

Need another word that means the same as “parasite”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “parasite” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Parasite” are: leech, sponge, sponger, hanger-on, passenger, drone**

## Parasite as a Noun

### Definitions of "Parasite" as a noun

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

- *A follower who hangs around a host (without benefit to the host) in hope of gain or advantage.*
- *A person who habitually relies on or exploits others and gives nothing in return.*
- *An animal or plant that lives in or on a host (another animal or plant); it obtains nourishment from the host without benefiting or killing the host.*
- *An organism that lives in or on an organism of another species (its host) and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense.*



## Synonyms of "Parasite" as a noun (6 Words)

- drone** A musical instrument or part of one sounding a continuous note of low pitch in particular also drone pipe a pipe in a bagpipe or also drone string a string in an instrument such as a hurdy gurdy or a sitar.  
*The **drone** rose by a third to A.*
- hanger-on** Someone who persistently (and annoyingly) follows along.
- leech** Carnivorous or bloodsucking aquatic or terrestrial worms typically having a sucker at each end.  
*They are **leeches** feeding off the hard working majority.*
- passenger** A traveller on a public or private conveyance other than the driver, pilot, or crew.  
*He had been a superlative teacher but his health was gone and he was now a **passenger**.*
- sponge** An act of wiping or cleaning with a sponge.  
*The headguard is padded with **sponge**.*

**sponger** A person who lives at others' expense.



### Usage Examples of "Parasite" as a noun

- *He was a parasite who lived off other people.*
- *The parasite attaches itself to the mouths of fishes.*
- *An intestinal parasite of cattle.*



## Associations of "Parasite" (30 Words)

<b>bacteria</b>	(microbiology) single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms lacking chlorophyll that reproduce by fission; important as pathogens and for biochemical properties; taxonomy is difficult; often considered to be plants.
<b>bowel</b>	The part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine. <i>The lining of the <b>bowel</b>.</i>
<b>ciliated</b>	Having a margin or fringe of hairlike projections.
<a href="#">diarrhea</a>	Frequent and watery bowel movements; can be a symptom of infection or food poisoning or colitis or a gastrointestinal tumor.
<b>epigone</b>	An inferior imitator of some distinguished writer, artist, or musician. <i>The humdrum compositions of some of Beethoven's <b>epigones</b>.</i>
<b>fawning</b>	Displaying exaggerated flattery or affection; obsequious. <i><b>Fawning</b> adoration.</i>
<b>follower</b>	A person who accepts the leadership of another. <i>She remains an immensely divisive figure but she has a million <b>followers</b> on Facebook.</i>
<b>groveling</b>	Totally submissive.
<b>ingratiate</b>	Bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them. <i>A sycophantic attempt to <b>ingratiate</b> herself with the local aristocracy.</i>
<b>ingratiating</b>	Calculated to please or gain favor. <i>With open arms and an <b>ingratiating</b> smile.</i>
<a href="#">insincere</a>	Not expressing genuine feelings. <i>She flashed him an <b>insincere</b> smile.</i>
<b>intestinal</b>	Relating to or affecting the intestine. <i>The <b>intestinal</b> tract.</i>
<b>lackey</b>	Behave in a servile way towards (someone). <i><b>Lackeys</b> were waiting to help them from the carriage.</i>
<b>larva</b>	The active immature form of an insect, especially one that differs greatly from the adult and forms the stage between egg and pupa, e.g. a caterpillar or grub.
<a href="#">leech</a>	Habitually exploit or rely on. <i>They are <b>leeches</b> feeding off the hard working majority.</i>
<a href="#">minion</a>	A follower or underling of a powerful person, especially a servile or unimportant one. <i>He gets oppressed <b>minions</b> like me to fob them off.</i>

<b>obsequious</b>	Obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree. <i>They were served by <b>obsequious</b> waiters.</i>
<b>parasitism</b>	Infestation by a parasite. <i>Many species are susceptible to fungal <b>parasitism</b>.</i>
<b>protozoan</b>	Relating to or denoting protozoans.
<b>servant</b>	A person employed in the service of a government. <i>The state cannot be a <b>servant</b> of the church.</i>
<b>servile</b>	Relating to or involving slaves or appropriate for slaves or servants. <i>Spoke in a <b>servile</b> tone.</i>
<b>slimy</b>	Repellently smooth and obsequious. <i>Thick <b>slimy</b> mud.</i>
<b>spicule</b>	Small pointed structure serving as a skeletal element in various marine and freshwater invertebrates e.g. sponges and corals.
<b>sponge</b>	Erase with a sponge as of words on a blackboard. <i>A chocolate <b>sponge</b>.</i>
<b>sycophant</b>	A person who acts obsequiously towards someone important in order to gain advantage.
<b>sycophantic</b>	Behaving or done in an obsequious way in order to gain advantage. <i>A <b>sycophantic</b> interview.</i>
<b>symbiosis</b>	Interaction between two different organisms living in close physical association, typically to the advantage of both. <i>A perfect mother and daughter <b>symbiosis</b>.</i>
<b>toady</b>	Act in an obsequious way. <i>She imagined him <b>toadying</b> to his rich clients.</i>
<b>unctuous</b>	Excessively flattering or ingratiating; oily. <i>The <b>unctuous</b> Uriah Heep.</i>

