

Need another word that means the same as “shift”? Find 150 synonyms and 30 related words for “shift” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shift” are: change, switch, careen, tilt, wobble, transfer, dislodge, reposition, change over, lurch, pitch, agitate, budge, stir, move, carry, transport, convey, take, bring, bear, lug, cart, haul, fetch, move around, transpose, relocate, rearrange, displace, slide, slip, be displaced, alter, adjust, make adjustments to, adapt, amend, recast, vary, modify, revise, reverse, retract, do a u-turn on, row back, convert, divert, redirect, veer, back, fluctuate, turn, swing, change direction, get rid of, take out, get off, remove, lift, expunge, drink, swallow, gulp, gulp down, guzzle, slurp, attack, down, drink down, drink up, force down, get down, finish off, polish off, drain, empty, imbibe, have, partake of, ingest, consume, sup, sip, lap, switching, duty period, work shift, break, fault, faulting, fracture, geological fault, chemise, sack, displacement, shift key, shifting, transformation, transmutation, shimmy, teddy, movement, transference, conveyance, transposition, alteration, adjustment, adaptation, amendment, recasting, variation, modification, revision, reversal, retraction, sea change, u-turn, rowback, work period, stint, spell of work, stretch, group, crew, gang, team, squad, patrol, dress, gown, robe, stratagem, scheme, subterfuge, expedient, dodge, trick, ruse, wile, artifice, deception, strategy, device, plan**

## **Shift as a Noun**

## Definitions of "Shift" as a noun

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

- *A movement of the digits of a word in a register one or more places to left or right, equivalent to multiplying or dividing the corresponding number by a power of whatever number is the base.*
- *The act of moving from one place to another.*
- *A loose-fitting dress hanging straight from the shoulders without a waist.*
- *Each of two or more recurring periods in which different groups of workers do the same jobs in relay.*
- *The positioning of successive rows of bricks so that their ends do not coincide.*
- *The time period during which you are at work.*
- *(geology) a crack in the earth's crust resulting from the displacement of one side with respect to the other.*
- *The group of people who work during a particular shift.*
- *A woman's straight unwaisted dress.*
- *An event in which something is displaced without rotation.*
- *A key on a typewriter or computer keyboard used to switch between two sets of characters or functions, principally between lower- and upper-case letters.*
- *A long, loose-fitting undergarment.*
- *An ingenious or devious device or stratagem.*
- *A woman's sleeveless undergarment.*
- *A crack in the earth's crust resulting from the displacement of one side with respect to the other.*
- *A crew of workers who work for a specific period of time.*
- *The key on the typewriter keyboard that shifts from lower-case letters to upper-case letters.*
- *A slight change in position, direction, or tendency.*
- *A change of position by two or more players before the ball is put into play.*
- *The displacement of spectral lines.*
- *The gear lever or gear-changing mechanism in a vehicle.*
- *The act of changing one thing or position for another.*
- *A qualitative change.*



## Synonyms of "Shift" as a noun (65 Words)

### adaptation

A film, television drama, or stage play that has been adapted from a written work.

*The **adaptation** of teaching strategy to meet students needs.*

### **adjustment**

The process of adapting to something (such as environmental conditions).  
*Only slight **adjustments** to the boat are necessary.*

### alteration

The act of making something different (as e.g. the size of a garment).  
***Alterations** had to be made.*

### amendment

A minor change or addition designed to improve a text, piece of legislation, etc.

*You can add some soil texturizing **amendments** to improve soil drainage.*

### artifice

A deceptive maneuver (especially to avoid capture).

*The style is not free from the **artifices** of the period.*

### **break**

The act of breaking something.

