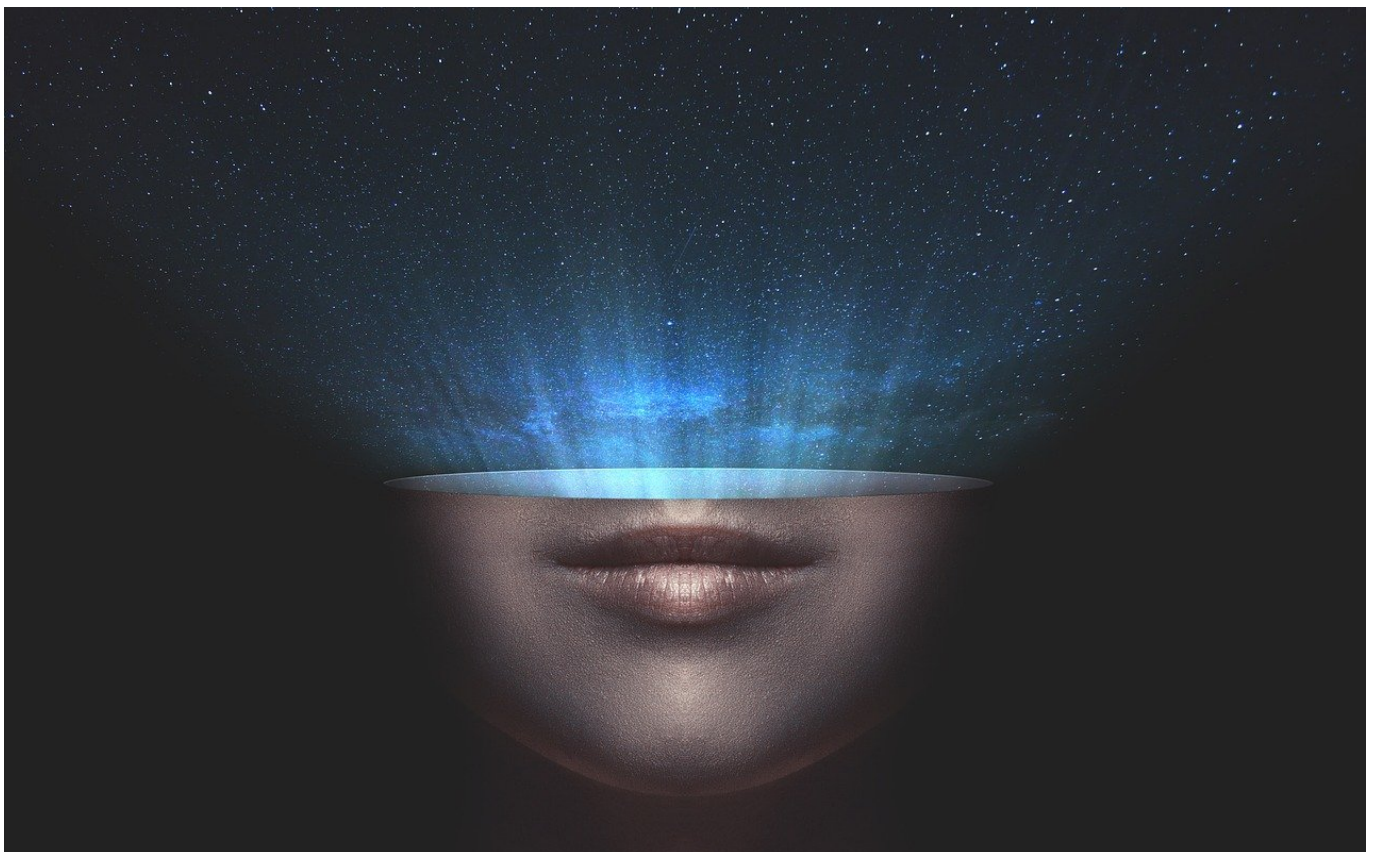
- *A sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease.*
- *A sudden violent spontaneous occurrence (usually of some undesirable condition).*



