

Need another word that means the same as “shadow”? Find 65 synonyms and 30 related words for “shadow” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shadow” are:** shadower, tail, tincture, trace, vestige, apparition, fantasm, phantasm, phantasma, phantom, dark, darkness, silhouette, outline, shape, contour, profile, shade, shadowiness, gathering darkness, dimness, twilight, cloud, black cloud, pall, slightest bit, scrap, shred, crumb, particle, ounce, atom, iota, scintilla, jot, whit, grain, tittle, jot or tittle, hint, suggestion, suspicion, ghost, glimmer, flicker, inferior version, poor imitation, apology, travesty, constant companion, second self, siamese twin, follower, shade off, dwarf, overshadow, cast a shadow over, envelop in shadow, block off the light to, follow, trail, track, dog someone's footsteps, keep watch on

## Shadow as a Noun

### Definitions of "Shadow" as a noun

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

- *A premonition of something adverse.*
- *A dominating and pervasive presence.*
- *A dark patch or area on a surface.*
- *Partial or complete darkness, especially as produced by a body coming between rays of light and a surface.*

- *The opposition counterpart of a government minister or ministry.*
- *A region of opacity on a radiograph.*
- *Shade within clear boundaries.*
- *An unilluminated area.*
- *A spy employed to follow someone and report their movements.*
- *A dark area or shape produced by a body coming between rays of light and a surface.*
- *The shaded part of a picture.*
- *An expression of perplexity or sadness.*
- *A weak or inferior remnant or version of something.*
- *A person secretly following and observing another.*
- *Used in reference to a position of relative inferiority or obscurity.*
- *Something existing in perception only.*
- *An inseparable attendant or companion.*
- *Used in reference to proximity, ominous oppressiveness, or sadness and gloom.*
- *An inseparable companion.*
- *Used in reference to something insubstantial or fleeting.*
- *An indication that something has been present.*
- *Refuge from danger or observation.*
- *The slightest trace of something.*
- *A person that accompanies someone in their daily activities at work in order to gain experience at or insight into a job.*



## Synonyms of "Shadow" as a noun (53 Words)

<b>apology</b>	An expression of regret at having caused trouble for someone. <i>It was an <b>apology</b> for a meal.</i>
<b>apparition</b>	An act of appearing or becoming visible unexpectedly. <i>I was recalled to the present by the <b>apparition</b> of a frightening specter.</i>
<a href="#"><u>atom</u></a>	Atomic particles as a source of nuclear energy. <i>Eight <b>atom</b> hockey teams.</i>
<b>black cloud</b>	British chemist who identified carbon dioxide and who formulated the concepts of specific heat and latent heat (1728-1799).
<a href="#"><u>cloud</u></a>	An opaque patch within a transparent substance. <i>Once you are logged in to your <b>cloud</b> storage space you can upload files to it and share them with others.</i>
<b>constant companion</b>	A number representing a quantity assumed to have a fixed value in a specified mathematical context.

<b>contour</b>	A line drawn on a map connecting points of equal height. <i>Challenges that have shaped the <b>contours</b> of European integration.</i>
<b>crumb</b>	An objectionable or contemptible person. <i>She brushed some cake <b>crumbs</b> off her dress.</i>
<b>dark</b>	The time after sunset and before sunrise while it is dark outside. <i>Lights and <b>darks</b> are juxtaposed arbitrarily to create a sense of shallow relief.</i>
<b>darkness</b>	Having a dark or somber color. <i>The forces of <b>darkness</b>.</i>
<b>dimness</b>	The property of lights or sounds that lack brilliance or are reduced in intensity.
<b>fantasm</b>	A ghostly appearing figure.
<a href="#"><u>flicker</u></a>	A tiny movement. <i>A <b>flicker</b> of a smile passed across her face.</i>
<b>follower</b>	Someone who travels behind or pursues another. <i>He is a keen <b>follower</b> of football.</i>
<b>gathering darkness</b>	The act of gathering something.
<a href="#"><u>ghost</u></a>	An apparition of a dead person which is believed to appear or become manifest to the living, typically as a nebulous image. <i>The building is haunted by the <b>ghost</b> of a monk.</i>
<b>glimmer</b>	A flash of light (especially reflected light). <i>There is one <b>glimmer</b> of hope for Becky.</i>
<b>grain</b>	A grainy appearance of a photograph or negative which is in proportion to the size of the emulsion particles composing it. <i>A stone of coarse <b>grain</b>.</i>
<b>hint</b>	A just detectable amount. <i>He has given no <b>hint</b> of his views.</i>
<b>inferior version</b>	One of lesser rank or station or quality.
<b>iota</b>	The ninth star in a constellation. <i>Nothing she said seemed to make an <b>iota</b> of difference.</i>
<b>jot</b>	A brief (and hurriedly handwritten) note. <i>I have yet to see one <b>jot</b> of evidence.</i>
<b>jot or tittle</b>	A brief (and hurriedly handwritten) note.
<b>ounce</b>	A unit of weight equal to one sixteenth of a pound or 16 drams or 28.349 grams. <i>Melt three <b>ounces</b> of butter in a large frying pan.</i>



