

Need another word that means the same as "pest"? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for "pest" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Pest" are: pestilence, plague, blighter, cuss, gadfly, pesterer, pestis, nuisance, bother, annoyance, irritation, irritant, thorn in one's flesh, thorn in one's side, vexation, trial, the bane of one's life, menace, curse, problem, trouble, worry, inconvenience, bore

Pest as a Noun

Definitions of "Pest" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "pest" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A destructive insect or other animal that attacks crops, food, livestock, etc.
- A persistently annoying person.
- A serious (sometimes fatal) infection of rodents caused by Yersinia pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal.
- An annoying person or thing; a nuisance.
- Bubonic plague.
- Any epidemic disease with a high death rate.
- Any unwanted and destructive insect or other animal that attacks food or crops or livestock etc.





Synonyms of "Pest" as a noun (24 Words)

Something or someone that causes trouble; a source of

annoyance unhappiness.

There was **annoyance** at government interference.

blighter A persistently annoying person.

You little **blighter**.

bore A person who evokes boredom.

He shot a guard in the leg with a twelve **bore**.

bother Effort, trouble, or difficulty.

A spot of **bother**.

curse An offensive word or phrase used to express anger or annoyance.

At every blow there was a curse.

cuss An annoying or stubborn person or animal.

He was certainly an unsociable cuss.



nuisance

pestis

problem

gadflyAny of various large flies that annoy livestock.

Always a **gadfly** he attacked intellectual orthodoxies.

The state or fact of being troublesome or difficult with regard to

inconvenience one's personal requirements or comfort.

The **inconvenience**s of life in a remote city.

irritant. A thing that is continually annoying or distracting.

In 1966 Vietnam was becoming an irritant to the government.

The stimulation of an organism, cell, or organ to produce an active

<u>irritation</u> response.

The minor **irritation**s of life.

Menace A person or thing that is likely to cause harm; a threat or danger.

A new initiative aimed at beating the **menace** of drugs.

(law) a broad legal concept including anything that disturbs the reasonable use of your property or endangers life and health or is

offensive

It s a **nuisance** having all those people clomping through the

house.

pesterer A persistently annoying person.

A serious (sometimes fatal) infection of rodents caused by Yersinia

pestilence pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea

that has bitten an infected animal.

Racism is a **pestilence** at the heart of the nation.

A serious sometimes fatal infection of rodents caused by Yersinia pestis and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea

that has bitten an infected animal.

A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium

typically with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and

plague sometimes infection of the lungs pneumonic plague.

A plague of grasshoppers.

A state of difficulty that needs to be resolved.

The **problem** of ageism in Hollywood.

the bane of one's life Something causing misery or death.

thorn in one's flesh Something that causes irritation and annoyance.

thorn in one's side A small sharp-pointed tip resembling a spike on a stem or leaf.

trial (sports) a preliminary competition to determine qualifications.

The editor was summoned to stand **trial** for libel.



The malfunction of something such as a machine or a part of the

trouble body.

He won without any trouble.

Something or someone that causes anxiety; a source of

vexation unhappiness.

Jenna bit her lip in **vexation**.

A source of anxiety.

Worry He s demented with worry.



Usage Examples of "Pest" as a noun

- He sprayed the garden to get rid of pests.
- Pest control.
- The tomato plant attracts a pest called whitefly.
- An effective method for controlling insect pests.
- Many pests have developed resistance to the common pesticides.
- He was a real pest.





Associations of "Pest" (30 Words)

A small insect typically having a sting and living in a complex social colony ant

with one or more breeding queens. It is wingless except for fertile adults,

which form large mating swarms, and is proverbial for its industriousness.

aphid Any of various small plant-sucking insects.

arachnid Relating to or denoting arachnids.

An insect of a large group to which the honeybee belongs including many

solitary as well as social kinds.

A sewing **bee**.

Conceal a miniature microphone in (a room or device) in order to listen to

or record someone's conversations secretly.

They caught the sailing **bug**.

Flutter like a butterfly.

butterfly A **butterfly** clip.

bee

bug



caterpillar A vehicle with caterpillar tracks.

A scavenging insect that resembles a beetle, having long antennae and legs

cockroach and typically a broad, flattened body. Several tropical kinds have become

established worldwide as household pests.

dragonfly Slender-bodied non-stinging insect having iridescent wings that are

outspread at rest; adults and nymphs feed on mosquitoes etc.

earthworm

Terrestrial worm that burrows into and helps aerate soil; often surfaces

when the ground is cool or wet; used as bait by anglers.

A person whose job is to eradicate pests from a building or area; a pest

exterminator controller.

He became an **exterminator** of pumas tracking them down in dark caverns.

flea Any wingless bloodsucking parasitic insect noted for ability to leap.

gadflyA fly that bites livestock, especially a horsefly, warble fly, or botfly.

Always a **gadfly** he attacked intellectual orthodoxies.

grasshopper A plant-eating insect with long hind legs which are used for jumping and for

producing a chirping sound, frequenting grassy places and low vegetation.

hornet Large stinging paper wasp.

A common small fly occurring worldwide in and around human habitation.

housefly Its eggs are laid in decaying material, and the fly can be a health hazard

due to its contamination of food.

A small arthropod animal that has six legs and generally one or two pairs of

insect wings.

Insect pests.

insectivorous (of a plant such as the sundew) able to capture and digest insects.

louse A person who has a nasty or unethical character undeserving of respect.

Any of numerous very small to minute arachnids often infesting animals or

plants or stored foods.

mosquito

Two-winged insect whose female has a long proboscis to pierce the skin and

suck the blood of humans and animals.

moth A clothes moth.

I store my sweaters in plastic bags to protect them from **moth**s.

A luminance unit equal to 1 candle per square meter measured

nit perpendicular to the rays from the source.

You stupid **nit**.

pesticide A chemical used to kill pests (as rodents or insects.



plague

A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium typically

with the formation of buboes bubonic plague and sometimes infection of the

lungs pneumonic plaque.

He has been **plague**d by ill health.

Used in names of arachnids and insects resembling a scorpion e q false scorpion

scorpion water scorpion.

Move in a scuttling manner suggestive of a spider. **spider** A treecreeper **spider**ed head first down the tree trunk.

A large black wolf spider of southern Europe, whose bite was formerly tarantula

believed to cause tarantism.

A small, pale soft-bodied insect that lives in large colonies with several termite

different castes, typically within a mound of cemented earth. Many kinds

feed on wood and can be highly destructive to trees and timber.

Used in names of other animals that resemble worms in some way e g slow

worm shipworm.

worm **Worm**s take advantage of automatic file sending and receiving features

found on many computers.

