

Need another word that means the same as “plague”? Find 52 synonyms and 30 related words for “plague” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Plague” are: pest, pestilence, infestation, pestis, disease, sickness, epidemic, invasion, influx, swarm, multitude, host, bane, curse, scourge, affliction, blight, cancer, canker, beset, chevy, chevy, chivvy, chivy, harass, harry, hassle, molest, provoke, afflict, bedevil, cause suffering to, torture, torment, trouble, dog, rack, pester, badger, bother, persecute, hound, disturb, be a nuisance to, keep after, irritate, worry, nag, annoy, vex

Plague as a Noun

Definitions of "Plague" as a noun

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

- *An unusually large number of insects or animals infesting a place and causing damage.*
- *Any large scale calamity (especially when thought to be sent by God).*
- *Used as a curse.*
- *A contagious bacterial disease characterized by fever and delirium, typically with the formation of buboes (bubonic plague) and sometimes infection of the lungs (pneumonic plague).*
- *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.

- *Any contagious disease that spreads rapidly and kills many people.*
- *A thing causing trouble or irritation.*
- *An annoyance.*
- *A swarm of insects that attack plants.*
- *Any epidemic disease with a high death rate.*



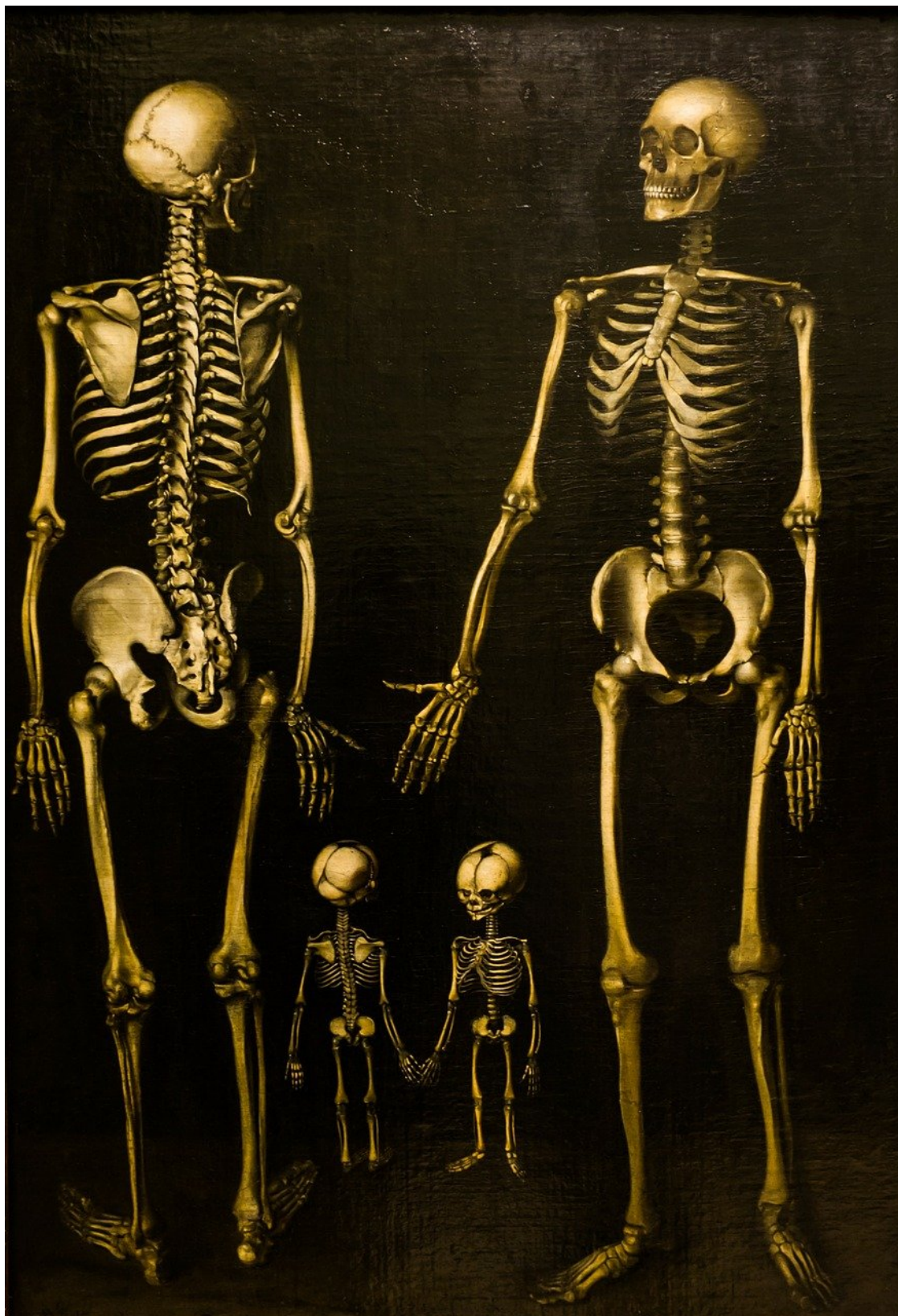
Synonyms of "Plague" as a noun (19 Words)

