

Need another word that means the same as “smother”? Find 46 synonyms and 30 related words for “smother” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Smother” are: surround, put out, asphyxiate, suffocate, muffle, repress, stifle, strangle, choke, throttle, strangulate, overwhelm, inundate, envelop, trap, cocoon, extinguish, snuff out, dampen, damp down, stamp out, douse, gag, restrain, suppress, hold back, keep back, fight back, choke back, bite back, swallow, contain, bottle up, conceal, hide, smear, daub, bedaub, spread, cover, clutter, fuddle, jumble, mare's nest, muddle, welter

Smother as a Noun

Definitions of "Smother" as a noun

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

- *A confused multitude of things.*
- *A stifling cloud of smoke.*
- *A mass of something that stifles or obscures.*



Synonyms of "Smother" as a noun (6 Words)

- clutter** A collection of things lying about in an untidy state.
*The attic is full of **clutter**.*
- fuddle** A confused multitude of things.
*Through the **fuddle** of wine he heard some of the conversation.*
- jumble** Articles collected for a jumble sale.
*The books were in a chaotic **jumble**.*
- mare's nest** Furniture pieces made to fit close together.
- muddle** A mistake arising from or resulting in confusion.
*She was able to cut through confusion and **muddle**.*
- welter** A state of general disorder.
*There s such a **welter** of conflicting rules.*



Usage Examples of "Smother" as a noun

- *All this vanished in a smother of foam.*



Smother as a Verb

Definitions of "Smother" as a verb

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

- *Suppress (a feeling or action).*
- *Deprive of oxygen and prevent from breathing.*
- *(in sport) stop the motion of (the ball or a shot).*
- *Deprive of the oxygen necessary for combustion.*
- *Form an impenetrable cover over.*
- *Extinguish (a fire) by covering it.*
- *Conceal or hide.*
- *Suppress in order to conceal or hide.*
- *Make (someone) feel trapped and oppressed by acting in an overly protective manner*

towards them.

- Envelop completely.
- Kill (someone) by covering their nose and mouth so that they suffocate.
- Cover someone or something entirely with.



Synonyms of "Smother" as a verb (40 Words)

- asphyxiate** Be asphyxiated die from lack of oxygen.
*They were **asphyxiated** by the carbon monoxide fumes.*
- bedaub** Spread or daub (a surface).
*A dozen maidens all **bedaubed** with paint.*
- bite back** Cause a sharp or stinging pain or discomfort.
- bottle up** Put into bottles.
- choke** Cause a person or animal to choke.
*Vegetation **choked** the trails.*
- choke back** Become or cause to become obstructed.

cocoon	Retreat as if into a cocoon as from an unfriendly environment. <i>We felt cold even though we were cocooned in our sleeping bags.</i>
conceal	Not allow to be seen; hide. <i>A line of sand dunes concealed the distant sea.</i>
contain	Contain or hold have within. <i>Since F contains the factor Q it disappears from both sides of the equation.</i>
cover	Form a cover over. <i>The insurance won t cover this.</i>
damp down	Make vague or obscure or make (an image) less visible.
dampen	Suppress or constrain so as to lessen in intensity. <i>Slider switches on the mixers can dampen the drums.</i>
daub	Apply to a surface. <i>They daubed graffiti on the walls.</i>
douse	Wet thoroughly. <i>Douse a rope.</i>
envelop	Enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering. <i>A feeling of despair enveloped him.</i>
extinguish	Extinguish by crushing. <i>Firemen were soaking everything to extinguish the blaze.</i>
fight back	Fight against or resist strongly.
gag	Tie a gag around someone s mouth in order to silence them. <i>She was bound and gagged by robbers.</i>
hide	Conceal oneself. <i>Hide the money.</i>
hold back	To close within bounds limit or hold back from movement.
inundate	Overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with. <i>The basement was inundated after the storm.</i>
keep back	Have as a supply.
muffle	Make (a sound) quieter or less distinct. <i>The soft beat of a muffled drum.</i>
overwhelm	Bury or drown beneath a huge mass of something, especially water. <i>The Irish side was overwhelmed 15 3 by Scotland.</i>
put out	Estimate.
repress	Subdue (someone or something) by force. <i>Repress a cry of fear.</i>

