

Need another word that means the same as “shrink”? Find 50 synonyms and 30 related words for “shrink” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shrink” are: contract, shrivel, cringe, flinch, funk, quail, recoil, squinch, wince, shrivel up, wither, reduce, get smaller, become smaller, grow smaller, diminish, lessen, decrease, dwindle, narrow, shorten, slim, decline, fall off, drop off, condense, deflate, make smaller, truncate, abbreviate, slim down, pare down, concentrate, abridge, compress, squeeze, draw back, jump back, spring back, jerk back, pull back, start back, back away, retreat, withdraw, shy away, hang back, demur, head-shrinker, psychiatrist**

## **Shrink as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Shrink" as a noun**

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

- *A psychiatrist.*
- *A physician who specializes in psychiatry.*



## Synonyms of "Shrink" as a noun (2 Words)

**head-shrinker** A physician who specializes in psychiatry.

**psychiatrist** A medical practitioner specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness.



## Usage Examples of "Shrink" as a noun

- *You should see a shrink.*



## Shrink as a Verb

### Definitions of "Shrink" as a verb

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

- *Become or make smaller in size or amount.*
- *Move back or away, especially because of fear or disgust.*
- *Draw back, as with fear or pain.*
- *Become withdrawn.*
- *Wither, as with a loss of moisture.*
- *Decrease in size, range, or extent.*

- *Fit something tightly on or on to another object by expanding it with heat and then cooling it rapidly after positioning.*
- *Reduce in size; reduce physically.*
- *Be averse to or unwilling to do (something difficult or unappealing).*
- *Become smaller or draw together.*
- *(of clothes or material) become smaller as a result of being immersed in water.*



## Synonyms of "Shrink" as a verb (48 Words)

- abbreviate** Shorten (a word, phrase, or text).  
*Network is often **abbreviated** to net.*
- abridge** Lessen, diminish, or curtail.  
*The new law might **abridge** our freedom of expression.*
- back away** Support financial backing for.
- become smaller** Enhance the appearance of.

<b><u>compress</u></b>	Make more compact by or as if by pressing. <i>Her face <b>compressed</b> into a frown.</i>
<b>concentrate</b>	Compress or concentrate. <i>Luke wants to <b>concentrate</b> on his film career.</i>
<b><u>condense</u></b>	Make (something) denser or more concentrated. <i>The morning play on Saturday was <b>condensed</b> into a half hour package.</i>
<b>contract</b>	Enter into a contractual arrangement. <i>The local authority will <b>contract</b> with a wide range of agencies to provide services.</i>
<b><u>cringe</u></b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain. <i>He <b>cringed</b> away from the blow.</i>
<b>decline</b>	(especially of the sun) move downwards. <i>The roof <b>declines</b> here.</i>
<b>decrease</b>	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>The population of the area has <b>decreased</b> radically.</i>
<b>deflate</b>	Become deflated or flaccid as by losing air. <i>The budget <b>deflated</b> the economy.</i>
<b>demur</b>	Enter a demurrer. <i>Normally she would have accepted the challenge but she <b>demurred</b>.</i>
<b>diminish</b>	Lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of. <i>The new law is expected to <b>diminish</b> the government's chances.</i>
<b>draw back</b>	Suck in or take (air).
<b>drop off</b>	Give birth; used for animals.
<b><u>dwindle</u></b>	Diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength. <i>Her savings <b>dwindled</b> down.</i>
<b>fall off</b>	Fall or flow in a certain way.
<b><u>flinch</u></b>	Avoid doing or becoming involved in (something) through fear or anxiety. <i>She <b>flinched</b> when they showed the slaughtering of the calf.</i>
<b>funk</b>	Avoid (something) out of fear. <i>I could have seen him this morning but I <b>funked</b> it.</i>
<b>get smaller</b>	Overcome or destroy.
<b>grow smaller</b>	Cause to grow or develop.
<b>hang back</b>	Be suspended or hanging.
<b>jerk back</b>	Jump vertically, with legs stiff and back arched.
<b>jump back</b>	Run off or leave the rails.

<b>lessen</b>	Make smaller. <i>The years have <b>lessened</b> the gap in age between us.</i>
<b>make smaller</b>	Carry out or commit.
<b>narrow</b>	Make or become more narrow or restricted. <i>The selection was <b>narrowed</b>.</i>
<b>pare down</b>	Remove the edges from and cut down to the desired size.
<b>pull back</b>	Cause to move in a certain direction by exerting a force upon, either physically or in an abstract sense.
<b>quail</b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain.
<a href="#"><u>recoil</u></a>	Spring back, as from a forceful thrust. <i>If man upsets his planetary ecosystem it will automatically <b>recoil</b> upon him.</i>
<b>reduce</b>	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>He <b>reduced</b> his grantees to due obedience.</i>
<b>retreat</b>	Make a retreat from an earlier commitment or activity. <i>The company reported healthy figures but the shares <b>retreated</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>shorten</u></a>	Edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate. <i>He <b>shortened</b> his trip due to illness.</i>
<b>shriveled</b>	Wither, as with a loss of moisture. <i>The fruit dried and <b>shriveled</b>.</i>
<b>shriveled up</b>	Wither, as with a loss of moisture.
<b>shy away</b>	Throw quickly.
<b>slim</b>	Make oneself thinner, especially by dieting. <i>Restructuring and <b>slimming</b> down the organization.</i>
<b>slim down</b>	Take off weight.
<b>spring back</b>	Spring back spring away from an impact.
<a href="#"><u>squeeze</u></a>	Squeeze someone tightly in your arms usually with fondness. <i>She <b>squeezed</b> herself into her tightest pair of jeans.</i>
<b>squinch</b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain.
<b>start back</b>	Play in the starting lineup.
<b>truncate</b>	Shorten the duration or extent of. <i>Erosion has <b>truncated</b> the ridges of the mountains.</i>
<a href="#"><u>wince</u></a>	Make a face indicating disgust or dislike. <i>She <b>wincing</b> when she heard his pompous speech.</i>
<b>withdraw</b>	Withdraw from active participation. <i>For the cocaine user it is possible to <b>withdraw</b> without medication.</i>