*Those returning to work after a career **break**.*

<b>change</b>	Money given in exchange for the same sum in larger units. <i>We need a <b>change</b> of government.</i>
<b>chemise</b>	A woman's loose-fitting undergarment or nightdress.
<b>conveyance</b>	The action of making an idea, feeling, or impression known or understandable to someone. <i>The wife's solicitors will submit a draft <b>conveyance</b> or transfer to the husband's solicitors.</i>
<b>crew</b>	The sport of rowing. <i>A graffiti <b>crew</b> called the Syndicate.</i>
<b>deception</b>	A thing that deceives. <i>Obtaining property by <b>deception</b>.</i>
<b>device</b>	A drawing or design. <i>A rhetorical <b>device</b>.</i>
<b>displacement</b>	The volume swept by a reciprocating system, as in a pump or engine. <i>A <b>displacement</b> of 6.8 metres along the San Andreas fault.</i>
<b>dodge</b>	The dodging of a bell in change-ringing. <i>The grant system's widespread use as a tax <b>dodge</b>.</i>
<b>dress</b>	Clothing of a specified kind for men or women. <i>A <b>dress</b> suit.</i>
<b>duty period</b>	Work that you are obliged to perform for moral or legal reasons.
<b>expedient</b>	A means to an end; not necessarily a principled or ethical one. <i>The current policy is a political <b>expedient</b>.</i>
<b>fault</b>	Responsibility for a bad situation or event. <i>It was his <b>fault</b> she had died.</i>
<b>faulting</b>	An imperfection in an object or machine. <i>He studied the <b>faulting</b> of the earth's crust.</i>
<b>fracture</b>	A diphthong substituted by fracture. <i>It was a nasty <b>fracture</b>.</i>
<b>gang</b>	An organized group of criminals. <i>The machine had a <b>gang</b> of cutter chains on a swivelling head.</i>
<b>geological fault</b>	Equipment failure attributable to some defect in a circuit (loose connection or insulation failure or short circuit etc.)
<b>gown</b>	A dressing gown. <i>The relations between town and <b>gown</b> are always sensitive.</i>
<b>group</b>	(in systemic grammar) a level of structure between clause and word, broadly corresponding to phrase in other grammars. <i>A <b>group</b> of boys approached.</i>

<b><u>modification</u></b>	An event that occurs when something passes from one state or phase to another. <i>The neighborhood had undergone few <b>modifications</b> since his last visit years ago.</i>
<b>move</b>	A player's turn to change the position of a piece in a board game. <i>An impatient <b>move</b> of his hand.</i>
<b>movement</b>	A campaign undertaken by a political social or artistic movement. <i>The slow <b>movement</b> of his violin concerto.</i>
<b><u>patrol</u></b>	A detachment used for security or reconnaissance. <i>Break the Cubs into sixes and Scouts into <b>patrols</b>.</i>
<b>plan</b>	A drawing or diagram made by projection on a horizontal plane especially one showing the layout of a building or one floor of a building. <i>A personal pension <b>plan</b>.</i>
<b>recasting</b>	Changing a particular word or phrase.
<b>retraction</b>	The act of pulling or holding or drawing a part back. <i>The <b>retraction</b> of the landing gear.</i>
<b>reversal</b>	An annulment of a judgement, sentence, or decree made by a lower court or authority. <i>The <b>reversal</b> of the image in the lens.</i>
<b>revision</b>	The act of rewriting something. <i>The scheme needs drastic <b>revision</b>.</i>
<b><u>robe</u></b>	A robe worn especially on formal or ceremonial occasions as an indication of the wearer's rank office or profession. <i>A young man in a fez and ragged <b>robe</b>.</i>
<b>rowback</b>	An instance of reversing an earlier decision or previously held opinion. <i>The government was forced into yet more <b>rowbacks</b> on budget cuts.</i>
<b><u>ruse</u></b>	A deceptive maneuver (especially to avoid capture). <i>Emma tried to think of a <b>ruse</b> to get Paul out of the house.</i>
<b>sack</b>	The contents of a sack or the amount it can contain. <i>The <b>sack</b> of Rome.</i>
<b>scheme</b>	A secret or underhand plan; a plot. <i>The whole <b>scheme</b> is plunged into darkness bar the light in Victor's house.</i>
<b>sea change</b>	A division of an ocean or a large body of salt water partially enclosed by land.
<b>shift key</b>	A crack in the earth's crust resulting from the displacement of one side with respect to the other.

