

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.

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

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

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

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