

Need another word that means the same as “ripple”? Find 35 synonyms and 30 related words for “ripple” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ripple” are: riffle, rippling, wavelet, wave, undulation, ridge, crease, wrinkle, ruffle, pucker, babble, bubble, burble, guggle, gurgle, cockle, undulate, form ripples, form ripples on, flow in wavelets, popple, lap, purl, flutter, stir, flap, sway, swing, waft, shake, quiver, oscillate, move**

## Ripple as a Noun

### Definitions of "Ripple" as a noun

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

- *(electronics) an oscillation of small amplitude imposed on top of a steady value.*
- *A type of ice cream with wavy lines of coloured flavoured syrup running through it.*
- *A small wave or series of waves on the surface of water, especially as caused by a slight breeze or an object dropping into it.*
- *A wave on a fluid surface, the restoring force for which is provided by surface tension rather than gravity, and which consequently has a wavelength shorter than that corresponding to the minimum speed of propagation.*
- *Small periodic, usually undesirable, variations in electrical voltage superposed on a direct voltage or on an alternating voltage of lower frequency.*
- *A particular feeling or effect that spreads through someone or something.*

- An oscillation of small amplitude imposed on top of a steady value.
- A gentle rising and falling sound that spreads through a group of people.
- A thing resembling a ripple or ripples in appearance or movement.
- A small wave on the surface of a liquid.



## Synonyms of "Ripple" as a noun (10 Words)

- crease** Any of a number of lines marked on the pitch at specified places.  
*Khaki trousers with knife edge **creases**.*
- pucker** An irregular fold in an otherwise even surface (as in cloth).  
*A **pucker** between his eyebrows.*
- ridge** A long narrow range of hills.  
*The North East **ridge** of Everest.*
- riffle** A rocky or shallow part of a stream or river where the water flows brokenly.  
*The river's sweeping **riffles** and deep pools provide a superb habitat for salmon.*

<b>rippling</b>	An oscillation of small amplitude imposed on top of a steady value.
<b>ruffle</b>	A vibrating drumbeat.
<b>undulation</b>	An undulating curve. <i>The soft <b>undulation</b> of the waves animates the scene.</i>
<b>wave</b>	A shape regarded as resembling a breaking wave. <i>Troops advancing in <b>waves</b>.</i>
<b>wavelet</b>	A small wave on the surface of a liquid.
<b>wrinkle</b>	A clever innovation, or useful piece of information or advice. <i>Learning the <b>wrinkles</b> from someone more experienced saves time.</i>



### Usage Examples of "Ripple" as a noun

- *His words set off a ripple of excitement within her.*
- *The sand undulated and was ridged with ripples.*
- *A family block of raspberry ripple.*
- *A ripple of laughter ran around the room.*
- *He dived into the pool leaving barely a ripple.*
- *Ripple current.*
- *The ripples spread across the pond.*



## Ripple as a Verb

### Definitions of "Ripple" as a verb

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

- *Stir up (water) so as to form ripples.*
- *(of water) form or flow with a series of small waves on the surface.*
- *Move in a way resembling a series of small waves.*
- *(of a sound or feeling) spread through a person, group, or place.*
- *Cause (the surface of water) to form small waves.*
- *Flow in an irregular current with a bubbling noise.*



## Synonyms of "Ripple" as a verb (25 Words)

- babble** Utter something rapidly and incoherently.  
*The two women **babbled** and crooned at the baby.*
- bubble** Form produce or emit bubbles.  
*A pot of coffee **bubbled** away on the stove.*
- burble** Speak continuously and at length in an unintelligible or confused way.  
*The air no longer flows smoothly over the wing but **burbles** and slows down decreasing lift.*
- cockle** To gather something into small wrinkles or folds.
- flap** Move with a flapping motion.  
*He **flapped** the envelope in front of my face.*
- flow in wavelets** Cause to flow.
- flutter** (of a pulse or heartbeat) beat feebly or irregularly.  
*The seagulls **fluttered** overhead.*
- form ripples** To compose or represent.
- form ripples on** Establish or impress firmly in the mind.

