

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:

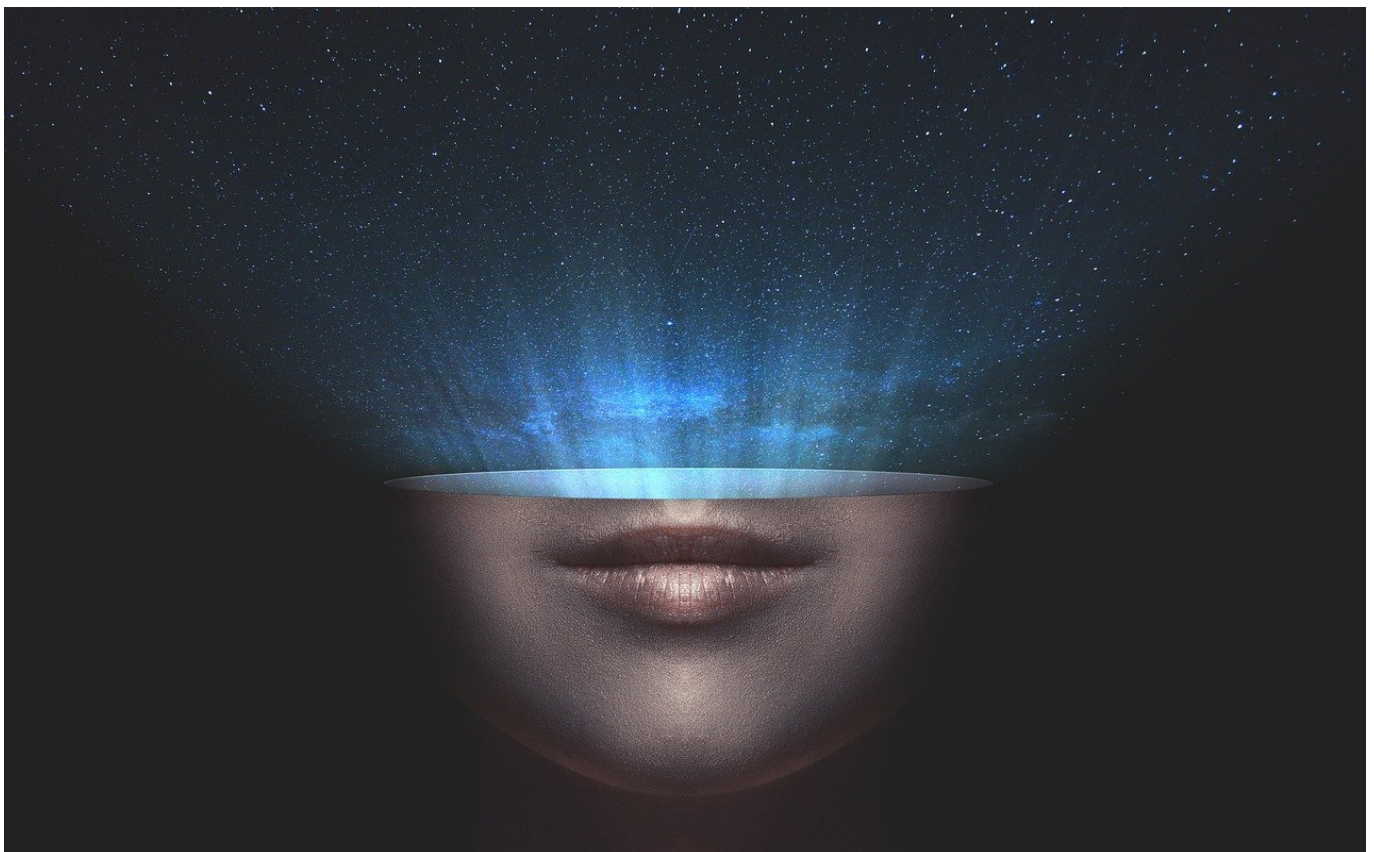
- *A sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease.*
- *A sudden violent spontaneous occurrence (usually of some undesirable condition).*



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

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

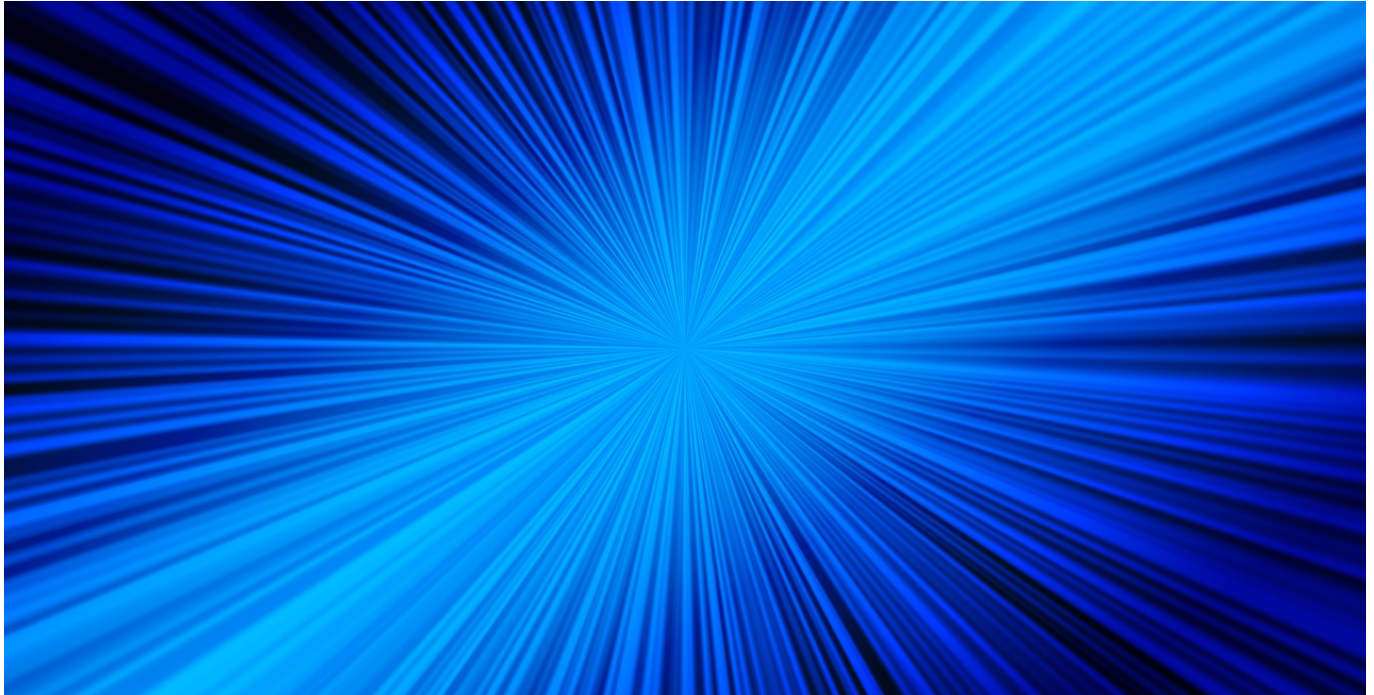
<b>outburst</b>	A sudden emission of energy or particles. <i>A wild <b>outburst</b> of applause.</i>
<b>outset</b>	The start or beginning of something. <i>The project was flawed from the <b>outset</b>.</i>
<b>rash</b>	A series of unexpected and unpleasant occurrences. <i>A <b>rash</b> of bank robberies.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



## Usage Examples of "Outbreak" as a noun

- *The outbreak of World War II.*

- *The outbreak of hostilities.*



## Associations of "Outbreak" (30 Words)

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

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

