

Need another word that means the same as “pit”? Find 55 synonyms and 30 related words for “pit” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pit” are: hell, infernal region, inferno, perdition, orchestra pit, cavity, pitfall, fossa, endocarp, stone, quarry, stone pit, colliery, hole, ditch, trench, trough, hollow, shaft, mineshaft, excavation, pothole, rut, coal mine, workings, diggings, pockmark, pock, mark, indentation, depression, dent, dint, concavity, dimple, match, oppose, play off, scar, set against, match against, put in opposition to, put in competition with, measure against, make holes in, make hollows in, indent, depress

Pit as a Noun

Definitions of "Pit" as a noun

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

- *A low or wretched psychological state.*
- *A sizeable hole (usually in the ground).*
- *Lowered area in front of a stage where an orchestra accompanies the performers.*
- *A hollow or indentation in a surface.*
- *A coal mine.*
- *A trap in the form of a concealed hole.*
- *An orchestra pit.*

- A person's armpit.
- (commodity exchange) the part of the floor of a commodity exchange where trading in a particular commodity is carried on.
- A sunken area in a workshop floor allowing access to a car's underside.
- The abode of Satan and the forces of evil; where sinners suffer eternal punishment- John Milton.
- A small indentation left on the skin by a pustule or spot; a pockmark.
- A surface excavation for extracting stone or slate.
- The hard inner (usually woody) layer of the pericarp of some fruits (as peaches or plums or cherries or olives) that contains the seed.
- The seating at the back of the stalls of a theatre.
- A large hole in the ground.
- An area at the side of a track where racing cars are serviced and refuelled.
- A large deep hole from which stones or minerals are quarried.
- An enclosure in which animals are made to fight.
- (Christianity) the abode of Satan and the forces of evil; where sinners suffer eternal punishment.
- (auto racing) an area at the side of a racetrack where the race cars are serviced and refueled.
- A concavity in a surface (especially an anatomical depression).
- A person's bed.
- The part of the floor of a commodity exchange where trading in a particular commodity is carried on.
- A workplace consisting of a coal mine plus all the buildings and equipment connected with it.
- An area at the side of a racetrack where the race cars are serviced and refueled.
- A part of the floor of a stock exchange in which a particular stock or commodity is traded.
- Hell.



Synonyms of "Pit" as a noun (35 Words)

cavity	A natural hollow or sinus within the body. <i>The abdominal cavity.</i>
coal mine	Fossil fuel consisting of carbonized vegetable matter deposited in the Carboniferous period.
colliery	A workplace consisting of a coal mine plus all the buildings and equipment connected with it.
concavity	The state or quality of being concave. <i>The concavity of her stomach.</i>
<u>dent</u>	A reduction in amount or size. <i>There was a hideous dent in the front passenger door.</i>
depression	A state of depression and anhedonia so severe as to require clinical intervention. <i>She was referred by a psychiatrist treating her for depression.</i>

diggings	Temporary living quarters. <i>Hills scarred with peat diggings.</i>
dimple	A chad that has been punched or dimpled but all four corners are still attached. <i>A new golf ball with a different dimple pattern.</i>
dint	Interchangeable with `means' in the expression `by means of'. <i>I perceive you feel the dint of pity.</i>
ditch	A narrow channel dug at the side of a road or field, to hold or carry away water. <i>Their car went out of control and plunged into a ditch.</i>
endocarp	The hard inner (usually woody) layer of the pericarp of some fruits (as peaches or plums or cherries or olives) that contains the seed.
excavation	The action of excavating something, especially an archaeological site. <i>There s an interesting excavation going on near Princeton.</i>
fossa	A concavity in a surface (especially an anatomical depression).
hole	An opening deliberately made in or through something. <i>He played 18 holes.</i>
hollow	A depression hollowed out of solid matter. <i>A hollow at the base of a large tree.</i>
indentation	The action of indenting or the state of being indented. <i>An indentation for each change of speaker.</i>
infernial region	An inhabitant of Hell.
inferno	A place or situation that is too hot, chaotic, or noisy. <i>The inferno of the Friday evening rush hour.</i>
mark	A figure or letter representing the total number of marks awarded in an examination or competition and signifying a person s score. <i>The highest mark was 98 per cent.</i>
mineshaft	A deep narrow vertical hole, or sometimes a horizontal tunnel, that gives access to a mine. <i>One member of this party almost vanished down a hidden disused mineshaft.</i>
orchestra pit	Seating on the main floor in a theater.
perdition	The abode of Satan and the forces of evil; where sinners suffer eternal punishment- John Milton. <i>She used her last banknote to buy herself a square meal before perdition.</i>