<b>shifting</b>	The act of moving from one place to another. <i>His constant <b>shifting</b> disrupted the class.</i>
<b>shimmy</b>	Shaking, especially abnormal vibration of the wheels of a motor vehicle. <i>He could feel the <b>shimmy</b> in the steering wheel.</i>
<b>slip</b>	A slippery smoothness. <i>The <b>slip</b> is used to get rid of excess height.</i>
<b>spell of work</b>	A psychological state induced by (or as if induced by) a magical incantation.
<b>squad</b>	A small squad of policemen trained to deal with a particular kind of crime. <i>The 39 year old actress and her <b>squad</b> snapped some pics together after the show.</i>
<b>stint</b>	Limitation of supply or effort. <i>A collector with an eye for quality and the means to indulge it without <b>stint</b>.</i>
<b>stratagem</b>	A plan or scheme, especially one used to outwit an opponent or achieve an end. <i>A series of devious <b>stratagems</b>.</i>
<b>strategy</b>	The art of planning and directing overall military operations and movements in a war or battle. <i>Time to develop a coherent economic <b>strategy</b>.</i>
<b>stretch</b>	A stretch limo. <i>I got up and had a <b>stretch</b>.</i>
<b>subterfuge</b>	Something intended to misrepresent the true nature of an activity. <i>I hated all the <b>subterfuges</b> I hated lying to you.</i>
<b>switch</b>	A flexible implement used as an instrument of punishment. <i>His <b>switch</b> on abortion cost him the election.</i>
<b>switching</b>	The act of changing one thing or position for another.
<b>team</b>	Two or more animals, especially horses, in harness together to pull a vehicle. <i>A <b>team</b> of researchers.</i>
<b>teddy</b>	A soft toy bear.
<b>transference</b>	The redirection to a substitute usually a therapist of emotions that were originally felt in childhood in a phase of analysis called transference neurosis. <i>Education involves the <b>transference</b> of knowledge.</i>

<b>transformation</b>	A function that changes the position or direction of the axes of a coordinate system. <i>British society underwent a radical <b>transformation</b>.</i>
<b>transmutation</b>	The change of one chemical element into another (as by nuclear decay or radioactive bombardment). <i>The <b>transmutation</b> of the political economy of the post war years was complete.</i>
<b>transport</b>	A convict who was transported to a penal colony. <i>Air <b>transport</b>.</i>
<b>transposition</b>	The transfer of a quantity from one side of an equation to the other along with a change of sign. <i>A <b>transposition</b> of an old story into a contemporary context.</i>
<b>trick</b>	A sailor's turn at the helm, usually lasting for two or four hours. <i>He did conjuring <b>tricks</b> for his daughters.</i>
<b>u-turn</b>	Complete reversal of direction of travel.
<b>variation</b>	A solo dance or dance figure. <i>Who is responsible for these <b>variations</b> in taxation.</i>
<b>wile</b>	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>The devious <b>wiles</b> of the politicians.</i>
<b>work period</b>	A manifestation of energy; the transfer of energy from one physical system to another expressed as the product of a force and the distance through which it moves a body in the direction of that force.
<b>work shift</b>	The occupation for which you are paid.



## Usage Examples of "Shift" as a noun

- *The thousand shifts and devices of which Hannibal was a master.*
- *A shift in public opinion.*
- *His constant shifting disrupted the class.*
- *Anne was on the night shift.*
- *The bus was still waiting there when the day shift went home.*





## Shift as a Verb

### Definitions of "Shift" as a verb

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

- *Move from one setting or context to another.*
- *Change place or direction.*
- *Use a shift key on a keyboard.*
- *Change the position of one's body, especially because one is nervous or uncomfortable.*
- *Move (data) to the right or left in a register.*
- *Change in quality.*
- *Be evasive or indirect.*
- *Change gears.*
- *Change gear in a vehicle.*
- *Change the emphasis, direction, or focus of.*
- *Move from a place or rouse oneself from a state of inactivity.*
- *Move quickly.*
- *Move or cause to move from one place to another, especially over a small distance.*

- *Change phonetically as part of a systematic historical change.*
- *Sell (something).*
- *Make a shift in or exchange of.*
- *Eat or drink (something) hastily or in large amounts.*
- *Lay aside, abandon, or leave for another.*
- *Move abruptly.*
- *Remove (a stain).*
- *Move sideways or in an unsteady way.*
- *Move and exchange for another.*
- *Change in emphasis, direction, or focus.*
- *Move very slightly.*
- *Move around.*



## Synonyms of "Shift" as a verb (85 Words)

### **adapt**

Adapt or conform oneself to new or different conditions.  
*A large organization can be slow to **adapt** to change.*

### **adjust**

Make correspondent or conformable.  
*A single control **adjusts** the water flow.*

### **agitate**

Cause to be agitated excited or roused.  
*The thought of questioning Toby **agitated** him extremely.*