<b>guggle</b>	To soil, dirty, especially with fish slime.
<b>gurgle</b>	Flow in an irregular current with a bubbling noise. <i>The baby <b>gurgled</b> with satisfaction when the mother tickled it.</i>
<b>lap</b>	Take up with the tongue. <i>The cat <b>lapped</b> up the milk.</i>
<b>move</b>	Change location move travel or proceed also metaphorically. <i>Booksellers should easily be able to <b>move</b> this biography of Lincoln.</i>
<b>oscillate</b>	Move or swing from side to side regularly. <i>He <b>oscillates</b> between accepting the new position and retirement.</i>
<b>popple</b>	(of water) flow in a tumbling or rippling way. <i>We could hear the sound of the water <b>poppling</b>, splashing, trickling.</i>
<b>purl</b>	Knit with a purl stitch. <i>The water was <b>purling</b>.</i>
<b><u>quiver</u></b>	Move with or as if with a regular alternating motion. <i>The bird runs along in a zigzag path <b>quivering</b> its wings.</i>
<b>riffle</b>	Search quickly through (something). <i>She <b>riffled</b> through her leather handbag.</i>
<b>ruffle</b>	Pleat or gather into a ruffle. <i>Brian had been <b>ruffled</b> by her questions.</i>
<b>shake</b>	Shake or vibrate rapidly and intensively. <i><b>Shake</b> the salt out of the salt <b>shaker</b>.</i>
<b>stir</b>	Stir the feelings emotions or peace of. <i>Francis was always <b>stirring</b> trying to score off people.</i>
<b><u>sway</u></b>	Move or walk in a swinging or swaying manner. <i>His speech did not <b>sway</b> the voters.</i>
<b>swing</b>	Change direction with a swinging motion turn. <i>The failure to seek peace could <b>swing</b> sentiment the other way.</i>
<b>undulate</b>	Move or go with a smooth up-and-down motion. <i>The landscape rolled and <b>undulated</b> for miles in every direction.</i>
<b>waft</b>	Blow gently. <i>Each breeze would <b>waft</b> pollen round the house.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Ripple" as a verb

- *Fields of grain rippling in the wind.*
- *Applause rippled around the tables.*
- *The Mediterranean rippled and sparkled.*
- *A cool wind rippled the surface of the estuary.*



## Associations of "Ripple" (30 Words)

### alter

Make an alteration to.  
*This dress needs to be **altered**.*

### brandish

Wave or flourish (something, especially a weapon) as a threat or in anger or excitement.  
***Brandish** a sword.*

### **disaster**

An event resulting in great loss and misfortune.  
*Reduced legal aid could spell financial **disaster**.*

### earthquake

A sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing great destruction, as a result of movements within the earth's crust or volcanic action.  
*A political **earthquake**.*

### epicenter

The point on the Earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake.



<b>metamorphose</b>	Change or cause to change completely in form or nature. <i>In Kafka's story a person <b>metamorphoses</b> into a bug.</i>
<b>neap</b>	Of a boat be kept aground or in harbour by a neap tide. <i>A change of wind could leave you <b>neaped</b>.</i>
<b>oscillation</b>	Regular variation in magnitude or position about a central point, especially of an electric current or voltage. <i>The plot's <b>oscillation</b> between bleak and comic elements.</i>
<b>recast</b>	Cast or model anew. <i>The bell cracked and had to be <b>recast</b>.</i>
<b>reflux</b>	A condition in which acidic gastric fluid overflows into the oesophagus, resulting in heartburn. <i>Patients with <b>reflux</b> oesophagitis.</i>
<b>remold</b>	Cast again.
<b>ruffle</b>	Pleat or gather into a ruffle. <i><b>Ruffle</b> somebody's composure.</i>
<b>seismic</b>	Subject to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration. <i>There are <b>seismic</b> pressures threatening American society.</i>
<b>shake</b>	A milkshake. <i>With a <b>shake</b> of its magnificent antlers the stag charged down the slope.</i>
<b>surf</b>	Ride a wave towards the shore on a surfboard. <i>He has built a career out of <b>surfing</b> big waves.</i>
<b>swing</b>	The motion of swinging. <i>The failure to seek peace could <b>swing</b> sentiment the other way.</i>
<b>tidal</b>	Relating to or affected by tides. <i>Strong <b>tidal</b> currents.</i>
<b>torrent</b>	A heavy rain. <i>After the rains the stream becomes a raging <b>torrent</b>.</i>
<b>transfigure</b>	Change completely the nature or appearance of. <i>The world is made luminous and is <b>transfigured</b>.</i>
<b>transform</b>	A rule for making a transformation. <i>He <b>transformed</b> into a monster.</i>
<b>transmogrify</b>	Change completely the nature or appearance of. <i>His home was transmogrified into a hippy crash pad.</i>
<b>transmute</b>	Change or alter in form, appearance, or nature. <i>The quest to <b>transmute</b> lead into gold.</i>
<b>ultrasonic</b>	Having frequencies above those of audible sound.

<b>undulate</b>	Stir up (water) so as to form ripples. <i>The singer's voice <b>undulated</b>.</i>
<b>undulation</b>	The action of moving smoothly up and down. <i>The soft <b>undulation</b> of the waves animates the scene.</i>
<b>vacillate</b>	Be undecided about something; waver between conflicting positions or courses of action. <i>The line on the monitor <b>vacillated</b>.</i>
<b>vibration</b>	The act of vibrating. <i>Powerful <b>vibrations</b> from an earthquake.</i>
<b>wave</b>	Set waves in. <i>She marvelled at the blueness of his eyes how straight his nose was the way his hair <b>waved</b>.</i>
<b>wavelet</b>	A small wave of water; a ripple.
<b>wobble</b>	An unsteady movement from side to side. <i>Enthusiastic thumping may <b>wobble</b> the lectern.</i>

