

Need another word that means the same as “scratch”? Find 153 synonyms and 30 related words for “scratch” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Scratch” are: chafe, fray, fret, rub, engrave, grave, inscribe, excise, expunge, strike, itch, come up, scrape, scrape up, call off, cancel, scrub, scratch up, score, abrade, roughen, scuff, scuff up, lacerate, groove, gash, incise, gouge, graze, rasp, skin, rub raw, cut, bark, strip, flay, wound, claw, claw at, tear at, search, hunt, hunt around, cast about, cast round, cast around, rummage, rummage around, forage, forage about, poke about, poke around, scabble, root, root around, scavenge, fish about, fish around, rake around, feel around, grope, nose about, nose round, nose around, ferret, ferret about, ferret around, scrimp, cross out, strike out, score out, delete, erase, remove, strike off, eliminate, obliterate, withdraw, pull out, pull out of, back out, back out of, bow out, bow out of, stand down, give up, leave, quit, abandon, scrap, drop, scratch line, start, starting line, dent, incision, prick, slit, boodle, bread, cabbage, clams, dinero, dough, gelt, kale, lettuce, lolly, loot, lucre, moolah, pelf, shekels, simoleons, sugar, wampum, mark, scar, chicken feed, scraping, scratching, abrasion, excoriation, cacography, scrawl, scribble, line, laceration, grate, grating, creak, creaking, grind, grinding, jar, rasping, rubbing, squeak, screech, screeching, cash, ready money**

## Scratch as a Noun

### Definitions of "Scratch" as a noun

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

definitions:

- *A mark or wound made by scratching.*
- *A slight or insignificant wound or injury.*
- *An indication of damage.*
- *A handicap of zero, indicating that a player is good enough to achieve par on a course.*
- *Informal terms for money.*
- *(in sport) the starting point in a race for a competitor that is not given a handicap or advantage.*
- *A rough hiss, caused by the friction of the stylus in the groove, heard when a record is played.*
- *Money.*
- *A harsh noise made by scraping.*
- *A rasping or grating noise produced by something rubbing against a hard surface.*
- *A handicap of zero strokes.*
- *(golf) a handicap of zero strokes.*
- *Dry mash for poultry.*
- *A line indicating the location of the start of a race or a game.*
- *An act or spell of scratching oneself to relieve itching.*
- *Poor handwriting.*
- *A depression scratched or carved into a surface.*
- *A competitor who has withdrawn from competition.*
- *A technique, used especially in rap music, of stopping a record by hand and moving it back and forwards to give a rhythmic scratching effect.*
- *An abraded area where the skin is torn or worn off.*