<b><u>alter</u></b>	Make an alteration to. <i>Our outward appearance <b>alters</b> as we get older.</i>
<b><u>amend</u></b>	Make amendments to. <i>A few things had gone wrong but these had been <b>amended</b>.</i>
<b>attack</b>	Attack someone physically or emotionally. <i>The terrorists did not <b>attack</b> again until March.</i>
<b><u>back</u></b>	Cause to move backwards. <i><b>Back</b> this enterprise.</i>
<b>be displaced</b>	To remain unmolested, undisturbed, or uninterrupted — used only in infinitive form. (of a person) carry (someone or something). <i>The bees form large colonies and need the thick branches of tall trees to <b>bear</b> the weight of their nests.</i>
<b><u>bear</u></b>	
<b>bring</b>	Go or come after and bring or take back. <i><b>Bring</b> charges.</i>
<b>budge</b>	Make or cause to make the slightest movement. <i><b>Budge</b> up boys make room for your uncle.</i>
<b>careen</b>	Turn (a ship) on its side for cleaning, caulking, or repair. <i>The ship <b>careened</b> out of control.</i>
<b><u>carry</u></b>	Have on one's person. <i><b>Carry</b> a cause.</i>
<b>cart</b>	Transport something in a cart. <i>They <b>carted</b> the piano down three flights of stairs.</i>
<b>change</b>	Exchange or replace with another usually of the same kind or category. <i>I <b>changed</b> her on top of the table until she got too big.</i>
<b>change direction</b>	Change clothes; put on different clothes.
<b>change over</b>	Lay aside, abandon, or leave for another.
<b>consume</b>	Serve oneself to or consume regularly. <i>This process <b>consumes</b> enormous amounts of energy.</i>
<b>convert</b>	Complete successfully. <i>She <b>converted</b> to Buddhism.</i>
<b><u>convey</u></b>	Transmit or serve as the medium for transmission. <i>No application for registration is required when the property is <b>conveyed</b> following a court order.</i>
<b><u>dislodge</u></b>	Remove or force from a position of dwelling previously occupied. <i>The hoofs of their horses <b>dislodged</b> loose stones.</i>

<b><u>displace</u></b>	Cause to move, usually with force or pressure. <i>He believes that books may be <b>displaced</b> by the electronic word.</i>
<b>divert</b>	Send on a course or in a direction different from the planned or intended one. <i>More of their advertising budget was <b>diverted</b> into promotions.</i>
<b>do a u-turn on</b>	Be sufficient; be adequate, either in quality or quantity.
<b><u>down</u></b>	Bring down or defeat an opponent. <i>He <b>downed</b> five pints of cider.</i>
<b>drain</b>	Empty of liquid drain the liquid from. <i>The rain water <b>drains</b> into this big vat.</i>
<b>drink</b>	Drink excessive amounts of alcohol be an alcoholic. <i>We were up <b>drinking</b> all night.</i>
<b>drink down</b>	Propose a toast to.
<b>drink up</b>	Consume alcohol.
<b><u>empty</u></b>	Make void or empty of contents. <i>The pub suddenly seemed to <b>empty</b>.</i>
<b><u>expunge</u></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>fetch</b>	Take away or remove. <i>The land could <b>fetch</b> over a million pounds.</i>
<b>finish off</b>	Finally be or do something.
<b><u>fluctuate</u></b>	Cause to fluctuate or move in a wavelike pattern. <i>The stock market <b>fluctuates</b>.</i>
<b>force down</b>	To cause to do through pressure or necessity, by physical, moral or intellectual means.
<b>get down</b>	Succeed in catching or seizing, especially after a chase.
<b>get off</b>	Take vengeance on or get even.
<b>get rid of</b>	Evoke an emotional response.
<b>gulp</b>	Breathe or swallow with difficulty, typically in response to strong emotion. <i>She <b>gulped</b> back the tears.</i>
<b>gulp down</b>	To swallow hurriedly or greedily or in one draught.
<b>guzzle</b>	Eat or drink (something) greedily. <i>This car <b>guzzles</b> petrol.</i>

