

Need another word that means the same as “pry”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “pry” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pry” are: jimmy, lever, prise, prize, horn in, intrude, nose, poke, spying, eavesdropping, inquire impertinently into, investigate impertinently, be inquisitive about, be curious about, poke about in, poke around in, ferret in, ferret about in, ferret around in, delve into, eavesdrop on, listen in on, crowbar, pry bar, wrecking bar

Pry as a Noun

Definitions of "Pry" as a noun

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

- *A heavy iron lever with one end forged into a wedge.*



Synonyms of "Pry" as a noun (3 Words)

crowbar A heavy iron lever with one end forged into a wedge.

pry bar A heavy iron lever with one end forged into a wedge.

wrecking bar Destruction achieved by causing something to be wrecked or ruined.



Pry as a Verb

Definitions of "Pry" as a verb

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

- *To move or force, especially in an effort to get something open.*
- *Inquire too closely into a person's private affairs.*
- *Make an uninvited or presumptuous inquiry.*
- *Search or inquire in a meddlesome way.*
- *To move or force, especially in an effort to get something open.*
- *Be nosey.*



Synonyms of "Pry" as a verb (22 Words)

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| be curious about | Happen, occur, take place. |
| be inquisitive about | Form or compose. |
| delve into | Turn up, loosen, or remove earth. |
| eavesdrop on | Listen without the speaker's knowledge. |
| eavesdropping | Listen without the speaker's knowledge. |
| ferret about in | Hound or harry relentlessly. |
| ferret around in | Hound or harry relentlessly. |
| ferret in | Hound or harry relentlessly. |
| horn in | Stab or pierce with a horn or tusk. |
| inquire impertinently into | Inquire about. |
| <u>intrude</u> | Enter uninvited. <i>To intrude political criteria into military decisions risks reducing efficiency.</i> |
| investigate impertinently | Conduct an inquiry or investigation of. |
| jimmy | To move or force, especially in an effort to get something open. |
| lever | Lift or move with a lever. <i>She levered herself up against the pillows.</i> |
| listen in on | Listen and pay attention. |
| <u>nose</u> | Push or move with the nose. <i>The dog nosed out the drugs.</i> |
| <u>poke</u> | Poke or thrust abruptly. <i>She drew the curtains then poked the fire into a blaze.</i> |
| poke about in | Stir by poking. |
| poke around in | Stir by poking. |
| prise | Use force in order to move, move apart, or open (something). <i>I got the loan though I had to prise it out of him.</i> |
| prize | To move or force, especially in an effort to get something open. <i>The berries were prized for their healing properties.</i> |
| spying | Catch sight of. |



Usage Examples of "Pry" as a verb

- *Don't pry into my personal matters!*
- *Sorry, I didn't mean to pry.*
- *I'm sick of you prying into my personal life.*
- *Raccoons managed to pry the lid off the garbage pail.*



Associations of "Pry" (30 Words)

assay

A substance that is undergoing an analysis of its components.
*I **assayed** a little joke of mine on him.*

attempt

Make an effort or attempt.
*She **attempted** a comeback in 2001.*

checkpoint

A place on the route in a long-distance race where the time for each competitor is recorded.

cop

Strike (an attitude or pose).
*He had the **cop** on to stay clear of Hugh Thornley.*

delve

Dig; excavate.
*The society is determined to **delve** deeper into the matter.*

detective

A police officer who investigates crimes.
***Detective** work.*

enquire

Have a wish or desire to know something.

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| examine | Question or examine thoroughly and closely. <i>The customs agent examined the baggage.</i> |
| <u>feasibility</u> | The state or degree of being easily or conveniently done. <i>The feasibility of screening athletes for cardiac disease.</i> |
| felonious | Relating to or involved in crime. <i>They turned their felonious talents to the smuggling trade.</i> |
| forensic | A laboratory or department responsible for forensic tests. <i>Forensic evidence.</i> |
| <u>infiltrate</u> | Pass through an enemy line; in a military conflict. <i>A chest radiograph revealed a patchy infiltrate in the left lower lobes.</i> |
| inquest | A coroner's jury. <i>An inquest by New York newspapers into a subway fire.</i> |
| investigate | Investigate scientifically. <i>Let s investigate the syntax of Chinese.</i> |
| investigation | An inquiry into unfamiliar or questionable activities. <i>He is under investigation for receiving illicit funds.</i> |
| <u>investigator</u> | Someone who investigates. <i>Investigators found no signs of forced entry.</i> |
| jimmy | A short crowbar. <i>In Britain they call a jimmy and jemmy.</i> |
| lever | Lift or move with a lever. <i>She levered the lid off the pot with a screwdriver.</i> |
| police | Members of a police force. <i>When someone is killed the police have to be informed.</i> |
| probe | Examine physically with or as if with a probe. <i>Probe an anthill.</i> |
| ratiocinate | Reason methodologically and logically. <i>A tendency to ratiocinate in isolation.</i> |
| ratiocination | The proposition arrived at by logical reasoning (such as the proposition that must follow from the major and minor premises of a syllogism). |
| <u>scan</u> | The act of scanning systematic examination of a prescribed region. <i>We scanned the beam over a sector of 120.</i> |
| <u>scour</u> | Remove dirt or unwanted matter by scouring. <i>I was scouring out the pans.</i> |
| <u>scrutinize</u> | To look at critically or searchingly, or in minute detail. <i>Customers were warned to scrutinize the small print.</i> |

- seek** Ask for (something) from someone.
*They came here to **seek** shelter from biting winter winds.*
- struggling** Engaged in a struggle to overcome especially poverty or obscurity.
*These figures suggest more bad news for **struggling** homeowners.*
- surveillance** Close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal.
*He found himself put under **surveillance** by British military intelligence.*
- try** An act of trying something new or different to see if it is suitable effective or pleasant.
*She agreed that they should give the idea a **try**.*
- whodunit** A story about a crime (usually murder) presented as a novel or play or movie.

