

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, 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.*



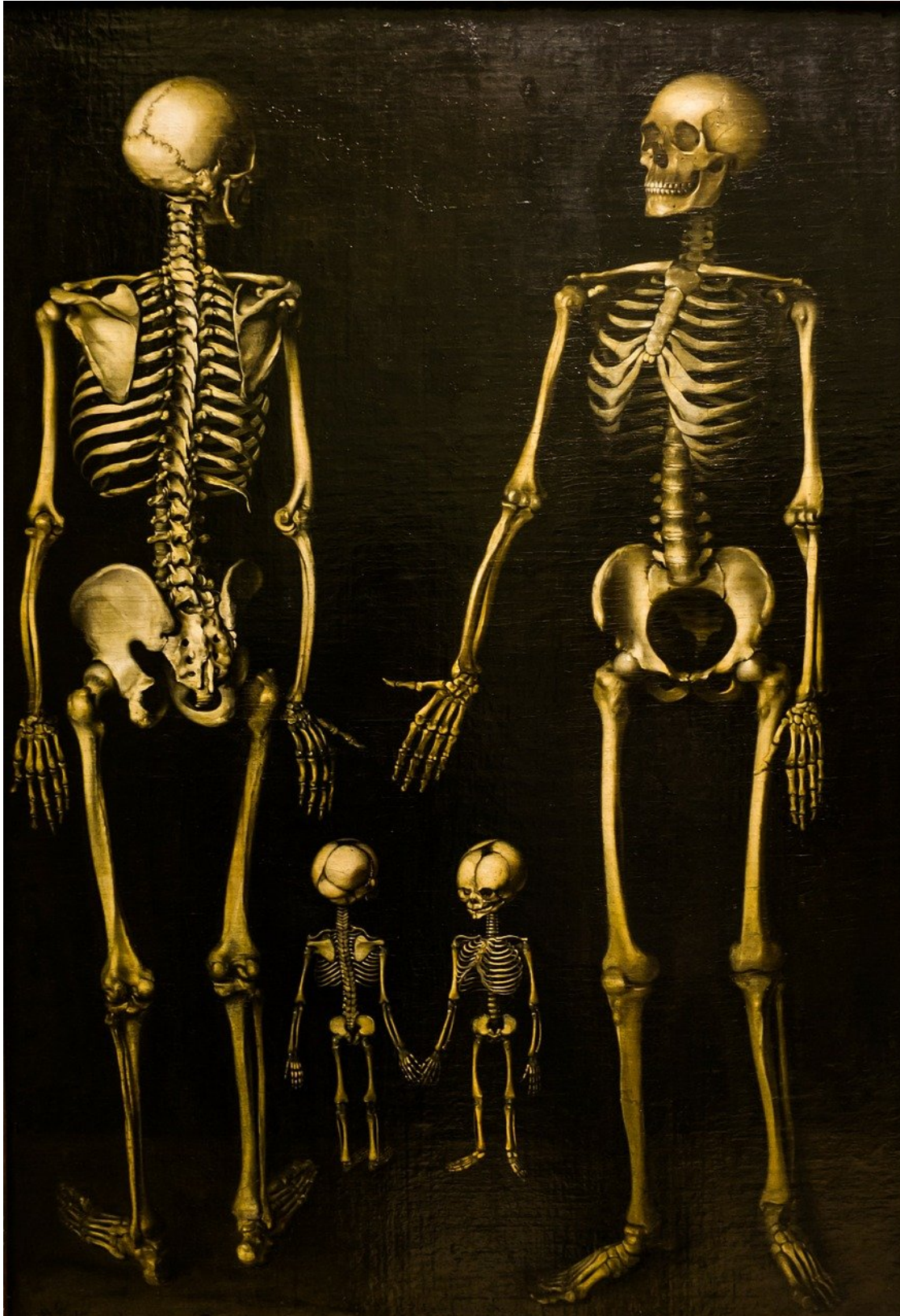
Synonyms of "Plague" as a noun (19 Words)

- 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**.*

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 [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)

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>

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.

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).

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

