

Need another word that means the same as “starve”? Find 8 synonyms and 30 related words for “starve” in this overview.

Table Of Contents:

- [Starve as a Verb](#)
- [Definitions of "Starve" as a verb](#)
- [Synonyms of "Starve" as a verb \(8 Words\)](#)
- [Usage Examples of "Starve" as a verb](#)
- [Associations of "Starve" \(30 Words\)](#)

**The synonyms of “Starve” are: famish, crave, hunger, lust, thirst, empty, hollow, faint from hunger**

## Starve as a Verb

### Definitions of "Starve" as a verb

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

- *Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.*
- *Deprive of something necessary.*
- *Suffer or die or cause to suffer or die from hunger.*
- *Force someone out of (a place) or into (a specified state) by starvation.*
- *Be freezing cold.*
- *Deprive of food.*
- *Feel very hungry.*
- *Deprive of a necessity and cause suffering.*
- *Be hungry; go without food.*
- *Die of food deprivation.*



## Synonyms of "Starve" as a verb (8 Words)

**crave**

Ask for.  
*I must **crave** your indulgence.*

**empty**

Leave behind empty move out of.  
*The pub suddenly seemed to **empty**.*

**faint from  
hunger**

Pass out from weakness, physical or emotional distress due to a loss of blood supply to the brain.

**famish**

Be extremely hungry.  
*They had **famished** the city into surrender.*

**hollow**

Make a hollow in.  
*A tunnel was **hollowed** out in a mountain range.*

**hunger**

Feel or suffer hunger.  
*He **hungered** for a sense of self worth.*

**thirst**

Feel the need to drink.  
*An opponent **thirsting** for revenge.*



## Usage Examples of "Starve" as a verb

- *She left her animals to starve.*
- *The Royalists were starved out after eleven days.*
- *The engine was starved of fuel.*
- *I don't know about you, but I'm starving.*
- *For a while she had considered starving herself.*
- *The political prisoners starved to death.*
- *Seven million starved to death.*
- *The arts are being starved of funds.*
- *German U-boats hoping to starve Britain into submission.*
- *They starved the prisoners.*
- *Pull down that window for we are perfectly starving here.*



## Associations of "Starve" (30 Words)

<b>beg</b>	Acquire food or money from someone by begging. <i>I <b>beg</b> you to stop.</i>
<b>covet</b>	Wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person). <i>She <b>covets</b> her sister s house.</i>
<b>crave</b>	Feel a powerful desire for (something). <i>I must <b>crave</b> your indulgence.</i>
<b>craving</b>	An intense desire for some particular thing. <i>A <b>craving</b> for chocolate.</i>
<b>dearth</b>	An acute insufficiency. <i>There is a <b>dearth</b> of evidence.</i>
<b>deficit</b>	The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required. <i>New blood vessels bud out from the already dilated vascular bed to make up the nutritional <b>deficit</b>.</i>
<b>drought</b>	A prolonged shortage. <i>Farmers most affected by the <b>drought</b> hope that there may yet be sufficient rain early in the growing season.</i>
<b>famine</b>	An acute insufficiency. <i>Drought resulted in <b>famine</b> throughout the region.</i>
<b>famish</b>	Be extremely hungry. <i>They had <b>famished</b> the city into surrender.</i>
<b>hanker</b>	Feel a strong desire for or to do something. <i>He <b>hankered</b> after a lost golden age.</i>
<b>hunger</b>	Feel or suffer hunger. <i>When he had fasted forty days and forty nights he afterwards <b>hungered</b>.</i>
<b>indigence</b>	A state of extreme poverty; destitution. <i>He did valuable work towards the relief of <b>indigence</b>.</i>
<b>insufficiency</b>	Lack of an adequate quantity or number. <i>Renal <b>insufficiency</b>.</i>
<b>lack</b>	Be without or deficient in. <i>This soup <b>lacks</b> salt.</i>

<b>malnutrition</b>	Lack of proper nutrition, caused by not having enough to eat, not eating enough of the right things, or being unable to use the food that one does eat. <i>Nearly 67 of the country s population suffers from <b>malnutrition</b>.</i>
<b>mealtime</b>	The time at which a meal is eaten. <i>Family life seemed to revolve around <b>mealtimes</b>.</i>
<b>need</b>	Have or feel a need for. <i>I won t detain you for longer than I <b>need</b>.</i>
<b>needy</b>	Needy people collectively. <i>Those from <b>needy</b> backgrounds.</i>
<b>pauperism</b>	A state of extreme poverty or destitution.
<b>penury</b>	The state of being very poor; extreme poverty. <i>He couldn t face another year of <b>penury</b>.</i>
<b>ravening</b>	Living by preying on other animals especially by catching living prey. <i><b>Ravening</b> creditors.</i>
<b>scarcity</b>	The state of being scarce or in short supply; shortage. <i>A time of <b>scarcity</b>.</i>
<b>shortage</b>	The property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required. <i>A <b>shortage</b> of hard cash.</i>
<b>shortfall</b>	A deficit of something required or expected. <i>They are facing an expected 10 billion <b>shortfall</b> in revenue.</i>
<b>slake</b>	Cause to heat and crumble by treatment with water. <i>Restaurants worked to <b>slake</b> the Italian obsession with food.</i>
<b>thirst</b>	A feeling of needing or wanting to drink something. <i>He is oblivious to all the <b>thirst</b> around him.</i>
<b>unquenchable</b>	Not able to be quenched. <i>His enthusiasm was <b>unquenchable</b>.</i>
<b>want</b>	Hunt or look for want for a particular reason. <i>For <b>want</b> of a nail the shoe was lost.</i>
<b>yearn</b>	Be filled with compassion or warm feeling. <i>No fellow spirit <b>yearned</b> towards her.</i>
<b>yearning</b>	Involving or expressing yearning. <i>A <b>yearning</b> hope.</i>