Synonyms of "Outbreak" as a noun (25 Words)

beginning	The first part or earliest stage of something. <i>He left at the beginning of February.</i>
blaze	A strong flame that burns brightly. <i>Go to blazes he shouted.</i>
breaking out	The act of breaking something.
breakout	A forcible escape, especially from prison. <i>A breakout of hostilities.</i>
burst	The act of exploding or bursting. <i>The mortar bursts were further away than before.</i>
dawn	The first light of day. <i>We got up before dawn.</i>
day one	An era of existence or influence.
<u>epidemic</u>	A sudden, widespread occurrence of an undesirable phenomenon. <i>A flu epidemic.</i>
eruption	A sudden violent spontaneous occurrence (usually of some undesirable condition). <i>A sudden eruption of street violence.</i>
<u>explosion</u>	The noise caused by an explosion. <i>The explosion was heard a mile away.</i>
flare-up	A sudden intense happening.
flood	The act of flooding filling to overflowing. <i>A flood of requests.</i>
flurry	A small swirling mass of something, especially snow or leaves, moved by sudden gusts of wind. <i>There was a flurry of chicken feathers.</i>
<u>genesis</u>	The origin or mode of formation of something. <i>This tale had its genesis in fireside stories.</i>
<u>inception</u>	An event that is a beginning; a first part or stage of subsequent events. <i>She has been on the board since its inception two years ago.</i>
irruption	A sudden violent entrance; a bursting in. <i>The recent irruption of bad manners.</i>
<u>onset</u>	The beginning of something, especially something unpleasant. <i>Early onset Alzheimer s disease.</i>
opening	The act of opening something. <i>They seem to have exploited fully the openings offered.</i>

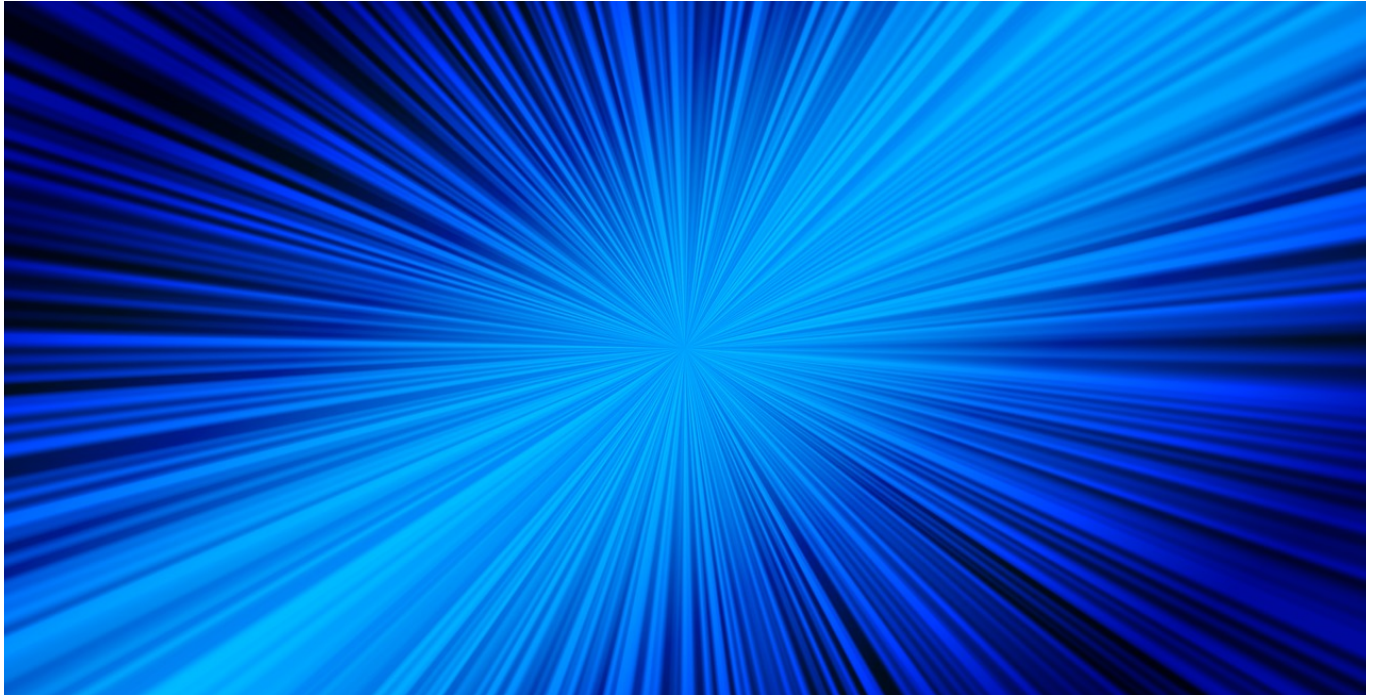
outburst	A sudden emission of energy or particles. <i>A wild outburst of applause.</i>
outset	The start or beginning of something. <i>The project was flawed from the outset.</i>
rash	A series of unexpected and unpleasant occurrences. <i>A rash of bank robberies.</i>
spate	A large number of similar things coming in quick succession. <i>A spate of attacks on holidaymakers.</i>
start	The act of starting something. <i>She awoke with a start.</i>
upsurge	An upward surge in the strength or quantity of something; an increase. <i>An upsurge of emotion.</i>
wave	A shape regarded as resembling a breaking wave. <i>Gulls and cormorants bobbed on the waves.</i>



