

Need another word that means the same as “scour”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “scour” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Scour” are: abrade, flush, purge, scrub, rub, clean, wash, cleanse, wipe

Scour as a Verb

Definitions of "Scour" as a verb

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

- *Rinse, clean, or empty with a liquid.*
- *Examine minutely.*
- *Rub hard or scrub.*
- *Clean or brighten the surface of (something) by rubbing it hard, typically with an abrasive or detergent.*
- *Remove (dirt or unwanted matter) by scouring.*
- *Administer a strong purgative to.*
- *Clean with hard rubbing.*
- *(of livestock) suffer from diarrhoea.*
- *(of water or a watercourse) make (a channel or pool) by flowing quickly over something and removing soil or rock.*



Synonyms of "Scour" as a verb (9 Words)

- abrade** Scrape or wear away by friction or erosion.
*It was a landscape slowly **abraded** by a fine stinging dust.*
- clean** Clean and tidy up the house.
*There are a variety of ways to cook the herring but it must first be gutted and **cleaned**.*
- cleanse** (in biblical translations) cure (a leper).
*The mission to **cleanse** the nation of subversives.*
- flush** Of a toilet be cleansed by flushing.
*The grouse were **flushed** from the woods.*
- purge** Oust politically.
*Bob had helped **purge** Martha of the terrible guilt that had haunted her.*

rub Scrape or rub as if to relieve itching.
*I **rubbed** myself dry.*

scrub Thoroughly clean one's hands and arms before performing surgery.
*By now the field was spreadeagled and **scrubbing** to keep in touch with the hounds.*

wash Be capable of being washed.
*The sea began to **wash** along the decks.*

wipe Pass a swipe card over an electronic reader.
*You can **wipe** that idea if that's what you're thinking.*



Usage Examples of "Scour" as a verb

- *Scour the counter tops.*
- *A stream came crashing through a narrow cavern to scour out a round pool below.*
- *The police scoured the country for the fugitive.*
- *She scoured the cooker.*
- *Use an electric toothbrush to scour off plaque.*
- *He went out to deal with piglets who were scouring.*
- *He immediately proceeded to scour him with the most potent medicines.*
- *I was scouring out the pans.*



Associations of "Scour" (30 Words)

chase

An area of unenclosed land formerly reserved for hunting.
*The dog **chased** the rabbit.*

detect	Discover or identify the presence or existence of. <i>She detected high levels of lead in her drinking water.</i>
discovered	Discovered or determined by scientific observation. <i>Discovered differences in achievement.</i>
explore	Examine (organs) for diagnostic purposes. <i>Explore unknown territory in biology.</i>
find	Come upon after searching find the location of something that was missed or lost. <i>The majority of staff find the magazine to be informative and useful.</i>
finding	The action of finding someone or something. <i>An area rich in archaeological findings.</i>
forage	The act of searching for food and provisions. <i>The animals forage in the woods.</i>
gawk	An awkward or shy person. <i>They were gawking at some pin up.</i>
goggle	Close-fitting glasses with side shields, for protecting the eyes from glare, dust, water, etc. <i>A pair of goggles.</i>
hide-and-seek	The movement of a read/write head to a specific data track on a disk.
hound	Used in names of dogfishes e.g nurse hound smooth hound. <i>He has a reputation as a publicity hound.</i>
hunt	An association of huntsmen who hunt for sport. <i>She hunted for her reading glasses but was unable to locate them.</i>
hunting	The activity of hunting wild animals or game. <i>House hunting.</i>
investigation	The action of investigating something or someone; formal or systematic examination or research. <i>A murder investigation.</i>
look	Of a building or room have an outlook in a specified direction. <i>The orderly gave me a funny look.</i>
observation	The act of observing; taking a patient look. <i>She was brought into hospital for observation.</i>
probe	Examine physically with or as if with a probe. <i>Probe an anthill.</i>
prospector	Someone who explores an area for mineral deposits. <i>I see myself as a prospector of opportunities for my clients.</i>

pursuit	An auxiliary activity. <i>A whole range of leisure pursuits.</i>
quest	The act of searching for something. <i>The dog went off and quested.</i>
research	Engaged in or intended for research. <i>The students had to research the history of the Second World War for their history project.</i>
rummage	A thorough search of a vessel by a customs officer. <i>Mick rummaged up his skateboard.</i>
scan	An act of scanning someone or something. <i>Their brains are scanned so that researchers can monitor the progress of the disease.</i>
scavenger	A person employed to clean the streets. <i>4 aminosalicylic acid is not an effective free radical scavenger.</i>
scrutinize	Examine or inspect closely and thoroughly. <i>He scrutinized his likeness in the mirror.</i>
search	Subject to a search. <i>The advanced search includes options for sorting by date and specifying the news source.</i>
seek	Go to or towards. <i>A liquid seeks its own level.</i>
shooting	The action or practice of shooting with a gun. <i>The shooting of a music video.</i>
spelunker	A person who explores caves.
vault	Bound vigorously. <i>The vault of heaven.</i>