<b>haul</b>	(of a person) pull or drag with effort or force. <i><b>Haul</b> nets.</i>
<b>have</b>	Have left. <i><b>Have</b> an assistant.</i>
<b>imbibe</b>	Drink (alcohol). <i>If one does not <b>imbibe</b> the culture one cannot succeed.</i>
<b>ingest</b>	Absorb (information). <i>They <b>ingest</b> oxygen from the air.</i>
<b>lap</b>	Wash or flow against. <i>The cat <b>lapped</b> up the milk.</i>
<b>lift</b>	Raise or haul up with or as if with mechanical help. <i>He <b>lifted</b> his eyes for an instant.</i>
<b>lug</b>	Carry with difficulty. <i>She began to <b>lug</b> her suitcase down the stairs.</i>
<b>lurch</b>	Defeat by a lurch. <i>He was <b>lurching</b> from one crisis to the next.</i>
<b>make adjustments to</b>	Make or cause to be or to become.
<b>modify</b>	Make less severe or harsh or extreme. <i>She may be prepared to <b>modify</b> her views.</i>
<b>move</b>	Move so as to change position perform a nontranslational motion. <i>The soldiers <b>moved</b> towards the city in an attempt to take it before night fell.</i>
<b>move around</b>	Be in a state of action.
<b>partake of</b>	Consume.
<b>pitch</b>	Set to a certain pitch. <i>She <b>pitched</b> forward into blackness.</i>
<b>polish off</b>	Improve or perfect by pruning or polishing.
<b>rearrange</b>	Put into a new order or arrangement. <i><b>Rearrange</b> the furniture in my room.</i>
<b>recast</b>	Present or organize in a different form or style. <i>She had to <b>recast</b> her image to please the electorate in her home state.</i>
<b>redirect</b>	Direct (something) to a new or different place or purpose. <i>Get the post office to <b>redirect</b> your mail.</i>
<b>relocate</b>	Move to a new place and establish one's home or business there. <i>Distribution staff will be <b>relocated</b> to Holland.</i>

<b>remove</b>	Remove something concrete as by lifting pushing or taking off or remove something abstract. <i>He was <b>removed</b> from his teaching position.</i>
<b>reposition</b>	Change the image of (a company, product, etc.) to target a new or wider market. <i>We are trying to <b>reposition</b> the brand with a premium image.</i>
<b>retract</b>	Pull away from a source of disgust or fear. <i>The tentacle <b>retracted</b> quickly.</i>
<b>reverse</b>	Reverse the position order relation or condition of. <i>The court <b>reversed</b> his conviction.</i>
<b>revise</b>	Revise or reorganize especially for the purpose of updating and improving. <i><b>Revise</b> your lecture notes on the topic.</i>
<b>row back</b>	Propel with oars.
<b>sip</b>	Drink in sips. <i>She <b>sipped</b> at her tea.</i>
<b>slide</b>	To pass or move unobtrusively or smoothly. <i>She <b>slid</b> the keys over the table.</i>
<b>slip</b>	Take off (a garment) quickly and easily. <i>The bolt <b>slipped</b> into place.</i>
<b>slurp</b>	Eat noisily. <i>He <b>slurped</b> his soup.</i>
<b>stir</b>	Mix or add by stirring. <i><b>Stir</b> in the flour and cook gently for two minutes.</i>
<b>sup</b>	Take (drink or liquid food) by sips or spoonfuls. <i>She <b>supped</b> up her soup delightedly.</i>
<b>swallow</b>	Enclose or envelop completely as if by swallowing. <i>She <b>swallowed</b> hard sniffing back her tears.</i>
<b>swing</b>	Change direction with a swinging motion turn. <i>The soccer player began to <b>swing</b> at the referee.</i>
<b>switch</b>	Beat or flick with or as if with a switch. <i>First Joe led then we <b>switched</b>.</i>
<b>take</b>	Make undertake or perform an action or task. <i>Verbs which <b>take</b> both the infinitive and the finite clause as their object.</i>
<b>take out</b>	Require (time or space).

<b>tilt</b>	Charge with a tilt. <i><b>Tilting</b> the camera causes convergence of upright lines.</i>
<b>transfer</b>	Transfer from one place or period to another. <i>I went to sleep on the couch before <b>transferring</b> to my bedroom later in the night.</i>
<b>transport</b>	Transport commercially. <i>The book <b>transported</b> her to new worlds.</i>
<b>transpose</b>	Change the order or arrangement of. <i>Can you <b>transpose</b> this fugue into G major.</i>
<b>turn</b>	Cause to change or turn into something different assume new characteristics. <i><b>Turn</b> the legs of the table.</i>
<a href="#"><u>vary</u></a>	Be subject to change in accordance with a variable. <i>His moods <b>vary</b> depending on the weather.</i>
<a href="#"><u>veer</u></a>	Turn sharply; change direction abruptly. <i>The wind <b>veered</b>.</i>
<b>wobble</b>	Waver between different courses of action; vacillate. <i>His knees <b>wobbled</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Shift" as a verb

