

Need another word that means the same as “stab”? Find 65 synonyms and 30 related words for “stab” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Stab” are: jab, knife, dig, poke, prod, run through, skewer, spear, bayonet, gore, spike, stick, impale, transfix, pierce, prick, puncture, penetrate, perforate, gash, slash, cut, tear, scratch, wound, injure, lunge, thrust, stabbing, stinging, keen, searing, pang, twinge, knife thrust, shot, punch, knife wound, incision, perforation, injury, ache, throb, spasm, cramp, dart, blaze, flash, thrill, attempt, try, effort, endeavour

Stab as a Noun

Definitions of "Stab" as a noun

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

- *A strong blow with a knife or other sharp pointed instrument.*
- *A sudden sharp feeling.*
- *A sudden sharp feeling or pain.*
- *An attempt to do (something).*
- *Informal words for any attempt or effort.*
- *A thrust with a knife or other pointed weapon.*
- *(in popular music) a staccato interjected phrase, typically by horns or a keyboard.*
- *A wound made by stabbing.*

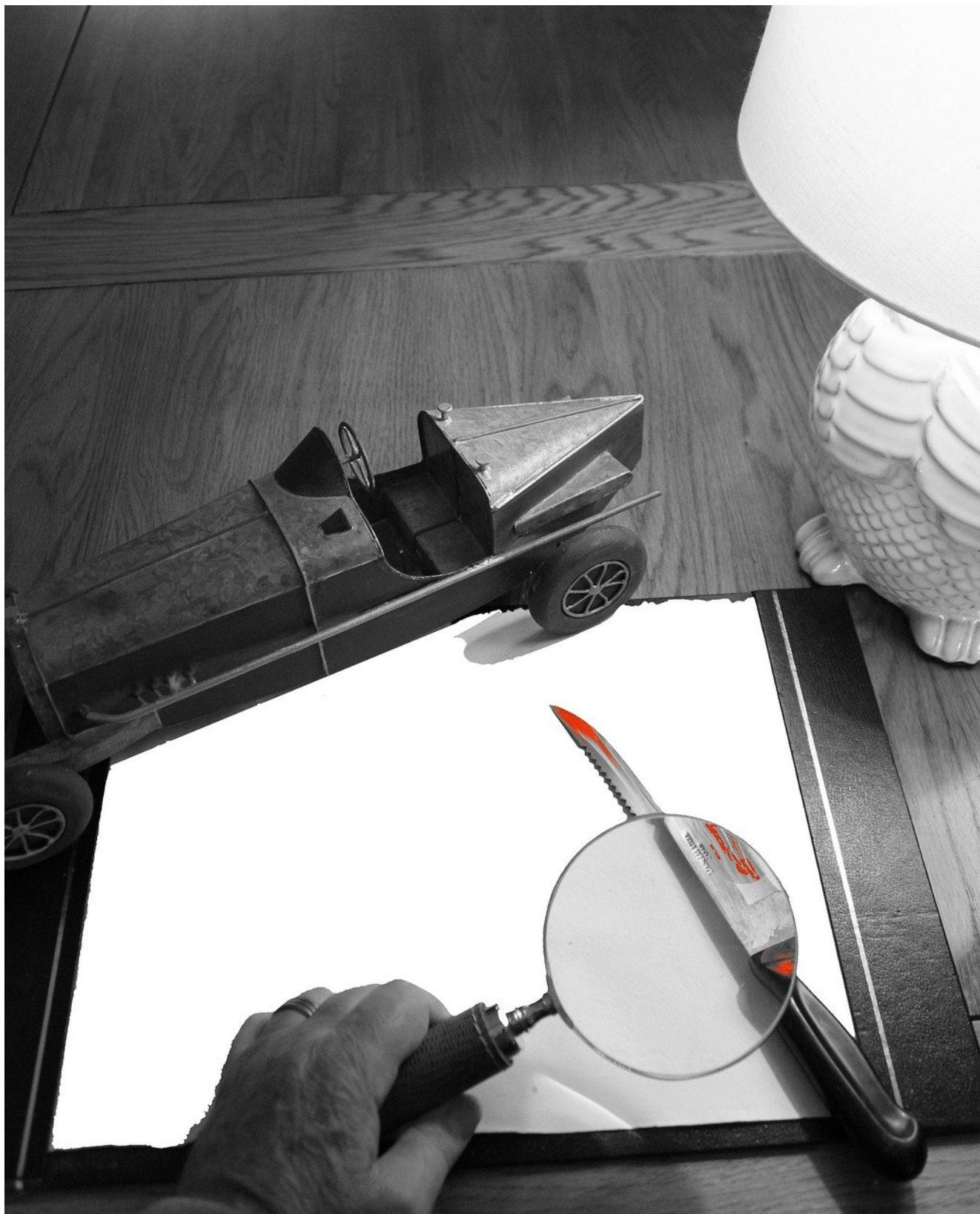
- *A thrusting movement with a finger or other pointed object.*



