

Need another word that means the same as “stem”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “stem” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Stem” are: shank, stalk, base, radical, root, root word, theme, stem turn, bow, fore, prow, trunk, stock, cane, shoot, twig, halt, stanch, staunch, have its origins in, arise from, originate from, spring from, derive from, come from, be rooted in, emanate from, issue from, flow from, proceed from, result from, be consequent on

Stem as a Noun

Definitions of "Stem" as a noun

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

- *A rod or cylinder in a mechanism, for example the sliding shaft of a bolt or the winding pin of a watch.*
- *The form of a word after all affixes are removed.*
- *A long, thin supportive or main section of something.*
- *Front part of a vessel or aircraft.*
- *The slender part of a wine glass between the base and the bowl.*
- *The tube of a tobacco pipe.*
- *The main body or stalk of a plant or shrub, typically rising above ground but occasionally subterranean.*

- *The main upright timber or metal piece at the bow of a ship, to which the ship's sides are joined at the front end.*
- *Cylinder forming a long narrow part of something.*
- *A pipe used for smoking crack or opium.*
- *(linguistics) the form of a word after all affixes are removed.*
- *The main line of descent of a family or nation.*
- *The stalk supporting a fruit, flower, or leaf, and attaching it to a larger branch, twig, or stalk.*
- *A slender or elongated structure that supports a plant or fungus or a plant part or plant organ.*
- *A turn made in skiing; the back of one ski is forced outward and the other ski is brought parallel to it.*
- *The root or main part of a word, to which inflections or formative elements are added.*
- *A vertical stroke in a letter or musical note.*



Synonyms of "Stem" as a noun (16 Words)

<u>base</u>	A known line used as a geometrical base for trigonometry. <i>Her make up artist works with base eye make up and lipstick.</i>
<u>bow</u>	A single passage of a bow over the strings of an instrument. <i>He pointed the bow of the boat toward the finish line.</i>
cane	A form of corporal punishment used in certain schools involving beating with a cane. <i>Wrong answers were rewarded by the cane.</i>
fore	The front part of something, especially a ship.
prow	The pointed front part of a ship; the bow. <i>The commanding prow of the Jaguar.</i>
<u>radical</u>	A radical sign. <i>In the body free radicals are high energy particles that ricochet wildly and damage cells.</i>
<u>root</u>	Any plant grown for its root. <i>The root form of the word.</i>
root word	A number that, when multiplied by itself some number of times, equals a given number.
shank	The shank of an animal's leg as a cut of meat. <i>He hit a shank with his tee shot and took double bogey.</i>
<u>shoot</u>	An area of land used for shooting game. <i>A fashion shoot.</i>
<u>stalk</u>	A stalklike support for a sessile animal or for an organ in an animal. <i>He chewed a stalk of grass.</i>
stem turn	The tube of a tobacco pipe.
<u>stock</u>	A portion of a company's stock as held by an individual or group as an investment. <i>She made gravy with a base of beef stock.</i>
theme	An essay (especially one written as an assignment). <i>His letters were always on the theme of love.</i>
<u>trunk</u>	An enclosed space at the back of a car for carrying luggage and other goods; a boot. <i>He put his golf bag in the trunk.</i>
<u>twig</u>	A slender woody shoot growing from a branch or stem of a tree or shrub. <i>Cutaneous nerve twigs.</i>



Usage Examples of "Stem" as a noun

- *The Hellenic tribes were derived from the Aryan stem.*
- *The stem of the bolt edged clear.*
- *Stanley eyed his father over the stem of his pipe.*
- *The main stem of the wing feathers.*
- *Thematic vowels are part of the stem.*
- *Her fingers tightened on the stem of her glass.*
- *The spines and bow stems of abandoned hulks.*



Stem as a Verb

Definitions of "Stem" as a verb

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

- *Stop the flow of a liquid.*
- *Originate in or be caused by.*
- *Remove the stems from (fruit or tobacco leaves).*
- *Cause to point inward.*
- *(of a boat) make headway against (the tide or current).*
- *Remove the stem from.*
- *Grow out of, have roots in, originate in.*