- *You'll have time for a bite if you shift.*
- *She could not shift so all her letters are written in lower case.*
- *Shift the emphasis.*
- *Shift the date for our class reunion.*
- *A team from the power company came to shift the cables away from the house.*
- *A lot of high-priced product you simply don't know how to shift.*
- *Grimm showed how the consonants shifted.*
- *The wind had shifted to the east.*
- *Shift yourself, Ruby, do something useful and get the plates.*
- *You have to shift when you go down a steep hill.*
- *The roof cracked and shifted.*
- *She's shifting the blame on to me.*
- *The balance of power shifted abruptly.*
- *He shifted in his seat.*



- *They know not how to shift and rob as the old ones do.*
- *She shifted down to fourth.*
- *Shift one's attention.*
- *He shifted a little in his chair.*
- *His tone shifted.*
- *Thorough cleaning is necessary to shift all cooking residues.*
- *The partial remainder is shifted left.*



## Associations of "Shift" (30 Words)

- aimlessly** Without aim; in an aimless manner.  
*We wandered **aimlessly** round Venice.*
- amble** Walk leisurely.  
*A peaceful riverside **amble**.*
- ambulate** Walk about; not be bedridden or incapable of walking.  
*People who make use of crutches to **ambulate**.*

<b>digress</b>	Leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing. <i>She always <b>digresses</b> when telling a story.</i>
<b>dislodge</b>	Change place or direction. <i>The hoofs of their horses <b>dislodged</b> loose stones.</i>
<b>displacement</b>	Act of removing from office or employment. <i>Vertical <b>displacement</b> of the shoreline.</i>
<b>drift</b>	Walk slowly, aimlessly, or casually. <i>The shipwrecked boat <b>drifted</b> away from the shore.</i>
<b>floating</b>	Continually changing especially as from one abode or occupation to another. <i><b>Floating</b> voters.</i>
<b>gad</b>	Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure. <i>He had heard that I was <b>gadding</b> about with an airline stewardess.</i>
<b>gallivant</b>	Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure. <i>She quit her job to go <b>gallivanting</b> around the globe.</i>
<b>hesitantly</b>	In a tentative or unsure manner. <i>He speaks <b>hesitantly</b> and his voice is shaky.</i>
<b>move</b>	Move so as to change position perform a nontranslational motion. <i>His deep love of music <b>moved</b> him to take lessons with Dr Hill.</i>
<b>moved</b>	Being excited or provoked to the expression of an emotion. <i>Too <b>moved</b> to speak.</i>
<b>nomadic</b>	Migratory. <i>The <b>nomadic</b> habits of the Bedouins.</i>
<b>peripatetic</b>	(of a teacher) working in more than one school or college. <i><b>Peripatetics</b> have been cut under local management of schools.</i>
<b>rambling</b>	Spreading out in different directions. <i>A <b>rambling</b> club.</i>
<b>restlessly</b>	In a restless manner.
<b>roam</b>	An aimless walk. <i>Did you get to explore the city or have a <b>roam</b> around Bath.</i>
<b>rove</b>	Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment. <i>A new exhibit will electrify campuses on its national <b>rove</b>.</i>
<b>shifting</b>	Unstable. <i>His constant <b>shifting</b> disrupted the class.</i>
<b>spasm</b>	(pathology) sudden constriction of a hollow organ (as a blood vessel). <i>A <b>spasm</b> of coughing woke him.</i>

- twitch** Use a twitch to subdue a horse.  
*Her lips **twitched** and her eyelids fluttered.*
- unsettled** Worried and uneasy.  
*An **unsettled** lifestyle.*
- vagabond** Anything that resembles a vagabond in having no fixed place.  
*Pirate ships were **vagabonds** of the sea.*
- vagrant** Relating to or living the life of a vagrant.  
*Most birders are hoping to find the wind blown **vagrants** of migration.*
- variable** A symbol like x or y that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a variable quantity.  
*The drill has **variable** speed.*
- wander** An act or instance of wandering.  
*Might her husband be **wandering**.*
- wandering** Having no fixed course.  
*She followed him in his **wanderings** and looked after him.*