<b>outline</b>	The contours or bounds of an object. <i>The <b>outlines</b> of dockside warehouses standing sharp on the skyline.</i>
<b>pall</b>	An ecclesiastical pallium. <i>Torture and murder have cast a <b>pall</b> of terror over the villages.</i>
<b>particle</b>	Any of numerous subatomic constituents of the physical world that interact with each other including electrons neutrinos photons and alpha particles. <i>Tiny <b>particles</b> of dust.</i>
<b>phantasm</b>	A ghostly appearing figure. <i>The cart seemed to glide like a terrible <b>phantasm</b>.</i>
<b>phantasma</b>	Phantasm.
<b><u>phantom</u></b>	Something existing in perception only. <i>A <b>phantom</b> conspiracy.</i>
<b>poor imitation</b>	People without possessions or wealth (considered as a group).
<b>profile</b>	A short article giving a description of a person or organization. <i>In soft rocks a <b>profile</b> drawn normally to the beach would show a concave form comparable with the long <b>profile</b> of a river.</i>
<b>scintilla</b>	A tiny trace or spark of a specified quality or feeling. <i>A <b>scintilla</b> of doubt.</i>
<b><u>scrap</u></b>	Discarded metal for reprocessing. <i>There was not a <b>scrap</b> left.</i>
<b>second self</b>	A speech seconding a motion.
<b><u>shade</u></b>	A lampshade. <i>Maria s eyes darkened in <b>shade</b>.</i>
<b>shadower</b>	A spy employed to follow someone and report their movements.
<b>shadowiness</b>	Relative darkness caused by light rays being intercepted by an opaque body.
<b><u>shape</u></b>	The state of good health especially in the phrases in condition or in shape or out of condition or out of shape. <i>She liked the <b>shape</b> of his nose.</i>
<b><u>shred</u></b>	A small piece of cloth or paper. <i>We have not a <b>shred</b> of evidence to go on.</i>
<b>siamese twin</b>	Either of two offspring born at the same time from the same pregnancy.
<b><u>silhouette</u></b>	A representation of someone or something showing the shape and outline only, typically coloured in solid black. <i>She paused to see its <b>silhouette</b> against the dimming sky.</i>

<b>slightest bit</b>	A deliberate discourteous act (usually as an expression of anger or disapproval.
<b>suggestion</b>	Persuasion formulated as a suggestion. <i>Here are some <b>suggestions</b> for tackling the problem.</i>
<b><u>suspicion</u></b>	An impression that something might be the case. <i>Her activities were regarded with <b>suspicion</b> by the headmistress.</i>
<b>tail</b>	A tailcoat or a man's formal evening suit with a tailcoat. <i>The slates are dressed with the bevelled <b>tail</b> and edge characteristic of thick square stone roofing.</i>
<b>tincture</b>	A substances that colors metals. <i>A bottle containing <b>tincture</b> of iodine.</i>
<b>tittle</b>	A tiny amount or part of something. <i>The rules have not been altered one jot or <b>tittle</b> since.</i>
<b><u>trace</u></b>	A physical change in the brain presumed to be caused by a process of learning or memory. <i>There wasn't a <b>trace</b> of evidence for the claim.</i>
<b><u>travesty</u></b>	A comedy characterized by broad satire and improbable situations. <i>The absurdly lenient sentence is a <b>travesty</b> of justice.</i>
<b><u>twilight</u></b>	The period of the evening when twilight is visible between daylight and darkness. <i>He was in the <b>twilight</b> of his career.</i>
<b>vestige</b>	The smallest amount. <i>He waited patiently but without a <b>vestige</b> of sympathy.</i>
<b>whit</b>	A tiny or scarcely detectable amount. <i>The last <b>whit</b> of warmth was drawn off by the setting sun.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Shadow" as a noun

- *Her faithful shadow, a Yorkshire terrier called Heathcliffe.*
- *He felt secure in his father's shadow.*
- *Trees cast long shadows.*
- *No matter where Johnson went, his shadow stayed with him.*
- *A shadow over his happiness.*
- *This fine-looking, commanding man had become a shadow of his former self.*
- *A shadow crossed Maria's face.*
- *A freedom that was more shadow than substance.*
- *He received little recognition working in the shadow of his father.*
- *The shadow of war fell across Europe.*
- *Shadows on his lungs.*
- *The north side of the cathedral was deep in shadow.*
- *Her face was pale and there were shadows under her eyes.*
- *The shadow Chancellor.*

- *Only one shadow lay over Sally's life.*
- *She knew without a shadow of a doubt that he was lying.*
- *A stranger slowly approached from the shadows.*
- *The poor child was his mother's shadow.*
- *He lived in the shadow of his father.*



