

Need another word that means the same as “slaughter”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “slaughter” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Slaughter” are: massacre, mow down, butcher, kill, murder, kill off, annihilate, exterminate, execute, liquidate, eliminate, destroy, decimate, wipe out, cut down, cut to pieces, put to the sword, put to death, send to the gas chambers, defeat utterly, trounce, beat hollow, drub, give a drubbing to, crush, rout, butchery, carnage, mass murder, debacle, drubbing, thrashing, trouncing, walloping, whipping, murdering, bloodshed, bloodletting, crushing defeat, annihilation

Slaughter as a Noun

Definitions of "Slaughter" as a noun

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

- *A sound defeat.*
- *The killing of animals (as for food).*
- *The savage and excessive killing of many people.*
- *A thorough defeat.*
- *The killing of a large number of people or animals in a cruel or violent way.*
- *The killing of animals for food.*



Synonyms of "Slaughter" as a noun (17 Words)

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| <u>annihilation</u> | Total defeat. <i>The threat of global annihilation.</i> |
| bloodletting | Bitter division and quarrelling within an organization. <i>The consequences for the party of new bloodletting.</i> |
| bloodshed | The killing or wounding of people, typically on a large scale during a conflict. <i>The president feared bloodshed and disorder if the demands for reform were not met.</i> |
| butchery | A slaughterhouse. <i>The rebellions ended in butchery and defeat.</i> |
| <u>carnage</u> | The killing of a large number of people. <i>The bombing was timed to cause as much carnage as possible.</i> |

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| crushing defeat | Forceful prevention; putting down by power or authority. |
| debacle | A sudden and violent collapse. <i>The only man to reach double figures in the second innings debacle.</i> |
| drubbing | A beating; a thrashing. <i>Scotland s 3 0 drubbing by France.</i> |
| mass murder | The celebration of the Eucharist. |
| massacre | An indiscriminate and brutal slaughter of many people. <i>Reports of massacres by government troops.</i> |
| murdering | Unlawful premeditated killing of a human being by a human being. |
| rout | A disorderly or tumultuous crowd of people. <i>A rout of strangers ought not to be admitted.</i> |
| thrashing | The act of inflicting corporal punishment with repeated blows. <i>A sound thrashing might teach the individual to refrain from complaining.</i> |
| trouncing | A sound defeat. |
| walloping | A sound defeat. <i>She gave him a good walloping.</i> |
| whipping | An instrument with a handle and a flexible lash that is used for whipping. <i>She saw scars on his back from the whippings.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Slaughter" as a noun

- *Thousands of calves were exported to the continent for slaughter.*
- *A magnificent 5-0 slaughter of Coventry.*
- *The slaughter of 20 peaceful demonstrators.*



Slaughter as a Verb

Definitions of "Slaughter" as a verb

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

- *Kill (people or animals) in a cruel or violent way, typically in large numbers.*
- *Kill a large number of people indiscriminately.*
- *Kill (animals) for food.*
- *Kill (animals) usually for food consumption.*
- *Defeat (an opponent) thoroughly.*



Synonyms of "Slaughter" as a verb (26 Words)

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| <u>annihilate</u> | Kill in large numbers. <i>Mesons are unstable because the quark and antiquark can annihilate each other.</i> |
| beat hollow | Make a sound like a clock or a timer. |
| butcher | Slaughter or cut up (an animal) for food. <i>They rounded up and butchered 250 people.</i> |
| crush | Crush or bruise. <i>I was crushed was I not good enough.</i> |
| cut down | Cut down on make a reduction in. |
| cut to pieces | Allow incision or separation. |
| <u>decimate</u> | Kill one in every ten, as of mutineers in Roman armies. <i>The inhabitants of the country had been decimated.</i> |
| defeat utterly | Win a victory over. |
| destroy | Destroy completely damage irreparably. <i>He has been determined to destroy her.</i> |
| drub | Hit or beat (someone) repeatedly. <i>He was drubbed with tiresome regularity by his classmates.</i> |
| eliminate | Eliminate from the body. <i>A policy that would eliminate inflation.</i> |
| execute | Produce (a work of art). <i>They had to execute their dance steps with the greatest precision.</i> |
| <u>exterminate</u> | Kill en masse; kill on a large scale; kill many. <i>They use poison to exterminate moles.</i> |
| give a drubbing to | Submit for consideration, judgment, or use. |
| kill off | Cause to die; put to death, usually intentionally or knowingly. |
| liquidate | Eliminate by paying off (debts). <i>Liquidate a company.</i> |
| massacre | Perform (a piece of music, a play, etc.) very ineptly. <i>We haven t been massacred in any game over the last six years.</i> |
| mow down | Make a sad face and thrust out one's lower lip. |
| put to death | Estimate. |
| put to the sword | Cause (someone) to undergo something. |

