

Need another word that means the same as “spike”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “spike” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Spike” are: spike heel, stiletto heel, spindle, capitulum, ear, prong, barb, point, skewer, stake, spit, projection, thorn, spine, prickle, bristle, fortify, lace, empale, impale, transfix, spike out, spear, put a stop to, put an end to, put the lid on, scupper, scotch, derail, adulterate, contaminate, drug**

## Spike as a Noun

### Definitions of "Spike" as a noun

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

- *Fruiting spike of a cereal plant especially corn.*
- *A pointed metal rod standing on a base and used for filing paper items such as bills, or journalistic material considered for publication and rejected.*
- *Each of the sharp points on the soles of athletic shoes to prevent slipping (or the shoes themselves).*
- *A large stout nail, especially one used to fasten a rail to a railway sleeper.*
- *A pair of running shoes with metal points set into the sole.*
- *An indeterminate inflorescence bearing sessile flowers on an unbranched axis.*
- *A transient variation in voltage or current.*
- *Each of several metal points set into the sole of a running shoe to prevent slipping.*

- *A very high narrow heel on women's shoes.*
- *A thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, or another rigid material.*
- *(botany) an indeterminate inflorescence bearing sessile flowers on an unbranched axis.*
- *A pulse of very short duration in which a rapid increase in voltage is followed by a rapid decrease.*
- *A sharp-pointed projection along the top of a fence or wall (or a dinosaur).*
- *A sharp increase in the magnitude or concentration of something.*
- *A hostel ward offering temporary accommodation for the homeless.*
- *A long, thin sharp-pointed implement (wood or metal).*
- *Any holding device consisting of a rigid, sharp-pointed object.*
- *A sharp rise followed by a sharp decline.*
- *A large stout nail.*
- *A hypodermic needle.*
- *Sports equipment consisting of a sharp point on the sole of a shoe worn by athletes.*



## Synonyms of "Spike" as a noun (16 Words)

<b>barb</b>	A freshwater fish with barbels around the mouth popular in aquaria. <i>His <b>barb</b> hurt more than she cared to admit.</i>
<b>bristle</b>	A stiff hair. <i>A toothbrush with nylon <b>bristles</b>.</i>
<b>capitulum</b>	Fruiting spike of a cereal plant especially corn.
<b>ear</b>	The organ of hearing and balance in humans and other vertebrates especially the external part of this. <i>A good <b>ear</b> for pitch.</i>
<b>point</b>	A V shaped mark at one end of an arrow pointer. <i>The <b>point</b> of the arrow was due north.</i>
<b>prickle</b>	A small spine or pointed outgrowth on the skin of certain animals. <i>Kathleen felt a <b>prickle</b> of excitement.</i>
<b>projection</b>	The projection of an image from a film onto a screen. <i>The legal profession s <b>projection</b> of an image of altruism.</i>
<b>prong</b>	A projecting part on various other devices. <i>A small rubber brush with large <b>prongs</b>.</i>
<b>skewer</b>	A long pin for holding meat in position while it is being roasted. <i>Thread the meat on to large <b>skewers</b> and grill over a gentle heat.</i>
<b>spike heel</b>	Fruiting spike of a cereal plant especially corn.
<b>spindle</b>	A Eurasian shrub or small tree with slender toothed leaves and pink capsules containing bright orange seeds Its hard timber was formerly used for making spindles. <i>Chromosomes are distributed by <b>spindles</b> in mitosis and meiosis.</i>
<b>spine</b>	The part of a book's cover that encloses the inner side of the book's pages and that faces outward when the book is shelved. <i>The Mt Pelee <b>spine</b> was exceptional only for its extreme height over 300 metres.</i>
<a href="#"><u>spit</u></a>	The act of spitting forcefully expelling saliva.
<a href="#"><u>stake</u></a>	A pole or stake set up to mark something as the start or end of a race track. <i>A <b>stake</b> in the company s future.</i>
<b>stiletto heel</b>	A small dagger with a tapered blade.
<a href="#"><u>thorn</u></a>	A thorny bush shrub or tree especially a hawthorn. <i>The issue has become a <b>thorn</b> in renewing the peace talks.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Spike" as a noun