## Synonyms of "Scratch" as a noun (62 Words)

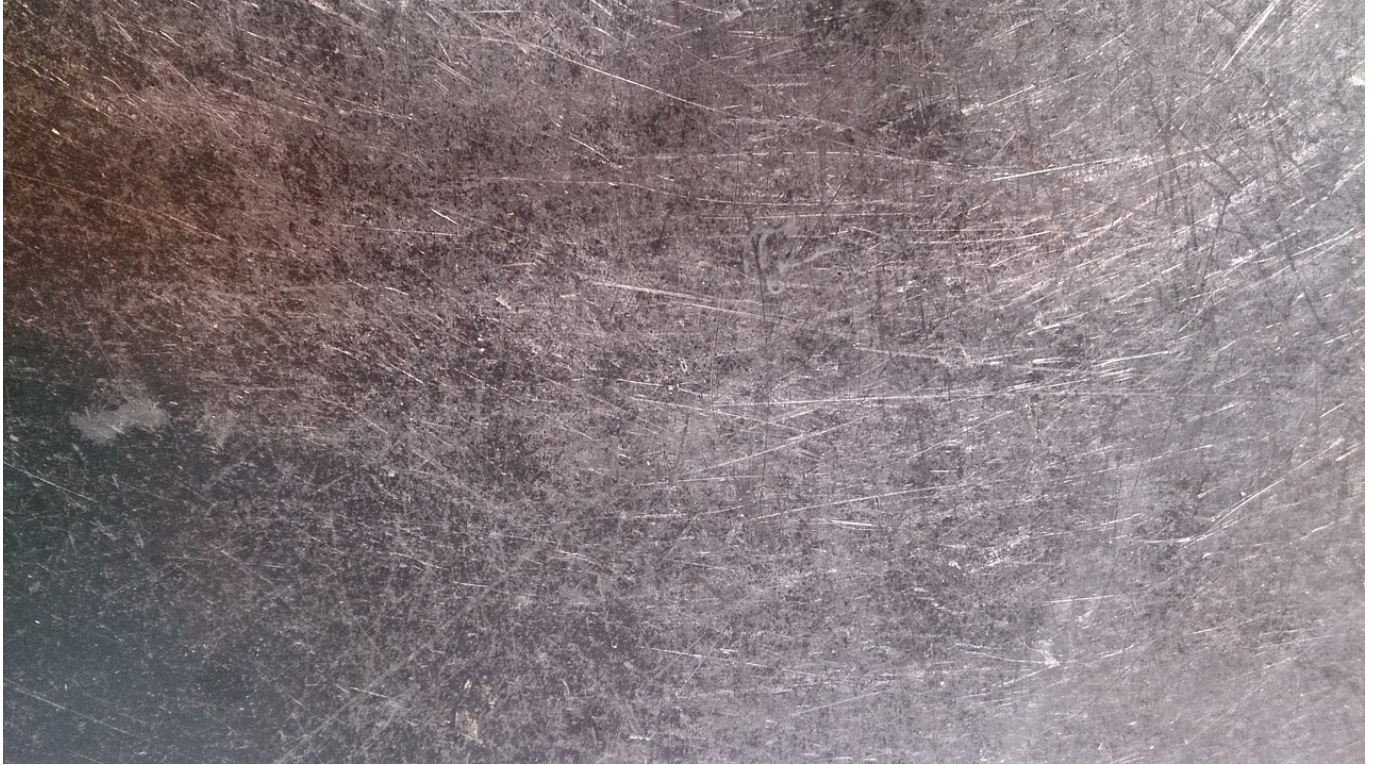
- abrasion** The process of scraping or wearing something away.  
*There were cuts and **abrasions** to the lips and jaw.*
- boodle** Informal terms for money.  
*He spent 30 million of his own **boodle** trying to buy a Senate seat.*
- bread** The bread or wafer used in the Eucharist.  
*A **bread** roll.*
- cabbage** The leaves of cabbage eaten as a vegetable.  
*I was becoming a 27 year old **cabbage**.*
- cacography** Poor handwriting.
- cash** Prompt payment for goods or services in currency or by check.  
*A discount for **cash**.*
- chicken feed** The flesh of a chicken used for food.
- clams** Flesh of either hard shell or soft shell clams.

<b>creak</b>	A harsh scraping or squeaking sound. <i>The <b>creak</b> of the floorboards gave him away.</i>
<b>creaking</b>	A squeaking sound. <i>We could hear the <b>creaking</b> of the deteriorating wood.</i>
<b>cut</b>	A piece of meat cut from a carcass. <i>His <b>cut</b> in the lining revealed the hidden jewels.</i>
<b>dent</b>	A depression scratched or carved into a surface. <i>It made a <b>dent</b> in my bank account.</i>
<b>dinero</b>	Informal terms for money. <i>Their pockets full of <b>dinero</b>.</i>
<b>dough</b>	Informal terms for money. <i>Add water to the flour and mix to a manageable <b>dough</b>.</i>
<b>excoriation</b>	An abraded area where the skin is torn or worn off.
<b>gelt</b>	Informal terms for money.
<b>gouge</b>	An indentation or groove made by gouging.
<b>grate</b>	A harsh rasping sound made by scraping something.
<b>grating</b>	Optical device consisting of a surface with many parallel grooves in it; disperses a beam of light (or other electromagnetic radiation) into its wavelengths to produce its spectrum.
<b>graze</b>	A superficial abrasion.
<b>grind</b>	The act of grinding to a powder or dust. <i>The slow <b>grind</b> of the US legal system.</i>
<b>grinding</b>	A harsh and strident sound as of the grinding of gears. <i>Vegetable <b>grindings</b> clogged the drain.</i>
<b>groove</b>	A long narrow furrow cut either by a natural process such as erosion or by a tool as e g a groove in a phonograph record. <i>Her vocals drift delicately across a soaring soul <b>groove</b>.</i>
<b>incision</b>	A surgical cut made in skin or flesh. <i>A block of marble delicately decorated with <b>incisions</b>.</i>
<b>jar</b>	The quantity contained in a jar. <i>He drank a <b>jar</b> of beer.</i>
<b>kale</b>	A hardy cabbage of a variety which produces erect stems with large leaves and no compact head.
<b>laceration</b>	The act of lacerating. <i>His <b>laceration</b> of his fellow Democrat.</i>
<b>lettuce</b>	Used in names of other plants with edible green leaves e g lamb s lettuce sea lettuce.