pitfall

A hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty.
*The **pitfalls** of buying goods at public auctions.*

pock

A pockmark.

pockmark

A pitted scar or mark on the skin left by a pustule or spot.
***Pockmarks** and gouges in the brickwork.*

pothole

A deep circular hole in a riverbed formed by the erosion of the rock by the rotation of stones in an eddy.
*Upstream were **potholes** from the recent rains where a pair of herons stood.*

quarry

Animal hunted or caught for food.
*A British term for **quarry** is stone pit.*

rut

A settled and monotonous routine that is hard to escape.
*They fell into a conversational **rut**.*

shaft

A long, narrow part or section forming the handle of a tool or club, the body of a spear or arrow, or similar.
*She threw **shafts** of sarcasm.*

stone

A piece of stone shaped for a purpose especially one of commemoration ceremony or demarcation.
*High **stone** walls.*

stone pit

A lack of feeling or expression or movement.

trench

A trench coat.
*Dig a **trench** around the perimeter of the fire.*

trough

A channel used to convey a liquid.
*A vast glacial **trough**.*

workings

A mine or quarry that is being or has been worked.



Usage Examples of "Pit" as a noun

- *The recent protests over planned pit closures.*
- *A gravel pit.*
- *A bear pit.*
- *The trading pit of the Singapore International Monetary Exchange.*
- *The pit lane.*
- *He had a flat tyre when he came into the pits.*
- *A demon from the depths of the pit.*
- *They dug a pit to bury the body.*
- *Pooled commodity funds liquidated positions in the corn and soybean pits.*
- *A black pit of depression.*
- *A British term for 'quarry' is 'stone pit.'*



Pit as a Verb

Definitions of "Pit" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "pit" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Drive a racing car into the pits for fuel or maintenance.*
- *Make a hollow or indentation in the surface of.*
- *Set into opposition or rivalry.*
- *Sink in or contract so as to form a pit or hollow.*
- *Set someone or something in conflict or competition with.*
- *Set an animal to fight against (another animal) for sport.*
- *Remove the pits from.*
- *Mark with a scar.*



Synonyms of "Pit" as a verb (20 Words)

<u>dent</u>	Mark with a dent. <i>He hit a concrete bollard denting the wing.</i>
<u>depress</u>	Lessen the activity or force of. <i>The rising inflation depressed the economy.</i>
dint	Mark (a surface) with dents or hollows. <i>The metal was dull and dinted.</i>
hole	Make holes in. <i>A fuel tank was holed by the attack and a fire started.</i>
<u>indent</u>	Bind by or as if by indentures as of an apprentice or servant. <i>Indent the documents.</i>
make holes in	Create or manufacture a man-made product.
make hollows in	Consider as being.
mark	Designate as if by a mark. <i>Mark my words.</i>
match	Make equal uniform corresponding or matching. <i>Matchmaker can you match my daughter with a nice young man.</i>
match against	Be equal to in quality or ability.
measure against	Determine the measurements of something or somebody, take measurements of.
oppose	Disagree with and attempt to prevent, especially by argument. <i>A majority of the electorate opposed EC membership.</i>
play off	Use or move.
pock	Mark with a scar.
pothole	Produce potholes in the ground. <i>The road is being torn up and potholed by passing trucks.</i>
put in competition with	Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.
put in opposition to	Formulate in a particular style or language.
<u>scar</u>	Form or be marked with a scar. <i>His arm will not scar.</i>
set against	Set in type.
<u>stone</u>	Build face or pave with stone. <i>The honey stoned eighteenth century city.</i>