- *The oil price spike.*
- *One of the spikes impaled him.*
- *Spikes provide greater traction.*
- *Golfers' spikes damage the putting greens.*
- *He queued at the soup kitchen or the spike.*
- *They used spikes to fasten the rails to a railroad tie.*
- *The second baseman sharpened his spikes before every game.*
- *The spike pierced the receipts and held them in order.*
- *The seismograph showed a sharp spike in response to the temblor.*



## Spike as a Verb

## Definitions of "Spike" as a verb

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

- *Add alcohol or a drug to contaminate (drink or food) surreptitiously.*
- *(in volleyball) hit (the ball) forcefully from a position near the net so that it moves downward into the opposite court.*
- *Enrich (a nuclear reactor or its fuel) with a particular isotope.*
- *Stand in the way of.*
- *Add sharp or pungent flavouring to (food or drink).*
- *Render (a gun) useless by plugging up the vent with a spike.*
- *Fling (the ball) forcefully to the ground, typically in celebration of a touchdown or victory.*
- *Pierce with a sharp stake or point.*
- *Bring forth a spike or spikes.*
- *Secure with spikes.*
- *(of a newspaper editor) reject (a story) by or as if by filing it on a spike.*
- *Increase and then decrease sharply; reach a peak.*
- *Injure (a player) with the spikes on one's shoes.*
- *Add alcohol to (beverages).*
- *Manifest a sharp increase.*
- *Take on a sharp, pointed shape.*
- *Impale on or pierce with a sharp point.*
- *Form into or cover with sharp points.*
- *Stop the progress of (a plan or undertaking); put an end to.*



## Synonyms of "Spike" as a verb (17 Words)

- adulterate** Render (something) poorer in quality by adding another substance.  
*The brewer is said to **adulterate** his beer.*
- contaminate** Make radioactive by adding radioactive material.  
*The site was found to be **contaminated** by radioactivity.*
- derail** Cause (a train or tram) to leave its tracks accidentally.  
*The train **derailed** because a cow was standing on the tracks.*
- drug** Take illegally obtained drugs.  
*She was convinced he was out drinking and **drugging**.*
- empale** Pierce with a sharp stake or point.
- fortify** Increase the nutritional value of (food) by adding vitamins or minerals.  
*The enclave has been heavily **fortified** in recent years.*

<b>impale</b>	Kill by piercing with a spear or sharp pole. <i>His head was <b>impaled</b> on a pike and exhibited for all to see.</i>
<b>lace</b>	Do lacework. <i>He put the shoes on and <b>laced</b> them up.</i>
<b>put a stop to</b>	Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.
<b>put an end to</b>	Attribute or give.
<b>put the lid on</b>	Make an investment.
<b>scotch</b>	Wedge (someone or something) somewhere. <i>A spokesman has <b>scotched</b> the rumours.</i>
<b>scupper</b>	Wait in hiding to attack.
<b>skewer</b>	Fasten together or pierce with a pin or skewer. <i>Politicians are used to being <b>skewered</b>.</i>
<b>spear</b>	Thrust up like a spear. <i>The branch <b>speared</b> up into the air.</i>
<b>spike out</b>	Pierce with a sharp stake or point.
<b>transfix</b>	Cause (someone) to become motionless with horror, wonder, or astonishment. <i>She stared at him <b>transfixed</b>.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Spike" as a verb