<b>line</b>	Space for one line of print one column wide and 1 14 inch deep used to measure advertising. <i>We follow the history of a family through the male <b>line</b>.</i>
<b>lolly</b>	A lollipop or ice lolly. <i>You ve done brilliantly raising all that lovely <b>lolly</b>.</i>
<b>loot</b>	Private property taken from an enemy in war. <i>The rooms were stuffed with the <b>loot</b> from Francis s expeditions into Italy.</i>
<b>lucre</b>	The excess of revenues over outlays in a given period of time (including depreciation and other non-cash expenses). <i>Officials getting their hands grubby with filthy <b>lucre</b>.</i>
<b>mark</b>	A marking that consists of lines that cross each other. <i>The owner s <b>mark</b> was on all the sheep.</i>
<b>moolah</b>	Informal terms for money.
<b>pelf</b>	Informal terms for money. <i>Damnation dog thee and thy wretched <b>pelf</b>.</i>
<b>rasp</b>	Uttering in an irritated tone. <i>The <b>rasp</b> of the engine.</i>
<b>rasping</b>	Uttering in an irritated tone.
<b>ready money</b>	Poised for action.
<b>rub</b>	The act of rubbing or wiping. <i>That was the <b>rub</b> she had not cared enough.</i>
<b>rubbing</b>	Representation consisting of a copy as of an engraving made by laying paper over something and rubbing it with charcoal. <i>Dab at the stain vigorous <b>rubbing</b> could damage the carpet.</i>
<b>scar</b>	A mark left at the point of separation of a leaf, frond, or other part from a plant. <i>Max could see <b>scars</b> of the blast.</i>
<b>score</b>	A set of twenty members. <i>Doyle s success brought imitators by the <b>score</b>.</i>
<b>scrape</b>	A place where soil has been scraped away especially a shallow hollow formed in the ground by a bird during a courtship display or for nesting. <i>There was a long shallow <b>scrape</b> on his shin.</i>
<b>scraping</b>	A small amount of something that has been obtained by scraping it from a surface. <i>The <b>scraping</b> of the spoon in the bowl.</i>
<b>scratch line</b>	Poor handwriting.

<b>scratching</b>	A harsh noise made by scraping. <i><b>Scratching</b> temporarily relieves an itch but it often makes a skin problem worse.</i>
<b>scrawl</b>	An example of hurried, careless writing. <i>Reams and reams of handwritten <b>scrawl</b>.</i>
<b>screech</b>	A loud, harsh, piercing cry. <i>A <b>screech</b> of brakes.</i>
<b>screeching</b>	A high-pitched noise resembling a human cry. <i>He ducked at the <b>screechings</b> of shells.</i>
<b>scribble</b>	Poor handwriting. <i>Illegible <b>scribbles</b>.</i>
<b>scuff</b>	The act of scuffing scraping or dragging the feet. <i>Dark colours don t show <b>scuffs</b>.</i>
<b>shekels</b>	Informal terms for money.
<b>simoleons</b>	Informal terms for money.
<b>slit</b>	A depression scratched or carved into a surface. <i>Make a <b>slit</b> in the stem under a bud.</i>
<b>squeak</b>	A short high-pitched noise. <i>The door opened with a slight <b>squeak</b>.</i>
<b>start</b>	The act of starting something. <i>He had a ninety minute <b>start</b> on them.</i>
<b>starting line</b>	A turn to be a starter (in a game at the beginning).
<b>sugar</b>	A sweet crystalline substance obtained from various plants especially sugar cane and sugar beet consisting essentially of sucrose and used as a sweetener in food and drink. <i>I ll have mine black with two <b>sugars</b>.</i>
<b>wampum</b>	Small cylindrical beads made from polished shells and fashioned into strings or belts; used by certain Native American peoples as jewelry or currency. <i>Strings of <b>wampum</b>.</i>
<b>wound</b>	The act of inflicting a wound. <i>A knife <b>wound</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Scratch" as a noun

