

Need another word that means the same as “spiral”? Find 55 synonyms and 30 related words for “spiral” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Spiral” are: coiling, helical, spiraling, turbinate, volute, voluted, whorled, coiled, curling, winding, twisting, scrolled, coil, helix, whorl, curl, corkscrew, twist, gyre, scroll, curlicue, convolution, growth, rise, enlargement, expansion, extension, multiplication, elevation, swelling, inflation, gyrate, wind, twirl, swirl, wreath, snake, soar, shoot up, rocket, increase rapidly, rise rapidly, leap up, escalate, climb, mount, deteriorate, decline, degenerate, worsen, get worse

Spiral as a Noun

Definitions of "Spiral" as a noun

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

- *A continuously accelerating change in the economy.*
- *A process of deterioration through the continuous increase or decrease of a specified feature.*
- *Ornament consisting of a curve on a plane that winds around a center with an*

increasing distance from the center.

- *A structure consisting of something wound in a continuous series of loops.*
- *Flying downward in a helical path with a large radius.*
- *A spiral curve, shape, pattern, or object.*
- *A progressive rise or fall of prices, wages, etc., each responding to an upward or downward stimulus provided by a previous one.*
- *A curve that lies on the surface of a cylinder or cone and cuts the element at a constant angle.*
- *A plane curve traced by a point circling about the center but at increasing distances from the center.*



Synonyms of "Spiral" as a noun (20 Words)

coil	An electrical device consisting of a coiled wire for converting the level of a voltage producing a magnetic field or adding inductance to a circuit. <i>A coil of rope.</i>
convolution	A thing that is complex and difficult to follow. <i>The flexibility of the polymer chain allows extensive convolution.</i>
corkscrew	A device for pulling corks from bottles, consisting of a spiral metal rod that is inserted into the cork, and a handle that extracts it. <i>A girl with corkscrew curls.</i>
curl	With reference to a person's hair a state or condition of being curled. <i>Her blonde hair was a mass of tangled curls.</i>
curlicue	A round shape formed by a series of concentric circles (as formed by leaves or flower petals). <i>The wide bridge was decorated with gilded wrought iron curlicues.</i>
<u>elevation</u>	A high place or position. <i>There was snow at the higher elevations.</i>
enlargement	The action or state of enlarging or being enlarged. <i>Nine new stores and two major enlargements are planned.</i>
expansion	The increase in the volume of fuel on combustion in the cylinder of an engine, or the piston stroke in which this occurs. <i>The expansion of a^2 is $2ab$.</i>
<u>extension</u>	An addition to the length of something. <i>The wire has an extension of 50 feet.</i>
growth	The process of increasing in size. <i>A growth of trees.</i>
gyre	A circular pattern of currents in an ocean basin. <i>The central North Pacific gyre.</i>
helix	An extended spiral chain of atoms in a protein, nucleic acid, or other polymeric molecule.
<u>inflation</u>	Lack of elegance as a consequence of being pompous and puffed up with vanity. <i>Tax allowances and excise duties were increased in line with inflation.</i>
multiplication	A multiplicative increase. <i>Repeated copying leads to a multiplication of errors.</i>
rise	The property possessed by a slope or surface that rises. <i>The rise and fall of his voice.</i>

scroll	An ornamental design or carving resembling a partly unrolled scroll of parchment e.g. on the capital of a column or at the end of a stringed instrument. <i>If scroll is enabled the window scrolls down.</i>
swelling	The undulating movement of the surface of the open sea. <i>The lobes are prominent swellings on the base of the brain.</i>
twist	A fine strong thread consisting of twisted strands of cotton or silk. <i>They liked to dance the twist.</i>
volute	A deep-water marine mollusc with a thick colourful spiral shell which is prized by collectors.
whorl	A small wheel or pulley in a spinning wheel, spinning machine, or spindle. <i>Shelley drew larger and larger dark whorls on her notepad.</i>



Usage Examples of "Spiral" as a noun

- *An inflationary spiral.*
- *This spiral of deprivation and environmental degradation.*

- *A spiral of smoke.*



Spiral as a Verb

Definitions of "Spiral" as a verb

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

- *Cause to have a spiral shape or follow a spiral course.*
- *Form a spiral.*
- *To wind or move in a spiral course.*
- *Decrease or deteriorate continuously.*
- *Move in a spiral course.*
- *Move in a spiral or zigzag course.*
- *Show a continuous and dramatic increase.*



Synonyms of "Spiral" as a verb (23 Words)

<u>climb</u>	(of a road or track) slope upwards. <i>He climbed into his suit.</i>
coil	Move or twist into the shape of a coil. <i>He coiled a lock of her hair around his finger.</i>
corkscrew	Move in a spiral or zigzag course. <i>The plane was corkscrewing towards the earth.</i>
decline	Go down. <i>The sun began to creep round to the west and to decline.</i>
degenerate	Decline or deteriorate physically, mentally, or morally. <i>The quality of life had degenerated.</i>
deteriorate	Become progressively worse. <i>Her condition deteriorated.</i>
<u>escalate</u>	Make or become more intense or serious. <i>The disturbance escalated into a full scale riot.</i>

