

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)

barb	A freshwater fish with barbels around the mouth popular in aquaria. <i>His barb hurt more than she cared to admit.</i>
bristle	A stiff hair. <i>A toothbrush with nylon bristles.</i>
capitulum	Fruiting spike of a cereal plant especially corn.
ear	The organ of hearing and balance in humans and other vertebrates especially the external part of this. <i>A good ear for pitch.</i>
point	A V shaped mark at one end of an arrow pointer. <i>The point of the arrow was due north.</i>
prickle	A small spine or pointed outgrowth on the skin of certain animals. <i>Kathleen felt a prickle of excitement.</i>
projection	The projection of an image from a film onto a screen. <i>The legal profession s projection of an image of altruism.</i>
prong	A projecting part on various other devices. <i>A small rubber brush with large prongs.</i>
skewer	A long pin for holding meat in position while it is being roasted. <i>Thread the meat on to large skewers and grill over a gentle heat.</i>
spike heel	Fruiting spike of a cereal plant especially corn.
spindle	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 spindles in mitosis and meiosis.</i>
spine	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 spine was exceptional only for its extreme height over 300 metres.</i>
<u>spit</u>	The act of spitting forcefully expelling saliva.
<u>stake</u>	A pole or stake set up to mark something as the start or end of a race track. <i>A stake in the company s future.</i>
stiletto heel	A small dagger with a tapered blade.
<u>thorn</u>	A thorny bush shrub or tree especially a hawthorn. <i>The issue has become a thorn 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. <i>The brewer is said to adulterate his beer.</i>
contaminate	Make radioactive by adding radioactive material. <i>The site was found to be contaminated by radioactivity.</i>
derail	Cause (a train or tram) to leave its tracks accidentally. <i>The train derailed because a cow was standing on the tracks.</i>
drug	Take illegally obtained drugs. <i>She was convinced he was out drinking and drugging.</i>
empale	Pierce with a sharp stake or point.
fortify	Increase the nutritional value of (food) by adding vitamins or minerals. <i>The enclave has been heavily fortified in recent years.</i>

impale	Kill by piercing with a spear or sharp pole. <i>His head was impaled on a pike and exhibited for all to see.</i>
lace	Do lacework. <i>He put the shoes on and laced them up.</i>
put a stop to	Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.
put an end to	Attribute or give.
put the lid on	Make an investment.
scotch	Wedge (someone or something) somewhere. <i>A spokesman has scotched the rumours.</i>
scupper	Wait in hiding to attack.
skewer	Fasten together or pierce with a pin or skewer. <i>Politicians are used to being skewered.</i>
spear	Thrust up like a spear. <i>The branch speared up into the air.</i>
spike out	Pierce with a sharp stake or point.
transfix	Cause (someone) to become motionless with horror, wonder, or astonishment. <i>She stared at him transfixed.</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. <i>Barbed wire.</i>
<u>dagger</u>	A moth with a dark dagger shaped marking on the forewing. <i>He drew his dagger and stabbed the leader.</i>
dividend	An individual's share of a dividend. <i>Buying a rail pass may still pay dividends.</i>
<u>drill</u>	Similar to the mandrill but smaller and less brightly colored. <i>We drilled French verbs every day.</i>
grip	A hairgrip. <i>His arm was held in a vice like grip.</i>
hammer	A heavy metal sphere attached to a flexible wire used in the hammer throw. <i>She hammered on his door.</i>

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

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

