

Need another word that means the same as “overwhelm”? Find 54 synonyms and 30 related words for “overwhelm” in this overview.

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Overwhelm as a Verb

Definitions of "Overwhelm" as a verb

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

- *Overcome, as with emotions or perceptual stimuli.*
- *Give too much of something to; inundate.*
- *Charge someone with too many tasks.*
- *Have a strong emotional effect on.*
- *Bury or drown beneath a huge mass of something, especially water.*
- *Cover completely or make imperceptible.*
- *Be too strong for; overpower.*
- *Overcome by superior force.*
- *Defeat completely.*



Synonyms of "Overwhelm" as a verb (54 Words)

affect	Have an effect upon. <i>Will the new rules affect me.</i>
be victorious over	Be identical to; be someone or something.
beat	Shape by beating. <i>Her heart beat faster with panic.</i>
beat hollow	Be a mystery or bewildering to.
<u>bury</u>	Place in the earth and cover with soil. <i>I tried to bury these unpleasant memories.</i>
conquer	To put down by force or authority. <i>The Beatles were to leave Liverpool and conquer the world.</i>
<u>daze</u>	Overcome as with astonishment or disbelief. <i>She was dazed by his revelations.</i>

dazzle

Amaze or bewilder, as with brilliant wit or intellect or skill.
*I was **dazzled** by the beauty and breadth of the exhibition.*

defeat

Render null and void; annul.
*She was **defeated** by the last steep hill.*

defeat easily

Win a victory over.

defeat heavily

Win a victory over.

defeat utterly

Thwart the passage of.

deluge

Fill quickly beyond capacity; as with a liquid.
*He has been **deluged** with offers of work.*

devastate

Destroy or ruin.
*He was **devastated** by his grief when his son died.*

disturb

Change the arrangement or position of.
*Take the rollers out carefully so as not to **disturb** the curls too much.*

drown

Deliberately kill a person or animal by drowning.
*She **drowned** her trouble in alcohol.*

dumbfound

Greatly astonish or amaze.
*I was **dumbfounded** by the low prices there.*

engulf

Flow over or cover completely.
*Europe might be **engulfed** by war.*

flood

Cover or submerge an area with water in a flood.
*She **flooded** the room with light.*

flood out

Supply with an excess of.

floor

Provide a room or area with a floor.
*I was **floored** when I heard that I was promoted.*

gain a victory over

Increase (one's body weight).

get the better of

Move into a desired direction of discourse.

impress

Impress positively.
*They immediately **impressed** the judges.*

inundate

Fill or cover completely, usually with water.
*We've been **inundated** with complaints from listeners.*

leave speechless

Go away from a place.

make emotional

Carry out or commit.

move

Move so as to change position perform a nontranslational motion.
*The school **moved** over to the new course in 1987.*

overcome

Overcome as with emotions or perceptual stimuli.
*You must **overcome** all difficulties.*

overload

Become overloaded.
*The wiring had been **overloaded**.*

overmaster

Overcome; conquer.
*He was **overmastered** by events.*

overpower

Defeat or overcome with superior strength.
*They were **overpowered** by the fumes.*

overrun

Seize the position of and defeat.
*The Mediterranean has been **overrun** by tourists.*

overtake

Catch up with and possibly overtake.
Germany rapidly overtook Britain in industrial output.

prevail over

Continue to exist.

rout

Defeat and cause to retreat in disorder.
*In a matter of minutes the attackers were **routed**.*

shake

Shake or vibrate rapidly and intensively.
*My faith has been **shaken**.*

snow under

Conceal one's true motives from especially by elaborately feigning good intentions so as to gain an end.

spellbind

Put into a trance.
The singer held the audience spellbound.

stagger

Arrange (events, payments, hours, etc.) so that they do not occur at the same time.
*The treasury **staggered** from one crisis to the next.*

stir

Stir feelings in.
*As the thunder started the sleeping children began to **stir**.*

strike

Undertake strike action against an employer.
*There is no better surface for the spat to **strike** on than another oyster.*

stun

Knock unconscious or into a dazed or semi-conscious state.
*The news **stunned** her.*

submerge

Sink below the surface; go under or as if under water.
*Houses had been flooded and cars **submerged**.*

swamp

Drench or submerge or be drenched or submerged.
*A huge wave **swamped** the canoes.*

sweep over

To cover or extend over an area or time period.

sweep someone off their feet

Win an overwhelming victory in or on.

take aback

Travel or go by means of a certain kind of transportation, or a certain route.

take someone's breath away

Lay claim to; as of an idea.

touch

Tamper with.

*There s no one who can **touch** him at lightweight judo.*

triumph over

Be ecstatic with joy.

trounce

Beat severely with a whip or rod.

