

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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**The synonyms of “Overwhelm” are: deluge, flood out, drown, submerge, overcome, overpower, overtake, sweep over, whelm, overmaster, swamp, engulf, bury, flood, inundate, overload, overrun, snow under, move, stir, affect, touch, impress, sweep someone off their feet, strike, stun, make emotional, dumbfound, shake, disturb, devastate, take aback, daze, spellbind, dazzle, floor, leave speechless, take someone's breath away, stagger, defeat, defeat easily, defeat heavily, defeat utterly, trounce, rout, beat, beat hollow, conquer, vanquish, be victorious over, gain a victory over, prevail over, get the better of, triumph over**

## 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)

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

<b>dazzle</b>	Amaze or bewilder, as with brilliant wit or intellect or skill. <i>I was <b>dazzled</b> by the beauty and breadth of the exhibition.</i>
<b>defeat</b>	Render null and void; annul. <i>She was <b>defeated</b> by the last steep hill.</i>
<b>defeat easily</b>	Win a victory over.
<b>defeat heavily</b>	Win a victory over.
<b>defeat utterly</b>	Thwart the passage of.
<b>deluge</b>	Fill quickly beyond capacity; as with a liquid. <i>He has been <b>deluged</b> with offers of work.</i>
<b>devastate</b>	Destroy or ruin. <i>He was <b>devastated</b> by his grief when his son died.</i>
<b>disturb</b>	Change the arrangement or position of. <i>Take the rollers out carefully so as not to <b>disturb</b> the curls too much.</i>
<b>drown</b>	Deliberately kill a person or animal by drowning. <i>She <b>drowned</b> her trouble in alcohol.</i>
<b>dumbfound</b>	Greatly astonish or amaze. <i>I was <b>dumbfounded</b> by the low prices there.</i>
<b>engulf</b>	Flow over or cover completely. <i>Europe might be <b>engulfed</b> by war.</i>
<b>flood</b>	Cover or submerge an area with water in a flood. <i>She <b>flooded</b> the room with light.</i>
<b>flood out</b>	Supply with an excess of.
<b>floor</b>	Provide a room or area with a floor. <i>I was <b>floored</b> when I heard that I was promoted.</i>
<b>gain a victory over</b>	Increase (one's body weight).
<b>get the better of</b>	Move into a desired direction of discourse.
<b>impress</b>	Impress positively. <i>They immediately <b>impressed</b> the judges.</i>
<b>inundate</b>	Fill or cover completely, usually with water. <i>We've been <b>inundated</b> with complaints from listeners.</i>
<b>leave speechless</b>	Go away from a place.
<b>make emotional</b>	Carry out or commit.
<b>move</b>	Move so as to change position perform a nontranslational motion. <i>The school <b>moved</b> over to the new course in 1987.</i>

<b><u>overcome</u></b>	Overcome as with emotions or perceptual stimuli. <i>You must <b>overcome</b> all difficulties.</i>
<b><u>overload</u></b>	Become overloaded. <i>The wiring had been <b>overloaded</b>.</i>
<b>overmaster</b>	Overcome; conquer. <i>He was <b>overmastered</b> by events.</i>
<b><u>overpower</u></b>	Defeat or overcome with superior strength. <i>They were <b>overpowered</b> by the fumes.</i>
<b>overrun</b>	Seize the position of and defeat. <i>The Mediterranean has been <b>overrun</b> by tourists.</i>
<b><u>overtake</u></b>	Catch up with and possibly overtake. <i>Germany rapidly <b>overtook</b> Britain in industrial output.</i>
<b>prevail over</b>	Continue to exist.
<b>rout</b>	Defeat and cause to retreat in disorder. <i>In a matter of minutes the attackers were <b>routed</b>.</i>
<b>shake</b>	Shake or vibrate rapidly and intensively. <i>My faith has been <b>shaken</b>.</i>
<b>snow under</b>	Conceal one's true motives from especially by elaborately feigning good intentions so as to gain an end.
<b>spellbind</b>	Put into a trance. <i>The singer held the audience <b>spellbound</b>.</i>
<b>stagger</b>	Arrange (events, payments, hours, etc.) so that they do not occur at the same time. <i>The treasury <b>staggered</b> from one crisis to the next.</i>
<b>stir</b>	Stir feelings in. <i>As the thunder started the sleeping children began to <b>stir</b>.</i>
<b><u>strike</u></b>	Undertake strike action against an employer. <i>There is no better surface for the spat to <b>strike</b> on than another oyster.</i>
<b>stun</b>	Knock unconscious or into a dazed or semi-conscious state. <i>The news <b>stunned</b> her.</i>
<b><u>submerge</u></b>	Sink below the surface; go under or as if under water. <i>Houses had been flooded and cars <b>submerged</b>.</i>
<b><u>swamp</u></b>	Drench or submerge or be drenched or submerged. <i>A huge wave <b>swamped</b> the canoes.</i>
<b>sweep over</b>	To cover or extend over an area or time period.

<b>sweep someone off their feet</b>	Win an overwhelming victory in or on.
<b>take aback</b>	Travel or go by means of a certain kind of transportation, or a certain route.
<b>take someone's breath away</b>	Lay claim to; as of an idea.
<b>touch</b>	Tamper with. <i>There s no one who can <b>touch</b> him at lightweight judo.</i>
<b>triumph over</b>	Be ecstatic with joy.
<b>trounce</b>	Beat severely with a whip or rod. <i>Insider dealing has been roundly <b>trounced</b>.</i>
<b>vanquish</b>	Defeat thoroughly. <i>He successfully <b>vanquished</b> his rival.</i>
<b>whelm</b>	Well up or flow. <i>A swimmer <b>whelmed</b> in a raging storm.</i>



### 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.  
*He **absorbed** the knowledge or beliefs of his tribe.*
- awash** Level with the surface of water so that it just washes over.  
*The city was **awash** with journalists.*
- cloudburst** A heavy rain.
- crush** The act of crushing.  
*You can **crush** a pill between two spoons.*
- curb** An edge between a sidewalk and a roadway consisting of a line of curbstones usually forming part of a gutter.  
*Plans to introduce tougher **curbs** on insider dealing.*

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



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

