

Need another word that means the same as “stagnant”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “stagnant” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Stagnant” are: moribund, dead, still, motionless, immobile, inert, lifeless, standing, slack, static, stationary, inactive, sluggish, slow, slow-moving, lethargic, flat, depressed, quiet, dull, declining, dying, dormant, stagnating

Stagnant as an Adjective

Definitions of "Stagnant" as an adjective

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

- *Showing no activity; dull and sluggish.*
- *Not circulating or flowing.*
- *Not growing or changing; without force or vitality.*
- *(of a body of water or the atmosphere of a confined space) having no current or flow and often having an unpleasant smell as a consequence.*



Synonyms of "Stagnant" as an adjective (24 Words)

dead

No longer current, relevant, or important.

*The ball had gone **dead**.*

declining

Diminishing in strength or quality; deteriorating.

***Declining** budgets.*

depressed

(of a place or economic activity) suffering the damaging effects of a lack of demand or employment.

*She felt lonely and **depressed**.*

dormant

(of an animal) depicted lying with its head on its paws.

***Dormant** butterflies.*

dull

Not active or brisk.

***Dull** greens and blues.*

dying

(of a period of time) final; closing.

***Dying** to hear who won.*

flat	Flattened laterally along the whole length e.g. certain leafstalks or flatfishes. <i>A flat rectangular box.</i>
immobile	Not moving; motionless. <i>An immobile workforce.</i>
inactive	(pathology) not progressing or increasing; or progressing slowly. <i>An inactive lifestyle.</i>
inert	Having only a limited ability to react chemically; chemically inactive. <i>She was fat and inert.</i>
lethargic	Deficient in alertness or activity. <i>Bullfrogs became lethargic with the first cold nights.</i>
lifeless	Deprived of life; no longer living. <i>A lifeless body.</i>
moribund	(of a person) at the point of death. <i>On examination she was moribund and dehydrated.</i>
motionless	Not in physical motion. <i>An eagle hung almost motionless close to the ground.</i>
quiet	Of the sun characterized by a low level of surface phenomena like sunspots e.g. <i>The quiet waters of a lagoon.</i>
slack	Having or showing laziness or negligence. <i>Slack in maintaining discipline.</i>
slow	Slow to learn or understand lacking intellectual acuity Thackeray. <i>The slow lane of traffic.</i>
slow-moving	Moving slowly.
sluggish	Moving slowly. <i>Alex woke late feeling tired and sluggish.</i>
stagnating	(of water or air) ceasing to flow or move; becoming stagnant. <i>Stagnating consumer confidence.</i>
standing	Executed in or initiated from a standing position. <i>I took a standing jump.</i>
static	Relating to statics. <i>An electrostatic generator produces high voltage static electricity.</i>
stationary	(of a planet) having no apparent motion in longitude. <i>A stationary population.</i>
still	Not sparkling. <i>Her voice carried on the still air.</i>

Usage Examples of "Stagnant" as an adjective

- *Stagnant water.*
- *A stagnant economy.*
- *A stagnant ditch.*

Associations of "Stagnant" (30 Words)

abeyant	Inactive but capable of becoming active.
aboveground	On or above the surface of the ground. <i>Aboveground nuclear testing.</i>
bathing	Immersing the body in water or sunshine.
brook	Put up with something or somebody unpleasant. <i>The Lake District boasts lovely lakes and babbling brooks.</i>
frog	Hunt frogs for food.
grotto	An indoor structure resembling a cave. <i>Visits to Father Christmas s grotto.</i>
gully	A fielder at gully. <i>He was caught in the gully by Jones.</i>
idleness	The quality of lacking substance or value. <i>He was punished for his idleness at school.</i>
inactive	Lacking in energy or will. <i>Inactive reserve.</i>
inactivity	A disposition to remain inactive or inert. <i>Don t suddenly take up violent exercise after years of inactivity.</i>
inert	Lacking the ability or strength to move. <i>She lay inert in her bed.</i>
lagoon	An artificial pool for the treatment of effluent or to accommodate an overflow from surface drains during heavy rain.
latent	Potentially existing but not presently evident or realized. <i>Diabetes may be latent for some years before diagnosis.</i>
laze	Spend time in a relaxed, lazy manner. <i>A laze in the sun.</i>
motionless	Not moving; stationary. <i>An eagle hung almost motionless close to the ground.</i>
pond	Of flowing water or other liquids form a pond. <i>Water should never be allowed to pond on your property.</i>

pool	Something resembling a pool of liquid. <i>I spent all my time lounging around the pool.</i>
puddle	Wade or dabble in a puddle. <i>The cobbles under our feet were wet and puddled.</i>
quiescence	A state of quiet (but possibly temporary) inaction. <i>This method has been shown to induce sleep like quiescence in adult animals.</i>
sedentary	Requiring sitting or little activity. <i>A sedentary lifestyle spells bad news for hips and thighs.</i>
springboard	A strong, flexible board from which someone may jump in order to gain added impetus when performing a dive or a gymnastic movement. <i>He uses other people's ideas as a springboard for his own.</i>
stationary	Not changing in quantity or condition. <i>A car collided with a stationary vehicle.</i>
swampy	(of soil) soft and watery. <i>A swampy area.</i>
swim	An act or period of swimming. <i>We went for a swim in the river.</i>
swimmer	A person who travels through the water by swimming. <i>Red flags to warn swimmers of dangerous currents.</i>
swimming	The act of swimming. <i>Swimming eyes.</i>
swimsuit	Tight fitting garment worn for swimming.
tadpole	A larval frog or toad.
tarn	A small mountain lake. <i>Malham Tarn.</i>
torpid	Mentally or physically inactive; lethargic. <i>A mind grown torpid in old age.</i>