- affliction** A condition of suffering or distress due to ill health.
 *A crippling **affliction** of the nervous system.*
- bane** A cause of great distress or annoyance.
 *The **bane** of my life.*
- blight** A state or condition being blighted.
 *The city's high rise social housing had become synonymous with urban **blight**.*

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| cancer | A malignant growth or tumour resulting from an uncontrolled division of cells. <i>He s got cancer.</i> |
| canker | A destructive fungal disease of apple and other trees that results in damage to the bark. <i>Racism remains a canker at the heart of the nation.</i> |
| curse | An evil spell. <i>She d put a curse on him.</i> |
| disease | A particular quality or disposition regarded as adversely affecting a person or group of people. <i>Bacterial meningitis is quite a rare disease.</i> |
| <u>epidemic</u> | A widespread outbreak of an infectious disease; many people are infected at the same time. <i>An epidemic of violent crime.</i> |
| <u>host</u> | A person who acts as host at formal occasions makes an introductory speech and introduces other speakers. <i>Australia is host to some of the world s most dangerous animals.</i> |
| infestation | The state of being invaded or overrun by parasites. <i>Infestation with head lice is widespread.</i> |
| <u>influx</u> | The process of flowing in. <i>The lakes are fed by influxes of meltwater.</i> |
| invasion | An unwelcome intrusion into another's domain. <i>An invasion of locusts.</i> |
| <u>multitude</u> | A large gathering of people. <i>Placing ultimate political power in the hands of the multitude.</i> |
| <u>pest</u> | 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. <i>He was a real pest.</i> |
| pestilence | 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. <i>Neither prayers nor demonstrations halted the advance of the pestilence.</i> |
| pestis | 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. |
| scourge | A whip used as an instrument of punishment. <i>The scourge of mass unemployment.</i> |

sickness Defectiveness or unsoundness.
*A great **sickness** of his judgment.*

swarm A large number of honeybees that leave a hive en masse with a newly fertilized queen in order to establish a new colony.
*A **swarm** of journalists.*



Usage Examples of "Plague" as a noun

- *A plague of grasshoppers.*
- *Those children are a damn plague.*
- *A plague on all their houses!*
- *Staff theft is usually the plague of restaurants.*
- *A plague of locusts.*
- *Diseases like smallpox wiped out the indigenous people in a succession of plagues.*



Plague as a Verb

Definitions of "Plague" as a verb

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

- *Annoy continually or chronically.*
- *Cause to suffer a blight.*
- *Pester or harass (someone) continually.*
- *Cause continual trouble or distress to.*



Synonyms of "Plague" as a verb (33 Words)

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| afflict | Cause great unhappiness for; distress. <i>She was afflicted by the death of her parents.</i> |
| annoy | Cause annoyance in disturb especially by minor irritations. <i>A gallant Saxon who annoyed this Coast.</i> |
| badger | Persuade through constant efforts. <i>Journalists badgered him about the deals.</i> |
| be a nuisance to | Have an existence, be extant. |
| bedevil | Be confusing or perplexing to; cause to be unable to think clearly. <i>He bedevilled them with petty practical jokes.</i> |
| beset | Be covered or studded with. <i>I was beset by clouds of flies.</i> |
| blight | Cause to suffer a blight. <i>Some people complain that wind farms blight the landscape.</i> |
| bother | Take the trouble to do something; concern oneself. <i>The mere thought of her bothered him and made his heart beat faster.</i> |
| cause suffering to | Give rise to; cause to happen or occur, not always intentionally. |
| chevvy | Annoy continually or chronically. |
| chevy | Annoy continually or chronically. |
| chivvy | Annoy continually or chronically. <i>An association which chivvies government into action.</i> |
| chivy | Annoy continually or chronically. |
| curse | Invoke or use a curse against. <i>It often seemed as if the family had been cursed.</i> |
| disturb | Move deeply. <i>Take the rollers out carefully so as not to disturb the curls too much.</i> |
| dog | Follow (someone) closely and persistently. <i>The twenty nine year old has constantly been dogged by controversy.</i> |
| harass | Exhaust by attacking repeatedly. <i>Harass the enemy.</i> |
| harry | Persistently carry out attacks on (an enemy or an enemy's territory). <i>He is known to harry his staff when he is overworked.</i> |
| hassle | Annoy continually or chronically. <i>You want to sit and relax and not get hassled.</i> |
| hound | Pursue or chase relentlessly. <i>She was hounded by the Italian press.</i> |