- *A golfer who plays at scratch should be able to achieve par on a course.*
- *He gave his scalp a good scratch.*
- *A scratch mix.*
- *He plays off scratch in University golf.*
- *A 631-metres handicap, when the excellent stayer, Too Fast, will be off scratch.*
- *He was working to get some scratch together.*
- *The scratch of a match lighting a cigarette.*
- *The scratches on her arm were throbbing.*
- *It's nothing—just a scratch.*





## Scratch as a Verb

### Definitions of "Scratch" as a verb

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

- *Make a rasping or grating noise by scraping something over a hard surface.*
- *Score or mark the surface of (something) with a sharp or pointed object.*
- *Withdraw (a competitor) from a competition.*
- *Make a living with difficulty.*
- *Remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line.*
- *Cause friction.*
- *Gather (money or other resources) together over time.*
- *Cancel or strike out (writing) with a pen or pencil.*
- *Make a long, narrow superficial wound in the skin of.*
- *(of a bird or mammal, especially a chicken) rake the ground with the beak or claws in search of food.*
- *Cancel or abandon (an undertaking or project).*



- *(of a competitor) withdraw from a competition.*
- *Carve, cut, or etch into a material or surface.*
- *Write (something) hurriedly or awkwardly.*
- *Remove (something) from something else by pulling a sharp implement over it.*
- *Rub (a part of one's body) with one's fingernails to relieve itching.*
- *Accomplish (something) with great effort or difficulty.*
- *Make (a mark or hole) by scoring a surface with a sharp or pointed object.*
- *Search for (someone or something that is hard to locate or find).*
- *Play a record using the scratch technique.*
- *Postpone indefinitely or annul something that was scheduled.*
- *Cut the surface of; wear away the surface of.*
- *Scrape or rub as if to relieve itching.*



## **Synonyms of "Scratch" as a verb (91 Words)**

<b>abandon</b>	Forsake, leave behind. <i>Fans invaded the pitch and the match was <b>abandoned</b>.</i>
<b>abrade</b>	Scrape or wear away by friction or erosion. <i>It was a landscape slowly <b>abraded</b> by a fine stinging dust.</i>
<b>back out</b>	Give support or one's approval to.
<b>back out of</b>	Be in back of.
<b><u>bark</u></b>	Of a dog fox or seal give a bark. <i>He began <b>barking</b> out his orders.</i>
<b>bow out</b>	Bend one's knee or body, or lower one's head.
<b>bow out of</b>	Bend the head or the upper part of the body in a gesture of respect or greeting.
<b>call off</b>	Order, summon, or request for a specific duty or activity, work, role.
<b><u>cancel</u></b>	Annul or revoke (a formal arrangement which is in effect). <i>I intend to <b>cancel</b> your debt to me.</i>
<b>cast about</b>	Formulate in a particular style or language.
<b>cast around</b>	Form by pouring (e.g., wax or hot metal) into a cast or mold.
<b>cast round</b>	Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment.
<b><u>chafe</u></b>	Cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations. <i>I <b>chafed</b> her feet and wrapped the blanket round her.</i>
<b>claw</b>	Attack as if with claws. <i>She was determined to <b>claw</b> her way out of poverty and find fame.</i>
<b>claw at</b>	Attack as if with claws.
<b>come up</b>	Be found or available.
<b>cross out</b>	Fold so as to resemble a cross.
<b>cut</b>	Cut off the testicles of male animals such as horses. <i>They <b>cut</b> her in public.</i>
<b><u>delete</u></b>	Remove (data) from a computer's memory. <i>The passage was <b>deleted</b>.</i>
<b>drop</b>	Let or cause to fall in drops. <i>Pre tax profits <b>dropped</b> by 37 per cent.</i>
<b>eliminate</b>	Eliminate from the body. <i>Let s <b>eliminate</b> the course on Akkadian hieroglyphics.</i>
<b><u>engrave</u></b>	Be permanently fixed in (one's memory or mind). <i>The image would be forever <b>engraved</b> in his memory.</i>