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| rout | Dig with the snout. <i>In a matter of minutes the attackers were routed.</i> |
| send to the gas chambers | Transport commercially. |
| trounce | Rebuke or punish severely. <i>The children were severely trounced.</i> |
| wipe out | Rub with a circular motion. |



Usage Examples of "Slaughter" as a verb

- *At present the abattoir is slaughtering animals for the domestic market.*
- *They slaughtered their only goat to survive the winter.*
- *The first team were slaughtered.*
- *Innocent civilians are being slaughtered.*



Associations of "Slaughter" (30 Words)

[assassin](#)

A member of a secret order of Muslims (founded in the 12th century) who terrorized and killed Christian Crusaders.

*His **assassins** were hunted down like animals.*

assassinate

Murder; especially of socially prominent persons.

*The organization's leader had been **assassinated** four months before the coup.*

assassination

The action of assassinating someone.

*The **assassination** of President Kennedy.*

attempted

Tried unsuccessfully.

***Attempted** murder.*

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| butcher | Slaughter or cut up (an animal) for food. <i>They rounded up and butchered 250 people.</i> |
| cannibalism | The practice of eating the flesh of your own kind. <i>The film is quite disturbing at points with references to cannibalism.</i> |
| <u>carnage</u> | The savage and excessive killing of many people. <i>The bombing was timed to cause as much carnage as possible.</i> |
| <u>choke</u> | Cause a person or animal to choke. <i>Higher rates of interest choke off investment demand.</i> |
| conscienceless | Lacking a conscience. <i>A conscienceless villain.</i> |
| conspirator | A person who takes part in a conspiracy. <i>Conspirators had planned to seize the state.</i> |
| <u>dispatch</u> | Deal with (a task or opponent) quickly and efficiently. <i>The executioner's merciful dispatch of his victims.</i> |
| <u>dying</u> | On the point of death. <i>The dying embers of the fire.</i> |
| execution | The act of accomplishing some aim or executing some order. <i>The film is entirely professional in its execution.</i> |
| <u>exterminate</u> | Kill en masse; kill on a large scale; kill many. <i>Hitler wanted to exterminate the Jews Gypsies Communists and homosexuals of Europe.</i> |
| genocide | Systematic killing of a racial or cultural group. <i>A campaign of genocide.</i> |
| <u>hanging</u> | The practice of hanging condemned people as a form of capital punishment. <i>Controversial cross party issues such as abortion and hanging.</i> |
| homicide | The police department that deals with unlawful killings. <i>Knives account for a third of all homicides.</i> |
| hunt | Use a hound or a horse for hunting. <i>The hunters traced the deer into the woods.</i> |
| <u>hunting</u> | The activity of hunting wild animals or game. <i>House hunting.</i> |
| immortalize | Confer enduring fame upon. <i>This melody immortalized its composer.</i> |
| <u>killer</u> | Very impressive or effective; excellent. <i>I woke up with a killer hangover.</i> |

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| massacre | Deliberately and brutally kill (many people). <i>Thousands were brutally massacred by soldiers.</i> |
| <u>murderer</u> | A criminal who commits homicide (who performs the unlawful premeditated killing of another human being). <i>Convicted murderers.</i> |
| parricide | A person who commits parricide. |
| patricide | A person who murders their father. |
| regicide | Someone who commits regicide the killer of a king. |
| <u>slay</u> | Kill (a person or animal) in a violent way. <i>She slayed in a jumpsuit.</i> |
| suicide | A person who commits suicide. <i>Drug related suicides.</i> |