*Insider dealing has been roundly **trounced**.*

vanquish

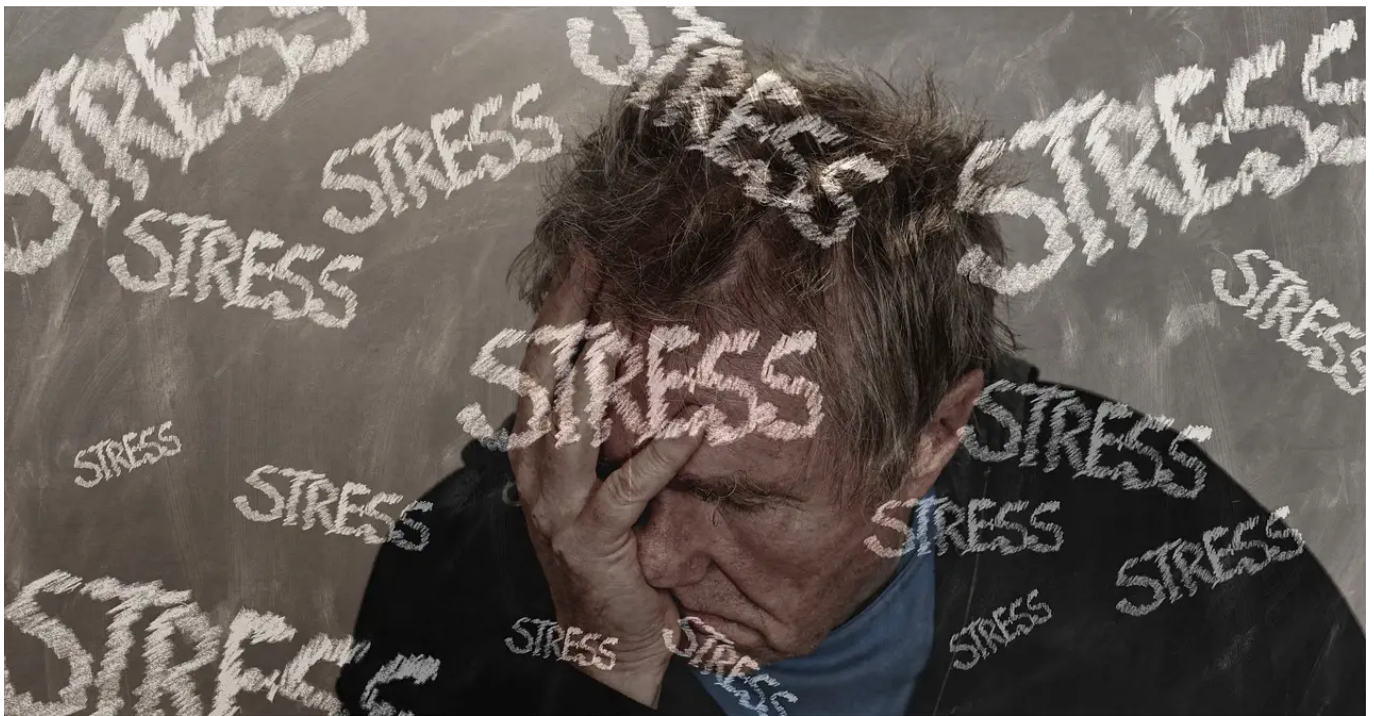
Defeat thoroughly.

*He successfully **vanquished** his rival.*

whelm

Well up or flow.

*A swimmer **whelmed** in a raging storm.*



Usage Examples of "Overwhelm" as a verb

- *Floodwaters overwhelmed hundreds of houses.*
- *The Stilton doesn't overwhelm the flavour of the trout.*
- *They were overwhelmed by farewell messages.*

- *The Irish side was overwhelmed 15-3 by Scotland.*
- *I was overwhelmed with guilt.*



Associations of "Overwhelm" (30 Words)

absorb	Take in or soak up (energy or a liquid or other substance) by chemical or physical action. <i>He absorbed the knowledge or beliefs of his tribe.</i>
awash	Level with the surface of water so that it just washes over. <i>The city was awash with journalists.</i>
cloudburst	A heavy rain.
crush	The act of crushing. <i>You can crush a pill between two spoons.</i>
curb	An edge between a sidewalk and a roadway consisting of a line of curbstones usually forming part of a gutter. <i>Plans to introduce tougher curbs on insider dealing.</i>

deluge	Overwhelm with a flood. <i>A deluge of complaints.</i>
<u>destruction</u>	A cause of someone's ruin. <i>The destruction of the rainforest.</i>
<u>dive</u>	A sudden movement in a specified direction. <i>She made a dive for the fridge to quench her thirst.</i>
downpour	A heavy rain. <i>A sudden downpour had filled the gutters and drains.</i>
drop	An instance of falling or dropping. <i>They only just avoided the drop last season.</i>
<u>drown</u>	Deliberately kill a person or animal by drowning. <i>Good pizza is not eight inches thick and drowned in tomato sauce.</i>
flood	The biblical flood brought by God upon the earth because of the wickedness of the human race Gen 6 ff. <i>Congratulatory messages flooded in.</i>
flowage	The act of flooding; filling to overflowing. <i>Rock fracture and rock flowage are different types of geological deformation.</i>
freshet	A rush of fresh water flowing into the sea.
immerse	Cause to be immersed. <i>She was still immersed in her thoughts.</i>
inundate	Fill or cover completely, usually with water. <i>We've been inundated with complaints from listeners.</i>
inundation	Flooding. <i>Areas were at risk of inundation.</i>
<u>oppress</u>	Cause distress or anxiety to. <i>A system which oppressed working people.</i>
overawe	Subdue, restrain, or overcome by affecting with a feeling of awe; frighten (as with threats). <i>The eleven year old was overawed by the atmosphere.</i>
overflow	Overflow with a certain feeling. <i>Her hair overflowed her shoulders.</i>
<u>overpower</u>	Be too intense for; overwhelm. <i>They were overpowered by the fumes.</i>
<u>plunge</u>	Immerse briefly into a liquid so as to wet, coat, or saturate. <i>He plunged his hands into his pockets.</i>
rainstorm	A storm with heavy rain.

sink	Fall or sink heavily. <i>This pledge could sink the government.</i>
submerge	Fill or cover completely, usually with water. <i>The U boat had had time to submerge.</i>
sunken	Having a sunken area. <i>Her face was white with sunken cheeks.</i>
surround	Surround with a wall in order to fortify. <i>The country the flat agricultural surround.</i>
swimmer	A trained athlete who participates in swimming meets. <i>Red flags to warn swimmers of dangerous currents.</i>
torrent	A strong and fast-moving stream of water or other liquid. <i>Rain poured down in torrents.</i>
underwater	Beneath the surface of water. <i>Underwater photography.</i>