<u>erase</u>	Wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information. <i>The file has been <b>erased</b> from the hard disk.</i>
<u>excise</u>	Levy an excise tax on. <i>The surgeon <b>excised</b> the tumor.</i>
<u>expunge</u>	Obliterate or remove completely (something unwanted or unpleasant). <i>The kind of man that could <b>expunge</b> an unsatisfactory incident from his memory.</i>
<b>feel around</b>	Be conscious of a physical, mental, or emotional state.
<b>ferret</b>	Clear a hole or area of ground of rabbits with ferrets. <i>I could show you how to <b>ferret</b> for rabbits.</i>
<b>ferret about</b>	Hunt with ferrets.
<b>ferret around</b>	Search and discover through persistent investigation.
<b>fish about</b>	Seek indirectly.
<b>fish around</b>	Seek indirectly.
<b>flay</b>	Whip or beat (someone) so harshly as to remove their skin. <i>She <b>flayed</b> the white skin from the flesh.</i>
<b>forage</b>	(of a person or animal) search widely for food or provisions. <i>The birds <b>forage</b> for aquatic invertebrates insects and seeds.</i>
<b>forage about</b>	Wander and feed.
<u>fray</u>	Wear away by rubbing. <i>The friction <b>frayed</b> the sleeve.</i>
<u>fret</u>	Provide a musical instrument with frets. <i>What shape the sea has <b>fretted</b> into the land.</i>
<b>give up</b>	Estimate the duration or outcome of something.
<b>gouge</b>	Cut or force something out roughly or brutally. <i>The channel had been <b>gouged</b> out by the ebbing water.</i>
<u>grave</u>	Shape (a material like stone or wood) by whittling away at it. <i><b>Engraved</b> the trophy cup with the winner s name.</i>
<b>graze</b>	Put (cattle, sheep, etc.) to feed on grassland. <i>We <b>grazed</b> up and down the TV channels.</i>
<b>groove</b>	Make a groove in or provide with a groove. <i><b>Groove</b> a vinyl record.</i>
<b>hunt</b>	Use a hound or a horse for hunting. <i>Goering often <b>hunted</b> wild boars in Poland.</i>
<b>hunt around</b>	Oscillate about a desired speed, position, or state to an undesirable extent.



<b>incise</b>	Cut (a mark or decoration) into a surface. <i>Figures <b>incised</b> on upright stones.</i>
<b>inscribe</b>	Mark (a surface or object) with characters. <i>The memorial is <b>inscribed</b> with ten names.</i>
<b>itch</b>	Cause to perceive an itch. <i>The bite <b>itched</b> like crazy.</i>
<b>lacerate</b>	Cut or tear irregularly. <i>Her true venom seems reserved for the media itself as she <b>lacerates</b> our obsession with celebrity.</i>
<b>leave</b>	Leave unchanged or undisturbed or refrain from taking. <i>She wants to <b>leave</b>.</i>
<b>nose about</b>	Rub noses.
<b>nose around</b>	Search or inquire in a meddlesome way.
<b>nose round</b>	Push or move with the nose.
<b>obliterate</b>	Do away with completely, without leaving a trace. <i>The memory was so painful that he <b>obliterated</b> it from his mind.</i>
<b>poke about</b>	Search or inquire in a meddlesome way.
<b>poke around</b>	Poke or thrust abruptly.
<b>pull out</b>	Bring take or pull out of a container or from under a cover.
<b>pull out of</b>	Bring take or pull out of a container or from under a cover.
<b>quit</b>	Resign from (a job). <i>The landlord issued a notice to <b>quit</b>.</i>
<b>rake around</b>	Move through with or as if with a rake.
<b>rasp</b>	Scrape with a rasp. <i>The horse has to be sedated for its teeth to be <b>rasped</b>.</i>
<b>remove</b>	Remove from a position or an office. <i><b>Remove</b> a wrapper.</i>
<b>root</b>	Take root and begin to grow. <i>We explained how to manually <b>root</b> almost any Android device.</i>
<b>root around</b>	Plant by the roots.
<b>roughen</b>	Make rough or rougher. <i><b>Roughen</b> the surfaces so they will stick to each other.</i>
<b>rub</b>	Scrape or rub as if to relieve itching. <i><b>Rub</b> my hands.</i>
<b>rub raw</b>	Move over something with pressure.