Synonyms of "Stab" as a noun (33 Words)

ache	An emotion experienced with painful or bittersweet intensity. <i>The ache in her head worsened.</i>
attempt	An effort to achieve or complete a difficult task or action. <i>They made an attempt on his life.</i>
blaze	A very bright display of light or colour. <i>The horse had a blaze between its eyes.</i>
cramp	A metal bar with bent ends for holding masonry together. <i>He suffered severe cramps in his foot.</i>
cut	The way or style in which something especially a garment or someone's hair is cut. <i>The barber gave him a good cut.</i>
dart	A small pointed missile with a feather or plastic flight used in the game of darts. <i>A dart of panic.</i>
dig	An act or spell of digging. <i>She takes a dig at me every chance she gets.</i>
effort	A force exerted by a machine or in a process. <i>Achieving independence requires some effort and self discipline.</i>
endeavour	A purposeful or industrious undertaking (especially one that requires effort or boldness). <i>Enthusiasm is a vital ingredient in all human endeavour.</i>
flash	A newsflash. <i>A flash of lightning.</i>
incision	A surgical cut made in skin or flesh. <i>An abdominal incision.</i>
injury	The fact of being injured; harm or damage. <i>She suffered an injury to her back.</i>
jab	The act of touching someone suddenly with your finger or elbow. <i>A jab of envy.</i>
knife thrust	Edge tool used as a cutting instrument; has a pointed blade with a sharp edge and a handle.
knife wound	Any long thin projection that is transient.
lunge	An exercise or gymnastic movement resembling the lunge of a fencer. <i>Lucy made a lunge for Gabriel's wrist.</i>

pang	A sudden sharp pain or painful emotion. <i>The snack bar will keep those hunger pangs at bay.</i>
perforation	A small hole or row of small holes punched in a sheet of paper, e.g. of postage stamps, so that a part can be torn off easily. <i>There was evidence of intestinal perforation.</i>
poke	A bag made of paper or plastic for holding customer's purchases. <i>She gave the fire a poke.</i>
punch	An iced mixed drink usually containing alcohol and prepared for multiple servings normally served in a punch bowl. <i>He reeled under the well aimed punch.</i>
puncture	Loss of air pressure in a tire when a hole is made by some sharp object. <i>A puncture wound.</i>
shot	Tiny lead pellets used in quantity in a single charge or cartridge in a shotgun. <i>His parting shot was drop dead.</i>
slash	An oblique stroke (/) in print or writing, used between alternatives (e.g. and/or), in fractions (e.g. 3/4), in ratios (e.g. miles/day), or between separate elements of a text. <i>Gary went upstairs for a slash.</i>
spasm	(pathology) sudden constriction of a hollow organ (as a blood vessel). <i>The airways in the lungs go into spasm.</i>
thrill	The swift release of a store of affective force. <i>A thrill of excitement ran through her.</i>
throb	A deep pulsating type of pain. <i>The dull ache became a throb.</i>
try	An act of trying something new or different to see if it is suitable effective or pleasant. <i>She gave it a good try.</i>
twinge	A sharp stab of pain. <i>Twinges of conscience.</i>
wound	The act of inflicting a wound. <i>Chest wounds.</i>



Usage Examples of "Stab" as a noun

- *The fuzz guitar riff is replaced by some slinky brass stabs.*
- *She felt a stab of excitement.*
- *Multiple stab wounds.*
- *Meredith made a feeble stab at joining in.*
- *She felt a stab of jealousy.*
- *She had a deep stab in the back.*
- *One strong stab to the heart killed him.*
- *He took a stab at forecasting.*
- *Impatient stabs of his finger.*



Stab as a Verb

Definitions of "Stab" as a verb

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

- *Use a knife on.*
- *Make a thrusting gesture or movement at something with a pointed object.*
- *Poke or thrust abruptly.*
- *Thrust a knife or other pointed weapon into (someone) so as to wound or kill.*
- *(of a sharp or pointed object) violently pierce.*
- *(of a pain or painful thing) cause a sudden sharp sensation.*
- *Stab or pierce.*