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| irritate | Excite to an abnormal condition, or chafe or inflame. <i>Sprays and polishes can irritate dry sensitive skin.</i> |
| keep after | Stick to correctly or closely. |
| <u>nag</u> | Worry persistently. <i>Nagging concerns and doubts.</i> |
| persecute | Subject (someone) to hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of their ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation or their political beliefs. <i>No one should be persecuted for their religious beliefs.</i> |
| <u>pester</u> | Trouble or annoy (someone) with frequent or persistent requests or interruptions. <i>She constantly pestered him with telephone calls.</i> |
| <u>provoke</u> | Evoke or provoke to appear or occur. <i>A teacher can provoke you into working harder.</i> |
| rack | Move by a rack and pinion. <i>Rack leather.</i> |
| torment | Torment emotionally or mentally. <i>Every day I have kids tormenting me because they know I live alone.</i> |
| <u>torture</u> | Subject to torture. <i>Most of the victims had been brutally tortured.</i> |
| trouble | Take the trouble to do something concern oneself. <i>It did not trouble me that he had secrets.</i> |
| vex | Cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations. <i>A vexing problem.</i> |
| <u>worry</u> | Touch or rub constantly. <i>I found my dog contentedly worrying a bone.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Plague" as a verb

- *He was plaguing her with questions.*
- *He has been plagued by ill health.*



Associations of "Plague" (30 Words)

blight

Cause to suffer a blight.

*The scandal **blighted** the careers of several leading politicians.*

canker

Become infected with a canker.

*Check trees for **cankers**.*

cholera

An acute intestinal infection caused by ingestion of contaminated water or food.

diphtheria

Acute contagious infection caused by the bacterium *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* marked by the formation of a false membrane in the throat and other air passages causing difficulty in breathing.

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| disease | A disorder of structure or function in a human, animal, or plant, especially one that produces specific symptoms or that affects a specific location and is not simply a direct result of physical injury. <i>Bacterial meningitis is quite a rare disease.</i> |
| epidemic | Of the nature of an epidemic. <i>An epidemic outbreak of influenza.</i> |
| epizootic | An outbreak of an epizootic disease. <i>A global epizootic of H5N1 bird flu.</i> |
| eruption | A sudden outbreak of something, typically something unwelcome or noisy. <i>Irritable skin eruptions.</i> |
| hookworm | Infestation of the intestines by hookworms which enter the body usually through the skin. |
| illness | Impairment of normal physiological function affecting part or all of an organism. <i>I've never missed a day's work through illness.</i> |
| infect | Contaminate with a disease or microorganism. <i>The water was infected by cholera.</i> |
| infection | The presence of a virus in, or its introduction into, a computer system. <i>Ambitious men are led astray by an infection that is almost unavoidable.</i> |
| infestation | The presence of an unusually large number of insects or animals in a place, typically so as to cause damage or disease. <i>Efforts were made to deal with an infestation of rats in the building.</i> |
| malaria | An intermittent and remittent fever caused by a protozoan parasite which invades the red blood cells and is transmitted by mosquitoes in many tropical and subtropical regions. |
| measles | A disease of pigs and other animals caused by the larvae of the human tapeworm. <i>Women queue to have their children immunized against measles.</i> |
| outbreak | A sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease. <i>The outbreak of hostilities.</i> |
| pandemic | An outbreak of a pandemic disease. <i>Pandemic diseases have occurred throughout history.</i> |
| parasitic | Relating to or caused by parasites. <i>Mortality from parasitic diseases.</i> |
| pathogen | Any disease-producing agent (especially a virus or bacterium or other microorganism). |

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| <u>pest</u> | <p>A serious sometimes fatal infection of rodents caused by <i>Yersinia pestis</i> and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal.</p> <p><i>The tomato plant attracts a pest called whitefly.</i></p> |
| pestilence | <p>Any epidemic disease with a high death rate.</p> <p><i>Racism is a pestilence at the heart of the nation.</i></p> |
| pestilential | <p>Annoying.</p> <p><i>A pestilential weed.</i></p> |
| pox | <p>Smallpox.</p> |
| smallpox | <p>An acute contagious viral disease, with fever and pustules that usually leave permanent scars. It was effectively eradicated through vaccination by 1979.</p> |
| taint | <p>Place under suspicion or cast doubt upon.</p> <p><i>The lingering taint of creosote.</i></p> |
| <u>transmission</u> | <p>The fraction of radiant energy that passes through a substance.</p> <p><i>A three speed automatic transmission.</i></p> |
| typhoid | <p>An infectious bacterial fever with an eruption of red spots on the chest and abdomen and severe intestinal irritation.</p> |
| typhus | <p>Rickettsial disease transmitted by body lice and characterized by skin rash and high fever.</p> |
| <u>vermin</u> | <p>Any of various small animals or insects that are pests; e.g. cockroaches or rats.</p> <p><i>He examined the child s head for vermin.</i></p> |
| virus | <p>An infection or disease caused by a virus.</p> <p><i>Bigotry is a virus that must not be allowed to spread.</i></p> |