Usage Examples of "Pit" as a verb

- *Pit plums and cherries.*
- *Pit a chess player against the Russian champion.*
- *There were usually three dogs pitted against one lion.*
- *You'll get the chance to pit your wits against the world champions.*
- *He pitted on lap 36 with sudden engine trouble.*
- *Rain poured down, pitting the bare earth.*



Associations of "Pit" (30 Words)

[abyss](#)

A wide or profound difference between people; a gulf.
*Satan's dark **abyss**.*

[archaeologist](#)

A person who studies human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artefacts and other physical remains.
*Chinese **archaeologists** uncovered life-sized terracotta statues.*

[burrow](#)

Move through by or as by digging.
*Journalists are **burrowing** into the prime minister's business affairs.*

[cavity](#)

(anatomy) a natural hollow or sinus within the body.
*The abdominal **cavity**.*

[colliery](#)

A coal mine and the buildings and equipment associated with it.

[conflagration](#)

An extensive fire which destroys a great deal of land or property.
*Tinder-dry conditions sparked fears of a **conflagration** in many drought-devastated communities.*

delve	Turn up, loosen, or remove earth. <i>She delved in her pocket.</i>
dig	An act or spell of digging. <i>He had no compunction about digging into her private affairs.</i>
dint	Force of attack; impact. <i>The soft dints at the top of a coconut.</i>
disinter	Dig up for reburial or for medical investigation; of dead bodies. <i>His corpse was disinterred and dumped in a pit.</i>
dug	An udder or breast or teat.
everlasting	Any of various plants of various genera of the family Compositae having flowers that can be dried without loss of form or color. <i>The damned would suffer everlasting torment.</i>
excavate	Make (a hole or channel) by digging. <i>Carnegie had a lake excavated for Princeton University's rowing team.</i>
exhume	Expose (a land surface) that was formerly buried. <i>Various landforms have been exhumed from beneath a covering of Triassic sediments.</i>
hibernate	Be in an inactive or dormant state. <i>Some species hibernate in tree roosts.</i>
hole	Hit the ball into the hole. <i>He played 18 holes.</i>
inferno	(Christianity) the abode of Satan and the forces of evil; where sinners suffer eternal punishment. <i>The inferno of the engine room.</i>
mallet	A tool resembling a hammer but with a large head (usually wooden); used to drive wedges or ram down paving stones or for crushing or beating or flattening or smoothing.
mine	Excavation in the earth from which ores and minerals are extracted. <i>The Vietnamese mined Cambodia.</i>
peephole	A small hole that may be looked through, especially one in a door through which callers may be identified before the door is opened. <i>She was wearing a black peephole bra.</i>
perdition	(Christianity) the abode of Satan and the forces of evil; where sinners suffer eternal punishment. <i>She used her last banknote to buy herself a square meal before perdition.</i>
plow	Move in a way resembling that of a plow cutting into or going through the soil. <i>The ship plowed through the water.</i>

quarry	Extract something such as stones from or as if from a quarry. <i>Quarry marble.</i>
scoop	Create a hollow or hole with or as if with a scoop. <i>An apple pie with scoops of ice cream on top.</i>
shovel	The quantity a shovel can hold. <i>Shovel sand.</i>
tomb	A place for the burial of a corpse especially beneath the ground and marked by a tombstone. <i>None escape the tomb.</i>
trap	Catch in or as if in a trap. <i>I hoped to trap him into an admission.</i>
underground	A member of an underground political group or movement. <i>The late sixties underground.</i>
unearth	Drive (an animal, especially a fox) out of a hole or burrow. <i>The CIA unearthed a plot to kill the President.</i>

