

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.*

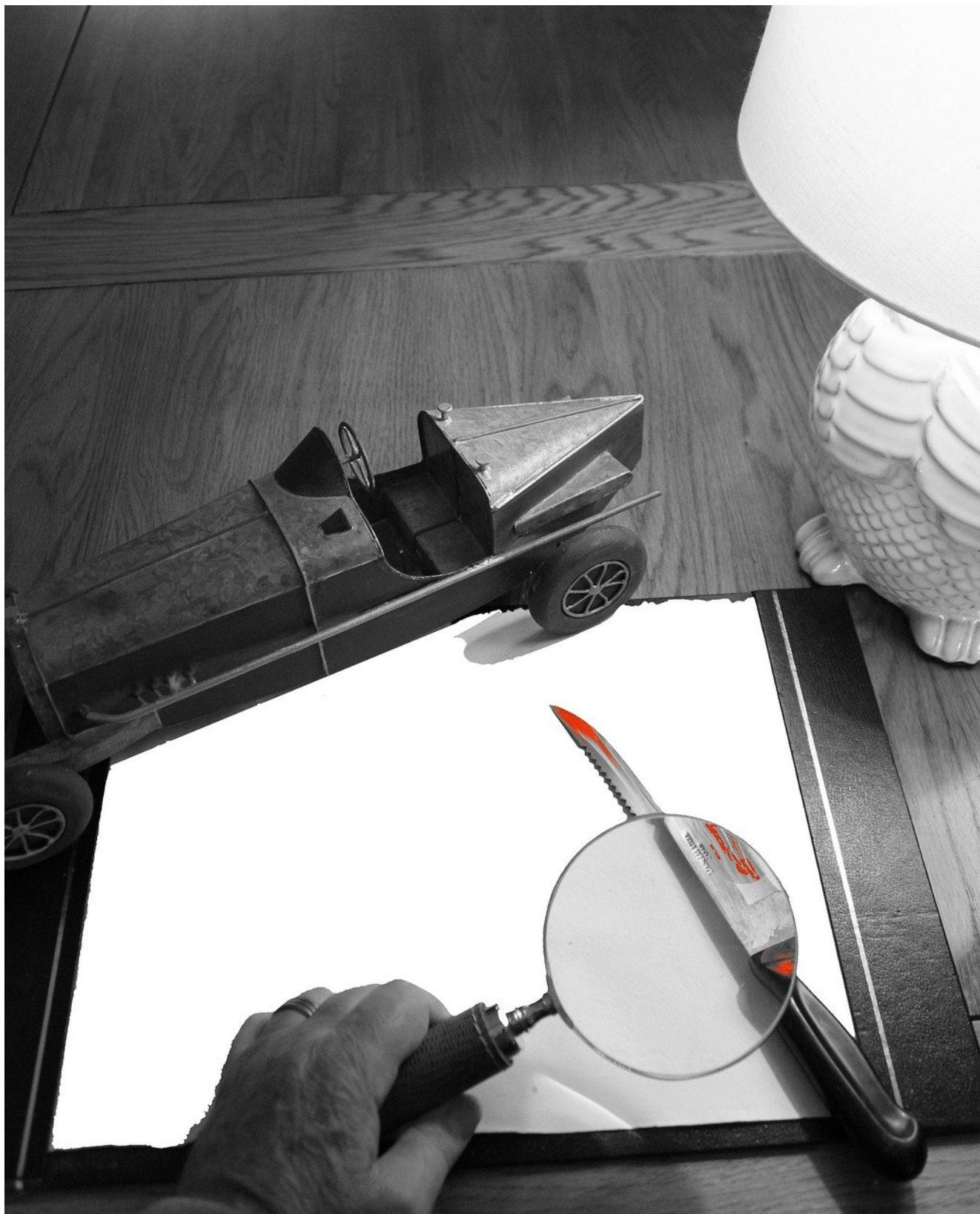
- *A thrusting movement with a finger or other pointed object.*



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

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

<b>pang</b>	A sudden sharp pain or painful emotion. <i>The snack bar will keep those hunger <b>pangs</b> at bay.</i>
<b>perforation</b>	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 <b>perforation</b>.</i>
<b>poke</b>	A bag made of paper or plastic for holding customer's purchases. <i>She gave the fire a <b>poke</b>.</i>
<b>punch</b>	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 <b>punch</b>.</i>
<b>puncture</b>	Loss of air pressure in a tire when a hole is made by some sharp object. <i>A <b>puncture</b> wound.</i>
<b>shot</b>	Tiny lead pellets used in quantity in a single charge or cartridge in a shotgun. <i>His parting <b>shot</b> was drop dead.</i>
<b>slash</b>	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 <b>slash</b>.</i>
<b>spasm</b>	(pathology) sudden constriction of a hollow organ (as a blood vessel). <i>The airways in the lungs go into <b>spasm</b>.</i>
<b>thrill</b>	The swift release of a store of affective force. <i>A <b>thrill</b> of excitement ran through her.</i>
<b>throb</b>	A deep pulsating type of pain. <i>The dull ache became a <b>throb</b>.</i>
<b>try</b>	An act of trying something new or different to see if it is suitable effective or pleasant. <i>She gave it a good <b>try</b>.</i>
<b>twinge</b>	A sharp stab of pain. <i><b>Twinges</b> of conscience.</i>
<b>wound</b>	The act of inflicting a wound. <i>Chest <b>wounds</b>.</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.*



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

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

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

