

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)

bacteria	(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.
bowel	The part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine. <i>The lining of the bowel.</i>
ciliated	Having a margin or fringe of hairlike projections.
diarrhea	Frequent and watery bowel movements; can be a symptom of infection or food poisoning or colitis or a gastrointestinal tumor.
epigone	An inferior imitator of some distinguished writer, artist, or musician. <i>The humdrum compositions of some of Beethoven's epigones.</i>
fawning	Displaying exaggerated flattery or affection; obsequious. <i>Fawning adoration.</i>
follower	A person who accepts the leadership of another. <i>She remains an immensely divisive figure but she has a million followers on Facebook.</i>
groveling	Totally submissive.
ingratiate	Bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them. <i>A sycophantic attempt to ingratiate herself with the local aristocracy.</i>
ingratiating	Calculated to please or gain favor. <i>With open arms and an ingratiating smile.</i>
insincere	Not expressing genuine feelings. <i>She flashed him an insincere smile.</i>
intestinal	Relating to or affecting the intestine. <i>The intestinal tract.</i>
lackey	Behave in a servile way towards (someone). <i>Lackeys were waiting to help them from the carriage.</i>
larva	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.
leech	Habitually exploit or rely on. <i>They are leeches feeding off the hard working majority.</i>
minion	A follower or underling of a powerful person, especially a servile or unimportant one. <i>He gets oppressed minions like me to fob them off.</i>

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