Synonyms of "Stem" as a verb (16 Words)

arise from	Take part in a rebellion; renounce a former allegiance.
be consequent on	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
be rooted in	Occupy a certain position or area.
come from	Come from be connected by a relationship of blood for example.
derive from	Reason by deduction; establish by deduction.
emanate from	Give out (breath or an odor).
flow from	Move along, of liquids.
halt	Come to a halt stop moving. <i>She halted in mid sentence.</i>
have its origins in	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.
issue from	Come out of.
originate from	Bring into being.

proceed from	Move ahead; travel onward in time or space.
result from	Issue or terminate (in a specified way, state, etc.); end.
spring from	Develop into a distinctive entity.
stanch	Stop the flow of a liquid.
<u>staunch</u>	Stop the flow of a liquid. <i>Staunch</i> the blood flow.



Usage Examples of "Stem" as a verb

- *For automatic natural language processing, the words must be stemmed.*
- *Stem the tide.*
- *Many of the universities' problems stem from rapid expansion.*
- *The increase in the national debt stems from the last war.*
- *Stem your skis.*
- *If the wind will only freshen a little, we shall be able to stem the first of the flood.*
- *Her aunt and her mother were stemming currants on the side porch.*



Associations of "Stem" (30 Words)

abscise	Cut off or away.
<u>arboreal</u>	Relating to trees. <i>Arboreal rodents.</i>
arborescent	Resembling a tree in form and branching structure. <i>Arborescent succulents.</i>
bamboo	The hard woody stems of bamboo plants used in construction and crafts and fishing poles. <i>A bamboo bench.</i>
<u>base</u>	Debased not genuine. <i>Soaps with a vegetable oil base.</i>
<u>berry</u>	A small fruit having any of various structures e g simple grape or blueberry or aggregate blackberry or raspberry. <i>Let s go berrying.</i>

<u>branch</u>	A part of a forked or branching shape. <i>The road branched off at the market town.</i>
bulrush	Tall rush with soft erect or arching stems found in Eurasia, Australia, New Zealand, and common in North America.
cane	A length of cane or a slender stick especially one used as a support for plants a walking stick or an instrument of punishment. <i>Matthew was caned for bullying by the headmaster.</i>
cattail	Tall erect herbs with sword-shaped leaves; cosmopolitan in fresh and salt marshes.
defoliate	Deprived of leaves. <i>Defoliate the trees with pesticides.</i>
evergreen	A plant having foliage that persists and remains green throughout the year. <i>Monty Python and other TV evergreens.</i>
grass	Cover an area of ground with grass. <i>The owners decided to grass their property.</i>
grove	A small growth of trees without underbrush. <i>An olive grove.</i>
ivy	Used in names of climbing plants similar to ivy e g poison ivy Boston ivy. <i>Duke is considered one of the 'Southern Ivies.</i>
<u>leaf</u>	A thing that resembles a leaf in being flat and thin. <i>An oak leaf.</i>
liana	The free hanging stem of a liana.
oak	Used in names of other trees or plants that resemble the oaks in some way e g she oak silky oak. <i>Great oaks grow from little acorns.</i>
pine	A pineapple. <i>Pine potpourri.</i>
plant	Put a seed bulb or plant in the ground so that it can grow. <i>Inadequate investment in new plant.</i>
reed	Used in names of plants similar to the reed and growing in wet habitats e g bur reed. <i>A reed relay.</i>
<u>root</u>	Cause a plant or cutting to grow roots. <i>They disappeared from sight behind the root of the crag.</i>
shrub	A low woody perennial plant usually having several major stems.
<u>stalk</u>	A stalklike support for a sessile animal or for an organ in an animal. <i>He chewed a stalk of grass.</i>

tree	Plant with trees. <i>This lot should be treed so that the house will be shaded in summer.</i>
<u>trunk</u>	An enclosed space at the back of a car for carrying luggage and other goods; a boot. <i>He put his golf bag in the trunk.</i>
tuber	A tuberous root e.g. of the dahlia. <i>Tuber cinereum.</i>
<u>vegetation</u>	All the plant life in a particular region or period. <i>The chalk cliffs are mainly sheer with little vegetation.</i>
<u>vine</u>	A climbing or trailing woody stemmed plant related to the grapevine. <i>The vines of a vast wisteria.</i>
woodland	Land covered with trees. <i>Large areas of ancient woodland.</i>