Synonyms of "Stab" as a verb (32 Words)

bayonet Stab or kill someone with a bayonet.
*Stragglers were **bayoneted** where they fell.*

cut	Cut down on make a reduction in. <i>The way the director cuts from shot to shot has an impact.</i>
dig	Create by digging. <i>She had to dig the garden.</i>
gore	Cut into gores. <i>Gore a skirt.</i>
impale	Pierce with a sharp stake or point. <i>The enemies were impaled and left to die.</i>
injure	Harm or impair (something). <i>A libel calculated to injure the company s reputation.</i>
jab	Poke roughly or quickly, especially with something sharp or pointed. <i>He jabbed at the air with his finger.</i>
keen	Express grief verbally.
knife	Stab someone with a knife. <i>He was knifed to death during the argument.</i>
lunge	Make a lunge. <i>McCulloch raised his cudgel and lunged at him.</i>
perforate	Pierce and make a hole or holes in. <i>The walls will be perforated with thousands of circular openings.</i>
pierce	Make (a hole) with a sharp instrument. <i>I pierced my nose and ears.</i>
poke	Poke or thrust abruptly. <i>They sniffed felt and poked at everything they bought.</i>
puncture	Sustain a puncture. <i>The earlier mood of optimism was punctured.</i>
run through	Keep company.
scratch	Play a record using the scratch technique. <i>He scratched at a stain on his jacket.</i>
searing	Make very hot and dry.
skewer	Fasten together or pierce with a pin or skewer. <i>Skewer the cubes of beef using six to eight per skewer.</i>
slash	Cut with a wide, sweeping movement, typically using a knife or sword. <i>Prices were slashed.</i>
spear	Pierce or strike with a spear or other pointed object. <i>The branch speared up into the air.</i>
spike	Render a gun useless by plugging up the vent with a spike. <i>She spiked another oyster.</i>

stabbing	Stab or pierce.
stick	Stick to firmly. <i>The door sticks we will have to plane it.</i>
stinging	Cause an emotional pain as if by stinging.
tear	Fill with tears or shed tears. <i>She was always tearing her clothes.</i>
transfix	Pierce with a sharp implement or weapon. <i>He was transfixed by the pain in her face.</i>
wound	Inflict a wound on. <i>The sergeant was seriously wounded.</i>



Usage Examples of "Stab" as a verb

- *He stabbed her in the stomach.*
- *A stitch stabbed at her side.*
- *A sharp end of wicker stabbed into his sole.*
- *She stabbed at the earth with the fork.*

- *She stabbed the air with her forefinger.*



Associations of "Stab" (30 Words)

aggressor A person or country that attacks another first.

assailant A person who physically attacks another.
*The police have no firm leads about the identity of his **assailant**.*

beat The rhythmic contraction and expansion of the arteries with each beat of the heart.
*We **beat** the competition.*

belabor Beat soundly.
*She was **belabored** by her fellow students.*

bludgeon Strike with a club or a bludgeon.
*The teacher **bludgeoned** the students into learning the math formulas.*

cudgel Beat with a cudgel.
*They would lie in wait and **cudgel** her to death.*

hornet	A large wasp that is typically red and yellow or red and black and usually nests in hollow trees.
hurl	Vomit. <i>He hurled himself into the job with enthusiasm.</i>
hurt	Hurt the feelings of. <i>I felt so hurt and alone.</i>
hurtle	Make a thrusting forward movement. <i>The cars hurtled by.</i>
knife	Use a knife on. <i>The victim was knifed to death.</i>
lunge	Make a lunge. <i>A crude lunge at United's goalscorer.</i>
nudge	Approach (an age, figure, or level) very closely. <i>He gave her shoulder a nudge.</i>
pang	A sharp spasm of pain. <i>The snack bar will keep those hunger pangs at bay.</i>
ping	Hit with a pinging noise. <i>The car pinged when I put in low octane gasoline.</i>
poignancy	A quality that arouses emotions (especially pity or sorrow). <i>The pregnancy has a special poignancy for her family.</i>
poke	Prod and stir a fire with a poker to make it burn more fiercely. <i>He poked Benny in the ribs and pointed.</i>
prickle	A tingling sensation on a person's skin, typically caused by strong emotion. <i>Kathleen felt a prickle of excitement.</i>
pummel	Strike repeatedly with the fists. <i>He has been pummelled by the reviewers.</i>
punch	Drive forcibly as if by a punch. <i>He punched me in the stomach.</i>
spiny	Difficult to understand or handle. <i>A spiny problem.</i>
stick	Come or be in close contact with stick or hold together and resist separation. <i>He felt hard done by living out in the sticks.</i>
sting	A wound from a sting. <i>A nettle stings if you brush it lightly.</i>
thump	Move rhythmically. <i>Bristol thumped Rugby 35-13.</i>

titillate Excite pleurably or erotically.
*The press are paid to **titillate** the public.*

twinge (of a part of the body) suffer a sudden, sharp localized pain.
*He felt a **twinge** in his knee.*

wasp A solitary winged insect with a narrow waist mostly distantly related to the social wasps and including many parasitic kinds.

wound The act of inflicting a wound.
*You really **wounded** his pride when you turned him down.*