## Shadow as a Verb

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- *Follow and observe (someone) closely and secretly.*
- *Accompany (someone) in their daily activities at work in order to gain experience at or insight into a job.*
- *(of an opposition politician) be the counterpart of (a government minister or a ministry).*
- *Cast a shadow over.*



- *Make appear small by comparison.*
- *Envelop in shadow; cast a shadow over.*
- *Follow, usually without the person's knowledge.*



## Synonyms of "Shadow" as a verb (12 Words)

<b>block off the light to</b>	Interrupt the normal function of by means of anesthesia.
<b>cast a shadow over</b>	Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment.
<b>dog someone's footsteps</b>	Go after with the intent to catch.
<b>dwarf</b>	Make appear small by comparison. <i>The insurance industry is still battling with a number of challenges that have <b>dwarfed</b> its growth.</i>
<b>envelop in shadow</b>	Enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering.

**follow**

Follow with the eyes or the mind.  
*When he lectures I cannot **follow**.*

**keep watch on**

Look after; be the keeper of; have charge of.

**overshadow**

Appear more prominent or important than.  
*It is easy to let this feeling of tragedy **overshadow** his story.*

**shade**

Represent the effect of shade or shadow on.  
*She **shaded** in the outline of a chimney.*

**shade off**

Cast a shadow over.

**track**

Of wheels run so that the back ones are exactly in the track of the front ones.

*The camera eventually **tracked** away.*

**trail**

Apply (slip) through a nozzle or spout to decorate ceramic ware.  
*Her voice **trailed** away.*



## Usage Examples of "Shadow" as a verb

- *He had been up all night shadowing a team of poachers.*



- *The market is shadowed by St Margaret's church.*
- *A hood shadowed her face.*
- *He formerly helped to shadow the Foreign Office.*
- *The placement might involve shadowing a manager.*
- *The police are shadowing her.*



## Associations of "Shadow" (30 Words)

<b>arbor</b>	Tree (as opposed to shrub). <i>The <b>arbor</b> provided a shady resting place in the park.</i>
<b>awning</b>	A canopy made of canvas to shelter people or things from rain or sun.
<b>behind</b>	A kick that sends the ball over a behind line or a touch that sends it between the inner posts scoring one point. <i>A company that has been run <b>behindhand</b> for years.</i>
<b>black</b>	Blackcurrant cordial. <i>A mug of <b>black</b> coffee.</i>

<b>cave</b>	Capitulate or submit under pressure cave in. <i>They say they <b>cave</b> for the adventure challenge and physical exercise.</i>
<b>crayfish</b>	Small freshwater decapod crustacean that resembles a lobster.
<b>darkness</b>	The partial or total absence of light. <i>The forces of <b>darkness</b>.</i>
<b>dim</b>	Make dim by comparison or conceal. <i>The lights <b>dimmed</b> and the curtain rose.</i>
<b>dusky</b>	Used in names of animals with dark coloration e g dusky dolphin dusky warbler. <i>Gold earrings gleamed against her <b>dusky</b> cheeks.</i>
<b>fading</b>	Weakening in force or intensity.
<b>fin</b>	Equip a car with fins. <i>We <b>finned</b> along the side of the wreck.</i>
<b>flipper</b>	The flat broad limb of aquatic animals specialized for swimming.
<b>impenetrable</b>	Permitting little if any light to pass through because of denseness of matter. <i>Her expression was <b>impenetrable</b>.</i>
<b>joggle</b>	Fasten or join with a joggle. <i>The lurch and <b>joggle</b> of the car.</i>
<b>lion</b>	The lion as an emblem e g of English or Scottish royalty or as a charge in heraldry.
<b>lobster</b>	The flesh of the lobster as food. <i>She ordered <b>lobster</b> and a glass of white wine.</i>
<b>mane</b>	A person's long flowing hair. <i>He had a <b>mane</b> of white hair.</i>
<b>posterior</b>	A person's buttocks. <i>A date <b>posterior</b> to the first Reform Bill.</i>
<b>rear</b>	Located in or toward the back or rear. <i>The car s <b>rear</b> window.</i>
<b>ringtail</b>	North American raccoon.
<b>shade</b>	Represent the effect of shade or shadow on. <i>After several trials he mixed the <b>shade</b> of pink that she wanted.</i>
<b>shadowy</b>	Insubstantial; unreal. <i>They were attacked by a swarm of <b>shadowy</b> ethereal forms.</i>
<b>soot</b>	Cover or clog something with soot. <i>You have previously <b>sooted</b> the underside of their plate by holding it over a candle.</i>



**sun**

Expose to the rays of the sun or affect by exposure to the sun.  
*These herbs suffer when **sunned**.*

**sunshade**

A handheld collapsible source of shade.

**tail**

Provide with a tail.

*They went to their favourite cafe Owen and Sally **tailed** along.*

**tenebrous**

Dark; shadowy or obscure.

*The **tenebrous** spiral staircase of the self.*

**vestige**

An indication that something has been present.

*The last **vestiges** of colonialism.*

**wiggle**

The act of wiggling.

*A **wiggle** on a chart.*