<b><u>rummage</u></b>	Find (something) by rummaging. <i>Mick <b>rummaged</b> up his skateboard.</i>
<b>rummage around</b>	Search haphazardly.
<b><u>scavenge</u></b>	Remove (combustion products) from an internal combustion engine cylinder on the return stroke of the piston. <i>People sell junk <b>scavenged</b> from the garbage.</i>
<b>score</b>	Decide on the scores to be awarded in a match or competition. <i>The aim should be to <b>score</b> between fifty and one hundred mitotic cells.</i>
<b>score out</b>	Induce to have sex.
<b>scrabble</b>	Feel searchingly. <i>I had to <b>scrabble</b> around to find this apartment.</i>
<b><u>scrap</u></b>	Discard or remove from service a redundant old or inoperative vehicle vessel or machine especially so as to convert it to scrap metal. <i><b>Scrap</b> the old airplane and sell the parts.</i>
<b>scrape</b>	Make (a hollow) by scraping away soil or rock. <i>She <b>scraped</b> the mud off her shoes.</i>
<b>scrape up</b>	Scratch repeatedly.
<b>scratch up</b>	Cut the surface of; wear away the surface of.
<b>scrimp</b>	Be thrifty or parsimonious; economize. <i>I have <b>scrimped</b> and saved to give you a good education.</i>
<b><u>scrub</u></b>	Remove dirt by rubbing hard. <i>The first two races had to be <b>scrubbed</b> because of blustery winds and rough seas.</i>
<b>scuff</b>	Mar by scuffing. <i>For kids who play rough shoes that won't <b>scuff</b>.</i>
<b>scuff up</b>	Raise.
<b>search</b>	Look for information in a database or the World Wide Web using a search engine. <i>The guards <b>searched</b> him for weapons.</i>
<b><u>skin</u></b>	Of a wound form new skin. <i>We had a few beers and then we <b>skinned</b> up.</i>
<b>stand down</b>	Remain inactive or immobile.
<b><u>strike</u></b>	Undertake strike action against an employer. <i><b>Strike</b> a balance.</i>
<b>strike off</b>	Hit against; come into sudden contact with.
<b>strike out</b>	Have an emotional or cognitive impact upon.

**tear at** Strip of feathers.

**withdraw** Withdraw from active participation.  
*He failed to **withdraw** his remarks and apologize.*

**wound** Inflict a wound on.  
*You really **wounded** his pride when you turned him down.*



### Usage Examples of "Scratch" as a verb

- *He raps and scratches simultaneously to dazzling effect.*
- *Due to a knee injury she was forced to scratch from the race.*
- *Tabitha wondered how long the woman had been scratching a living on the waterways.*
- *He's still scratching around for a woman to share his life.*
- *Her arms were scratched by the thorns.*
- *They scratched a meager living.*
- *The hens cannot do anything that comes naturally to them, such as scratch around.*
- *I found two names scratched on one of the windowpanes.*
- *The lovers scratched their names into the bark of the tree.*
- *The name of Dr McNab was scratched out and that of Dr Dunstaple substituted.*
- *Don't scratch your insect bites!*
- *Jessica lifted her sunglasses and scratched her nose.*



- *Scratch that meeting—the chair is ill.*
- *Scratch that remark.*
- *The dog scratched to be let in.*
- *Many architects now scratch along doing loft conversions.*
- *The car's paintwork was battered and scratched.*
- *Jolie's Halo was scratched from a minor stakes race at Monmouth Park.*
- *He scratched at a stain on his jacket.*
- *My sweater scratches.*
- *I scratched myself on the tree.*
- *Banks seem prepared to scratch stabilization charges.*
- *He scratched away the plaster.*



## Associations of "Scratch" (30 Words)

- abrade**      Wear away.  
*It was a landscape slowly **abraded** by a fine stinging dust.*
- abrasion**    An area damaged by scraping or wearing away.  
*There were cuts and **abrasions** to the lips and jaw.*
- awl**            A small pointed tool used for piercing holes, especially in leather.

