

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 <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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 <b>drone</b> rose by a third to A.
hanger-on	Someone who persistently (and annoyingly) follows along.
<u>leech</u>	Carnivorous or bloodsucking aquatic or terrestrial worms typically having a sucker at each end. They are <b>leech</b> es 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 <b>passenger</b> .
sponge	An act of wiping or cleaning with a sponge. <i>The headguard is padded with <b>sponge</b>.</i>





**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. The lining of the <b>bowel</b> .
ciliated	Having a margin or fringe of hairlike projections.
<u>diarrhea</u>	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. The humdrum compositions of some of Beethoven s <b>epigone</b> s.
fawning	Displaying exaggerated flattery or affection; obsequious. <i>Fawning</i> adoration.
follower	A person who accepts the leadership of another. She remains an immensely divisive figure but she has a million <b>follower</b> s on Facebook.
groveling	Totally submissive.
ingratiate	Bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them. A sycophantic attempt to <b>ingratiate</b> herself with the local aristocracy.
ingratiating	Calculated to please or gain favor. With open arms and an <b>ingratiating</b> smile.
<u>insincere</u>	Not expressing genuine feelings. She flashed him an <b>insincere</b> smile.
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.
<u>leech</u>	Habitually exploit or rely on. They are <b>leech</b> es feeding off the hard working majority.
<u>minion</u>	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>



<u>obsequious</u>	Obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree. They were served by <b>obsequious</b> waiters.
parasitism	Infestation by a parasite. Many species are susceptible to fungal <b>parasitism</b> .
protozoan	Relating to or denoting protozoans.
<u>servant</u>	A person employed in the service of a government. The state cannot be a <b>servant</b> of the church.
servile	Relating to or involving slaves or appropriate for slaves or servants. Spoke in a <b>servile</b> tone.
<u>slimy</u>	Repellently smooth and obsequious. Thick <b>slimy</b> mud.
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. A chocolate <b>sponge</b> .
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. A <b>sycophantic</b> interview.
symbiosis	Interaction between two different organisms living in close physical association, typically to the advantage of both. A perfect mother and daughter <b>symbiosis</b> .
toady	Act in an obsequious way. She imagined him <b>toady</b> ing to his rich clients.
unctuous	Excessively flattering or ingratiating; oily. <i>The <b>unctuous</b> Uriah Heep.</i>