- *The editors deemed the article in bad taste and spiked it.*
- *Oil prices would spike and fall again.*
- *She spiked another oyster.*
- *She bought me an orange juice and spiked it with vodka.*
- *His hair was matted and spiked with blood.*
- *The punch is spiked!*
- *Lightning spiked across the sky.*
- *The plutonium mixture could be spiked with caesium-137.*
- *The voltage spiked.*
- *Spike the liquid with lime or lemon juice.*
- *He doubted they would spike the entire effort over this one negotiation.*



## Associations of "Spike" (30 Words)

- barb** A freshwater fish with barbels around the mouth popular in aquaria.  
*Barbed wire.*
- dagger** A moth with a dark dagger shaped marking on the forewing.  
*He drew his **dagger** and stabbed the leader.*
- dividend** An individual's share of a dividend.  
*Buying a rail pass may still pay **dividends**.*
- drill** Similar to the mandrill but smaller and less brightly colored.  
*We **drilled** French verbs every day.*
- grip** A hairgrip.  
*His arm was held in a vice like **grip**.*
- hammer** A heavy metal sphere attached to a flexible wire used in the hammer throw.  
*She **hammered** on his door.*

<b>harpoon</b>	Spear with a harpoon. <i>Gilbert s father <b>harpooned</b> a five metre basking shark.</i>
<b>impale</b>	Pierce with a sharp stake or point. <i>The <b>impaled</b> arms of her husband and her father.</i>
<b>knife</b>	Cut or move cleanly through something with a knife like action. <i>The victim was <b>knifed</b> to death.</i>
<b>lace</b>	Fasten or tighten a shoe or garment by tying the laces. <i>Rosina <b>laced</b> her up tight to show off her neat waist.</i>
<b>lance</b>	Prick or cut open an abscess or boil with a lancet or other sharp instrument. <i>The teenager had been <b>lanced</b> by a wooden splinter.</i>
<b>mace</b>	An official who carries a mace of office.
<b>pinch</b>	Make ridges into by pinching together. <i>Aunt Rose <b>pinched</b> her thin lips together.</i>
<b>pointed</b>	Having a sharpened or tapered tip or end. <i><b>Pointed</b> comments were made about racial discrimination within the army.</i>
<b>poke</b>	Poke or thrust abruptly. <i>His mother comes into his room sometimes and has a <b>poke</b> round.</i>
<b>porcupine</b>	Relatively large rodents with sharp erectile bristles mingled with the fur.
<b>prickle</b>	Cause a stinging or tingling sensation. <i>The sound made her skin <b>prickle</b> with horror.</i>
<b>protrude</b>	Of an animal cause a body part to protrude. <i>When attacking it <b>protrudes</b> its long snout.</i>
<b>shareholder</b>	An owner of shares in a company.
<b>sliver</b>	Convert textile fibres into slivers. <i><b>Sliver</b> wood.</i>
<b>spear</b>	A spearman. <i>Smoked salmon wrapped around asparagus <b>spears</b>.</i>
<b>spindle</b>	A Eurasian shrub or small tree with slender toothed leaves and pink capsules containing bright orange seeds Its hard timber was formerly used for making spindles. <i>Chromosomes are distributed by <b>spindles</b> in mitosis and meiosis.</i>
<b>spinous</b>	Having spines. <i>The dorsal fin is <b>spinous</b>.</i>
<b>spiny</b>	Difficult to understand or handle. <i>A <b>spiny</b> cactus.</i>
<b>stake</b>	Mark with a stake. <i>The gladioli were <b>staked</b> in gaudy ranks.</i>

- stick** Stick to firmly.  
*The door **sticks** we will have to plane it.*
- sticker** A particularly difficult or baffling question or problem.  
*A disabled **sticker** for our car.*
- thorn** A thorny bush shrub or tree especially a hawthorn.  
*The issue has become a **thorn** in renewing the peace talks.*
- transfix** Cause (someone) to become motionless with horror, wonder, or astonishment.  
*He was **transfixed** by the pain in her face.*
- vise** A holding device attached to a workbench; has two jaws to hold workpiece firmly in place.