Usage Examples of "Outbreak" as a noun

- *The outbreak of World War II.*

- *The outbreak of hostilities.*



Associations of "Outbreak" (30 Words)

blast	Play or sound very loudly. <i>It could turn out to be a real blast.</i>
blight	A state or condition being blighted. <i>The city's high rise social housing had become synonymous with urban blight.</i>
burst	The act of exploding or bursting. <i>One of the balloons burst.</i>
canker	Infect with a canker. <i>Cut out lesions on branches caused by canker.</i>
cholera	An infectious and often fatal bacterial disease of the small intestine, typically contracted from infected water supplies and causing severe vomiting and diarrhoea.
crater	Form a crater in the ground or a planet. <i>Using the rounded end of a rolling pin make craters over the surface of the cake.</i>
demolition	An event (or the result of an event) that completely destroys something. <i>The demolition of the huge tower was quite a spectacle.</i>

diphtheria	Acute contagious infection caused by the bacterium <i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> marked by the formation of a false membrane in the throat and other air passages causing difficulty in breathing.
epidemic	Of the nature of an epidemic. <i>An epidemic of violent crime.</i>
epizootic	An outbreak of an epizootic disease. <i>Epizootic diseases in domestic livestock.</i>
eruption	(of volcanos) pouring out fumes or lava (or a deposit so formed). <i>The eruption of Vesuvius.</i>
explode	Show (a belief or theory) to be false or unfounded. <i>This is ludicrous she exploded.</i>
explosive	A chemical substance that undergoes a rapid chemical change (with the production of gas) on being heated or struck. <i>Stocks of explosives.</i>
grenade	A small explosive bomb thrown by hand or fired from a missile.
happen	Happen occur or be the case in the course of events or by chance Santayana. <i>I happened on a street with a few modest restaurants.</i>
hookworm	Infestation of the intestines by hookworms which enter the body usually through the skin.
infect	Affect in a contagious way. <i>Your children have infected you with this head cold.</i>
infestation	The state of being invaded or overrun by parasites. <i>Infestation with head lice is widespread.</i>
lava	Rock that in its molten form as magma issues from volcanos lava is what magma is called when it reaches the surface. <i>Porphyritic lavas.</i>
malaria	An intermittent and remittent fever caused by a protozoan parasite which invades the red blood cells and is transmitted by mosquitoes in many tropical and subtropical regions.
measles	A disease of pigs and other animals caused by the larvae of the human tapeworm. <i>Women queue to have their children immunized against measles.</i>
ordnance	Military supplies. <i>Unexploded ordnance.</i>
paroxysm	A sudden uncontrollable attack. <i>A paroxysm of giggling.</i>

pestilence Any epidemic disease with a high death rate.
*She died of **pestilence**.*

plague A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium typically with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and sometimes infection of the lungs pneumonic plague.
*Those children are a damn **plague**.*

revolution A dramatic and wide-reaching change in conditions, attitudes, or operation.
*The **revolution** of the earth about the sun takes one year.*

transmission Communication by means of transmitted signals.
***Transmission** equipment.*

typhoid Serious infection marked by intestinal inflammation and ulceration; caused by Salmonella typhosa ingested with food or water.

typhus Rickettsial disease transmitted by body lice and characterized by skin rash and high fever.

war A legal state created by a declaration of war and ended by official declaration during which the international rules of war apply.
*A **war** on drugs.*