**wither**

Wither as with a loss of moisture.

*It is not true that old myths either die or **wither** away.*



**Usage Examples of "Shrink" as a verb**

- *I don't shrink from my responsibilities.*
- *Can you shrink this image?*
- *The workforce shrank to a thousand.*
- *She shrank away from him, covering her face.*
- *She wore a sweater which had shrunk slightly.*
- *The sun had shrunk and dried the wood.*
- *Hot water will shrink the sweater.*
- *The metal is unsuitable for shrinking on to wooden staves.*
- *He shrank back against the wall.*





## Associations of "Shrink" (30 Words)

- abate** (of something unpleasant or severe) become less intense or widespread.  
*Nothing **abated** his crusading zeal.*
- astringent** An astringent lotion applied to the skin to reduce bleeding from minor abrasions or as a cosmetic to make the skin less oily.  
*Fresh blackcurrants have a rather **astringent** flavour.*
- atrophy** The process of atrophying or state of having atrophied.  
*The imagination can **atrophy** from lack of use.*
- bowdlerize** Edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate.  
***Bowdlerize** a novel.*
- curtail** Reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.  
*I that am **curtailed** of this fair proportion.*

<b>decrease</b>	The amount by which something decreases. <i>The aisles were <b>decreased</b> in height.</i>
<b>decrement</b>	A process of becoming smaller or shorter. <i>The instruction <b>decrements</b> the accumulator by one.</i>
<b>deflate</b>	Become deflated or flaccid as by losing air. <i><b>Deflate</b> a balloon.</i>
<b><u>depletion</u></b>	Reduction in the number or quantity of something. <i>The <b>depletion</b> of the ozone layer.</i>
<b>diminish</b>	Lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of. <i>The new law is expected to <b>diminish</b> the government's chances.</i>
<b>downgrade</b>	Rate lower; lower in value or esteem. <i>A steep <b>downgrade</b> for which he had to put the car in second.</i>
<b><u>dwindle</u></b>	Diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength. <i>Her savings <b>dwindled</b> down.</i>
<b><u>encapsulate</u></b>	Put in a short or concise form; reduce in volume. <i><b>Encapsulated</b> organs such as the kidneys.</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>extenuate</b>	Lessen or to try to lessen the seriousness or extent of. <i>Drawings of <b>extenuated</b> figures.</i>
<b><u>fade</u></b>	A pass thrown so that the ball descends directly over the receiver's shoulder, especially as they veer towards the sideline. <i>The brakes <b>faded</b> needing a firmer push to bring the car to halt.</i>
<b><u>flinch</u></b>	An act of flinching. <i>She <b>flinched</b> at the acidity in his voice.</i>
<b>palliate</b>	Provide physical relief, as from pain. <i>There is no way to excuse or <b>palliate</b> his dirty deed.</i>
<b><u>recoil</u></b>	The action of recoiling. <i>If man upsets his planetary ecosystem it will automatically <b>recoil</b> upon him.</i>
<b>reduce</b>	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i><b>Reduce</b> an image.</i>
<b>retrench</b>	Make a reduction, as in one's workforce. <i>If there are excess staff they should be <b>retrenched</b>.</i>
<b><u>rundown</u></b>	(of a company or industry) in a poor economic state. <i>He gave his teammates a <b>rundown</b> on the opposition.</i>

<b>shorten</b>	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>Before sail could be <b>shortened</b> she went on to her beam ends.</i>
<b>shrinkage</b>	Process or result of becoming less or smaller. <i>The material lost 2 inches per yard in <b>shrinkage</b>.</i>
<b>shrivel</b>	Cause to feel worthless or insignificant. <i>The fruit dried and <b>shriveled</b>.</i>
<b>wane</b>	A gradual decline (in size or strength or power or number). <i>Confidence in the dollar <b>waned</b>.</i>
<b>wilt</b>	Any of a number of fungal or bacterial diseases of plants characterized by wilting of the foliage. <i>Lady Beresford was beginning to <b>wilt</b> as she greeted the long line of guests.</i>
<b>wince</b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain. <i>She <b>winc</b>ed when she heard his pompous speech.</i>
<b>wither</b>	Wither as with a loss of moisture. <i>The grass had <b>withered</b> to an unappealing brown.</i>
<b>wizened</b>	Shrivelled or wrinkled with age. <i>A <b>wizened</b> little man with frizzy grey hair.</i>