restrain	To compel or deter by or as if by threats. <i>He had to be restrained from walking out.</i>
smear	Cover a surface by smearing a substance over it. <i>Her lipstick was smear.</i>
snuff out	Be made known; be disclosed or revealed.
spread	Cover by spreading something over. <i>Spread each slice thinly with mayonnaise.</i>
stamp out	Crush or grind with a heavy instrument.
<u>stifle</u>	Restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself acting on (an emotion). <i>Those in the streets were stifled by the fumes.</i>
strangle	Suppress (an impulse, action, or sound). <i>They allowed bureaucracy to strangle initiative.</i>
strangulate	Hamper or hinder the development or activity of. <i>He tried to strangulate his opponent.</i>
<u>suffocate</u>	Deprive of oxygen and prevent from breathing. <i>He said he'd suffocate if he remained in this house for another hour.</i>
<u>suppress</u>	Partly or wholly eliminate (electrical interference). <i>Suppress a yawn.</i>
<u>surround</u>	Surround with a wall in order to fortify. <i>The forest surrounds my property.</i>
swallow	Enclose or envelop completely as if by swallowing. <i>The Nazis swallowed the Baltic countries.</i>
<u>throttle</u>	Control an engine or vehicle with a throttle. <i>It has two engines that can be throttled.</i>
<u>trap</u>	Catch in or as if in a trap. <i>I hoped to trap him into an admission.</i>



Usage Examples of "Smother" as a verb

- *Smother the meat in gravy.*
- *Smother fires.*
- *It's time for you to leave the house—she'll smother you if you remain.*
- *Othello smothered Desdemona with a pillow.*
- *Smother a yawn.*
- *I dreamt a stranger was trying to kill me by smothering me with a pillow.*
- *She smothered a sigh.*
- *Use a fire blanket to smother a chip-pan fire.*
- *Rich orange sorbets smothered in fluffy whipped cream.*
- *The goalkeeper was able to smother the ball.*
- *The butter cream smothered the cake.*

Associations of "Smother" (30 Words)

airway	A tube for supplying air to a person's lungs in an emergency. <i>He kept the man's airway clear and blood circulating.</i>
champ	(of a horse) make a noisy biting or chewing action. <i>He was already on the plane champing to get off to Lagos.</i>
choke	Cause a person or animal to choke. <i>She choked with emotion when she spoke about her deceased husband.</i>
clog	Dance a clog dance. <i>The market is being clogged by these operations.</i>
clutter	Cover or fill (something) with an untidy collection of things. <i>The room was cluttered with his bric a brac.</i>
crowding	A situation in which people or things are crowded together. <i>He didn't like the crowding on the beach.</i>
death	The personification of death. <i>He had two deaths on his conscience.</i>
drown	Deliberately kill a person or animal by drowning. <i>The divers saved the drowning child.</i>
execute	Put (a plan, order, or course of action) into effect. <i>The corporation executed a series of financial deals.</i>
garrote	Strangle with an iron collar.
hanging	The practice of hanging condemned people as a form of capital punishment. <i>There was a small ceremony for the hanging of the portrait.</i>
jumble	Be all mixed up or jumbled together. <i>His words jumbled.</i>
ligature	Bind or connect with a ligature. <i>He ligatured the duodenum below the pylorus.</i>
mess	Make a mess of or create disorder in. <i>Dog mess.</i>
messy	Dirty and disorderly. <i>Stripping wallpaper can be a messy time consuming job.</i>
muddle	Mix up or confuse. <i>The finances were in a muddle.</i>
muffle	A kiln with an inner chamber for firing things at a low temperature. <i>Everyone was muffled up in coats and scarves.</i>
obstruct	Deliberately make (something) difficult. <i>The appellants were arrested and later convicted of obstructing the police.</i>

<u>oppress</u>	Cause distress or anxiety to. <i>He was oppressed by some secret worry.</i>
<u>plenty</u>	As much as necessary. <i>There was plenty of food for everyone.</i>
<u>stifle</u>	Suppress in order to conceal or hide. <i>She stifled a giggle.</i>
strangle	Squeeze or constrict the neck of (a person or animal), especially so as to cause death. <i>She strangled a sob.</i>
<u>suffocate</u>	Deprive of oxygen and prevent from breathing. <i>They suffocated in their sleep.</i>
suffocation	A feeling of being trapped and oppressed. <i>For years I could not escape feelings of suffocation.</i>
<u>throttle</u>	Reduce the power of an engine or vehicle by use of the throttle. <i>She was sorely tempted to throttle him.</i>
<u>thwart</u>	Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of. <i>The government had been able to thwart all attempts by opposition leaders to form new parties.</i>
valve	Each of the halves of the hinged shell of a bivalve mollusc or brachiopod or of the parts of the compound shell of a barnacle. <i>The aortic valve.</i>
wallow	A puddle where animals go to wallow. <i>A wallow in nostalgia.</i>
welter	Roll around. <i>The attack petered out in a welter of bloody confused fighting.</i>