

Need another word that means the same as “shortage”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “shortage” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Shortage” are: dearth, famine, deficit, shortfall, scarcity, sparseness, sparsity, paucity, poverty, insufficiency, deficiency, inadequacy, lack, want, meagreness, scantiness, rarity, rareness

Shortage as a Noun

Definitions of "Shortage" as a noun

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

- *The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required.*
- *An acute insufficiency.*
- *A state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts.*



Synonyms of "Shortage" as a noun (18 Words)

- dearth** A situation where food is in short supply.
*There is a **dearth** of evidence.*
- deficiency** The amount by which something, especially revenue, falls short; a deficit.
*Water is the critical **deficiency** in desert regions.*
- deficit** A deficiency or failing, especially in a neurological or psychological function.
***Deficits** in speech comprehension.*
- famine** An acute insufficiency.
*The **famine** of 1921 2.*
- inadequacy** Lack of an adequate quantity or number.
*Juvenile offenses often reflect an **inadequacy** in the parents.*
- insufficiency** Inability of a bodily part or organ to function normally.
***Insufficiency** of adequate housing.*
- lack** The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
*There is a **lack** of parking space in the town.*
- meagreness** The quality of being meager.
*Job satisfaction eclipses the **meagreness** of income.*

paucity	An insufficient quantity or number. <i>A paucity of information.</i>
poverty	The state of being extremely poor. <i>Thousands of families are living in abject poverty.</i>
rareness	Noteworthy scarcity.
rarity	A rarified quality. <i>To take the morning off was a rarity.</i>
scantiness	The quality of being small or insufficient in quantity or amount. <i>Problems because of the scantiness of reliable information.</i>
scarcity	A small and inadequate amount. <i>A time of scarcity.</i>
shortfall	A deficit of something required or expected. <i>They are facing an expected 10 billion shortfall in revenue.</i>
sparseness	The property of being scanty or scattered; lacking denseness.
sparsity	The property of being scanty or scattered; lacking denseness.
want	A desire for something. <i>I tried to supply his wants.</i>



Usage Examples of "Shortage" as a noun

- *A shortage of hard cash.*
- *The problems of land shortage in the countryside.*
- *Food shortages.*



Associations of "Shortage" (30 Words)

cutback	A reduction in quantity or rate. <i>Cutbacks in defence spending.</i>
<u>dearth</u>	A scarcity or lack of something. <i>There is a dearth of evidence.</i>
<u>defective</u>	Imperfect or faulty. <i>I returned the appliance because it was defective.</i>
deficiency	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable. <i>A budget deficiency of 96 billion.</i>
<u>deficit</u>	A deficiency or failing, especially in a neurological or psychological function. <i>They have serious linguistic deficits.</i>
drought	A prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water. <i>He ended a five game goal drought.</i>
dryness	Lack of interest, excitement, or embellishment; dullness. <i>A certain dryness of style.</i>
<u>famine</u>	Extreme scarcity of food. <i>The famine of 1921 2.</i>

flaw	Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective. <i>He had his flaws but he was great nonetheless.</i>
<u>hunger</u>	Feel or suffer hunger. <i>When he had fasted forty days and forty nights he afterwards hungered.</i>
<u>inaction</u>	The state of being inactive. <i>Future generations will condemn us for inaction.</i>
<u>inadequacy</u>	The state or quality of being inadequate; lack of the quantity or quality required. <i>The inadequacy of unemployment benefits.</i>
indigence	A state of extreme poverty; destitution. <i>He did valuable work towards the relief of indigence.</i>
insufficiency	The inability of an organ to perform its normal function. <i>Renal insufficiency.</i>
<u>insufficient</u>	Not enough; inadequate. <i>There was insufficient evidence to convict him.</i>
jaundice	Affect with or as if with jaundice. <i>Jealousy had jaundiced his judgment.</i>
lack	Be without. <i>There is no lack of entertainment aboard ship.</i>
lacking	Deficient or inadequate. <i>The students are not lacking in intellectual ability.</i>
leukocyte	Blood cells that engulf and digest bacteria and fungi; an important part of the body's defense system.
minus	Involving disadvantage or harm. <i>Minus or negative factors.</i>
need	Have or feel a need for. <i>Need I say more.</i>
<u>needy</u>	Needy people collectively. <i>Needy and elderly people.</i>
paucity	An insufficient quantity or number. <i>A paucity of information.</i>
scant	Less than the correct or legal or full amount often deliberately so. <i>He does not scant his attention to the later writings.</i>
scarcity	A small and inadequate amount. <i>A time of scarcity.</i>

- shortcoming** A fault or failure to meet a certain standard, typically in a person's character, a plan, or a system.
*He is so forthright about his **shortcomings** it's hard to chastise him.*
- shortfall** A deficit of something required or expected.
*They are facing an expected 10 billion **shortfall** in revenue.*
- starve** Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.
*The Royalists were **starved** out after eleven days.*
- vitamin** A pill containing a specified amount of a particular vitamin or vitamins taken as a dietary supplement.
*Most people can get all the **vitamins** they need from a healthy diet.*
- wanting** Nonexistent.
*Mandibles are **wanting** in many of these insects.*