get worse	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
gyrate	To wind or move in a spiral course. <i>The young people gyrated on the dance floor.</i>
increase rapidly	Make bigger or more.
leap up	Pass abruptly from one state or topic to another.
mount	Fix (an object for viewing) on a microscope slide. <i>There is a limit to the number of hard disks you can have mounted.</i>
rise rapidly	Increase in value or to a higher point.
rocket	Attack with rocket propelled missiles. <i>He rocketed to national stardom.</i>
shoot up	Score.
snake	Form a snake like pattern. <i>A rope snaked down.</i>
soar	Fly by means of a hang glider. <i>When she heard his voice her spirits soared.</i>
swirl	Cause to move in a twisting or spiralling pattern. <i>The smoke was swirling around him.</i>
twirl	Spin quickly and lightly round, especially repeatedly. <i>She twirled her fork in the pasta.</i>
twist	Twist suddenly so as to sprain. <i>He grabbed the man and twisted his arm behind his back.</i>
wind	Catch the scent of get wind of. <i>The road winds around the lake.</i>
worsen	Grow worse. <i>Conditions in the slum worsened.</i>
wreathe	(especially of smoke) move with a curling motion. <i>Wreathe the grave site.</i>



Usage Examples of "Spiral" as a verb

- *Inflation continued to spiral.*
- *He expects the figures to spiral down further.*
- *A wisp of smoke spiralled up from the trees.*
- *Spiral the bandage round the limb.*
- *The path spirals up the mountain.*



Spiral as an Adjective

Definitions of "Spiral" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "spiral" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *In the shape of a coil.*
- *Winding in a continuous and gradually widening (or tightening) curve, either round a central point on a flat plane or about an axis so as to form a cone.*
- *(of a stairway) constantly turning in one direction as it rises, round a solid or open centre.*
- *Winding in a continuous curve of constant diameter about a central axis, as though along a cylinder; helical.*
- *(of a fracture) curving round a long bone lengthwise.*



Synonyms of "Spiral" as an adjective (12 Words)

- coiled** Curled or wound (especially in concentric rings or spirals).
*A **coiled** snake ready to strike.*
- coiling** In the shape of a coil.
- curling** (of hair) making curls or having been made to curl.
- helical** Having the shape or form of a helix; spiral.
***Helical** molecules.*
- scrolled** Having an ornamental design or carving resembling a scroll of parchment.
*A **scrolled** initial.*
- spiraling** In the shape of a coil.
- turbinate** Of or relating to the scroll shaped turbinate bones in the nasal passages.
- twisting** Marked by repeated turns and bends.
- volute** In the shape of a coil.
*A **volute** capital.*
- voluted** In the shape of a coil.
- whorled** In the shape of a coil.
- winding** Following a twisting or spiral course.
*Our bedroom was at the top of a **winding** staircase.*



Usage Examples of "Spiral" as an adjective

- *A spiral pattern.*
- *A wrought-iron spiral staircase.*
- *A spiral notebook.*



Associations of "Spiral" (30 Words)

- bevel** Cut a bevel on shape to a bevel.
*A very small 45 **bevel** is ground on the top surface.*
- circle** Something approximating the shape of a circle.
*She sat in the front row of the **circle**.*
- coil** Wind around something in coils or loops.
*He began to **coil** up the heavy ropes.*
- convolute** Curl, wind, or twist together.
*A **convolute** petal.*
- convolution** A convex fold or elevation in the surface of the brain.
*Crosses adorned with elaborate **convolutions**.*
- convolve** Combine (one function or series) with another by forming their convolution.
- curl** With reference to a person's hair a state or condition of being curled.
*Slowly **curl** the barbell to shoulder height.*

curve	Curved segment of a road or river or railroad track etc. <i>Her mouth curved in a smile.</i>
gyrate	Revolve quickly and repeatedly around one's own axis. <i>The young people gyrated on the dance floor.</i>
gyre	Whirl or gyrate. <i>A swarm of ghosts gyred around him.</i>
helical	Having the shape or form of a helix; spiral. <i>Helical molecules.</i>
helix	A curve that lies on the surface of a cylinder or cone and cuts the element at a constant angle.
kink	Form a curl curve or kink. <i>Though the system is making some headway there are still some kinks to iron out.</i>
loop	Fly loops perform a loop. <i>A feedback loop.</i>
meander	A bend or curve, as in a stream or river. <i>A stylish offbeat thriller which occasionally meanders.</i>
reel	A piece of music for a reel typically in simple or duple time. <i>A cotton reel.</i>
revolve	Turn on or around an axis or a center. <i>The earth revolves around the sun.</i>
ringlet	A lock of hair hanging in a corkscrew-shaped curl. <i>Her hair fell loose in ringlets.</i>
roll	Photographic film rolled up inside a container to protect it from light. <i>The thunder rolled.</i>
scroll	An ornamental design or carving resembling a partly unrolled scroll of parchment e g on the capital of a column or at the end of a stringed instrument. <i>The words of the story begin scrolling up the screen.</i>
spin	Cause to spin. <i>Spiders spin a fine web.</i>
spiraling stairs	In the shape of a coil. A flight of stairs or a flight of steps.
swirl	A twisting or spiralling movement or pattern. <i>Swirl a little cream into the soup.</i>
turn	To break and turn over earth especially with a plow. <i>The alchemists tried to turn lead into gold.</i>

weave

A hairstyle created by weaving pieces of real or artificial hair into a person's existing hair, typically in order to increase its length or thickness.

*Trailers show him with dyed blond hair and in one scene a flowing blond **weave**.*

whirl

Move or cause to move rapidly round and round.

*Kate made her way back to the office her mind **whirling**.*

whorl

A complete circle in a fingerprint.

*Shelley drew larger and larger dark **whorls** on her notepad.*

wrench

Turn something especially a nut or bolt with a wrench.

*The **wrench** to his knee occurred as he fell.*