<b>bingo</b>	A game in which players mark off numbers on cards as the numbers are drawn randomly by a caller, the winner being the first person to mark off all their numbers. A <b>bingo</b> hall.
<b>bowdlerize</b>	Edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate. <i>Every edition of his letters and diaries has been <b>bowdlerized</b>.</i>
<b>chafe</b>	Rub (a part of the body) to restore warmth or sensation. <i>The collar <b>chafed</b> his neck.</i>
<b>delete</b>	(of a section of genetic code, or its product) be lost or excised from a nucleic acid or protein sequence. <i>If one important gene is <b>deleted</b> from an animal s DNA other genes can stand in.</i>
<b>dent</b>	Mark with a dent. <i>He hit a concrete bollard <b>denting</b> the wing.</i>
<b>erase</b>	Remove recorded material from (a magnetic tape or medium); delete (data) from a computer's memory. <i>The magic of the landscape <b>erased</b> all else from her mind.</i>
<b>etching</b>	A print produced by the process of etching. <i><b>Etchings</b> of animals and wildflowers.</i>
<b>excise</b>	Levy an excise tax on. <i>The surgeon <b>excised</b> the tumor.</i>
<b>excoriate</b>	Express strong disapproval of. <i>The discharge is acrid and <b>excoriates</b> the skin of the nose.</i>
<b>expulsion</b>	The act of expelling or projecting or ejecting. <i>Oxytocin causes <b>expulsion</b> of milk from the lactating mammary gland.</i>
<b>expunge</b>	Remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line. <i>The kind of man that could <b>expunge</b> an unsatisfactory incident from his memory.</i>
<b>expurgate</b>	Remove matter thought to be objectionable or unsuitable from (a text or account). <i>Editors heavily <b>expurgated</b> the novel before its initial publication.</i>
<b>fray</b>	(of a male deer) rub (a bush or small tree) with the head in order to remove the velvet from newly formed antlers, or to mark territory during the rut. <i>Bucks mark their territory by <b>fraying</b> small trees.</i>
<b>grate</b>	Reduce food to small shreds by rubbing it on a grater. <i>Peel and roughly <b>grate</b> the carrots.</i>
<b>incision</b>	A mark or decoration cut into a surface. <i>A block of marble delicately decorated with <b>incisions</b>.</i>

<b><u>irritation</u></b>	The psychological state of being irritated or annoyed. <i>The minor <b>irritations</b> of life.</i>
<b>itch</b>	A contagious skin infection caused by the itch mite characterized by persistent itching and skin irritation. <i>An <b>itch</b> to write fiction.</i>
<b>itching</b>	An irritating cutaneous sensation that produces a desire to scratch.
<b><u>knife</u></b>	Cut or move cleanly through something with a knife like action. <i>The victim was <b>knifed</b> to death.</i>
<b>lottery</b>	A situation whose success or outcome is governed by chance. <i>The election was just a <b>lottery</b> to them.</i>
<b>nail</b>	Attach something somewhere by means of nails. <i>I guess they were indeed impressed <b>nailed</b> it.</i>
<b><u>rub</u></b>	An act of rubbing. <i>He <b>rubbed</b> at the earth on his jeans.</i>
<b><u>scar</u></b>	Mark with a scar or scars. <i>He is likely to be <b>scarred</b> for life after injuries to his face arms and legs.</i>
<b>scrape</b>	A place where soil has been scraped away especially a shallow hollow formed in the ground by a bird during a courtship display or for nesting. <i>Remove the green tops from the carrots and <b>scrape</b> them.</i>
<b>scratching</b>	A harsh noise made by scraping. <i><b>Scratching</b> temporarily relieves an itch but it often makes a skin problem worse.</i>
<b><u>scrub</u></b>	An act of scrubbing something or someone. <i>She <b>scrubbed</b> his back.</i>
<b>slit</b>	Form one's eyes into slits squint. <i><b>Slit</b> the throat of the victim.</i>



