

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

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The synonyms of “Stifle” are: asphyxiate, suffocate, choke, dampen, muffle, repress, smother, strangle, suppress, restrain, keep back, hold back, hold in, fight back, choke back, gulp back, withhold, check, keep in check, swallow, quench, curb, silence, contain, bottle up, constrain, hinder, hamper, impede, prevent, inhibit, knee

Stifle as a Noun

Definitions of "Stifle" as a noun

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

- *Joint between the femur and tibia in a quadruped; corresponds to the human knee.*

Synonyms of "Stifle" as a noun (1 Word)

knee The part of a garment covering the knee.
*They were eating their suppers on their **knees**.*

Stifle as a Verb

Definitions of "Stifle" as a verb

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

- *Make (someone) unable to breathe properly; suffocate.*
- *Conceal or hide.*
- *Suppress or constrain so as to lessen in intensity.*
- *Suppress in order to conceal or hide.*
- *Prevent or constrain (an activity or idea).*
- *Restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself acting on (an emotion).*
- *Be asphyxiated; die from lack of oxygen.*
- *Smother or suppress.*
- *Impair the respiration of or obstruct the air passage of.*

Synonyms of "Stifle" as a verb (31 Words)

asphyxiate	Be asphyxiated die from lack of oxygen. <i>They were asphyxiated by the carbon monoxide fumes.</i>
bottle up	Store (liquids or gases) in bottles.
check	Hold back as of a danger or an enemy check the expansion or influence of. <i>He learned to check his excitement.</i>
choke	Cause to retch or choke. <i>Piracy will choke the creation and distribution of music.</i>
choke back	Suppress the development, creativity, or imagination of.
constrain	Compel or force (someone) to follow a particular course of action. <i>Agricultural development is considerably constrained by climate.</i>
contain	Be capable of holding or containing. <i>Since F contains the factor Q it disappears from both sides of the equation.</i>
curb	Restrain a horse by means of a curb. <i>Both men were instinctively curbing their horses.</i>
dampen	Smother or suppress. <i>Nothing could dampen her enthusiasm.</i>
fight back	Exert oneself continuously, vigorously, or obtrusively to gain an end or engage in a crusade for a certain cause or person; be an advocate for.
gulp back	Utter or make a noise, as when swallowing too quickly.

hamper	Prevent the progress or free movement of. <i>He was hampered in his efforts by the bad weather.</i>
hinder	Hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of. <i>Language barriers hindered communication between scientists.</i>
hold back	To close within bounds limit or hold back from movement.
hold in	Have or hold in one's hands or grip.
impede	Block passage through. <i>The sap causes swelling which can impede breathing.</i>
inhibit	Control and refrain from showing; of emotions, desires, impulses, or behavior. <i>His father's cold and distant demeanor inhibited him emotionally.</i>
keep back	Have as a supply.
keep in check	Keep under control keep in check.
muffle	Conceal or hide. <i>The soft beat of a muffled drum.</i>
prevent	Stop (someone or something) from doing something or being in a certain state. <i>Action must be taken to prevent further accidents.</i>
quench	Suppress or damp (an effect such as luminescence, or an oscillation or discharge). <i>The cold water quenched his thirst.</i>
repress	Suppress (a thought or desire) so that it becomes or remains unconscious. <i>Repress a cry of fear.</i>
restrain	Restrict (someone or something) so as to make free movement difficult. <i>Security guards restrained the reporter from throwing another shoe.</i>
silence	Prohibit or prevent from speaking. <i>She silenced the alarm on her phone.</i>
smother	Suppress in order to conceal or hide. <i>Smother a yawn.</i>
strangle	Kill by squeezing the throat of so as to cut off the air. <i>The imperialist nation wanted to strangle the free trade between the two small countries.</i>
suffocate	Feel uncomfortable for lack of fresh air. <i>He said he'd suffocate if he remained in this house for another hour.</i>
suppress	Prevent the development, action, or expression of (a feeling, impulse, idea, etc.); restrain. <i>Suppress a nascent uprising.</i>

swallow	Enclose or envelop completely as if by swallowing. <i>Debts swallowed up most of the money he had got for the house.</i>
withhold	Suppress or hold back (an emotion or reaction). <i>My employer is withholding taxes.</i>

Usage Examples of "Stifle" as a verb

- *She stifled a giggle.*
- *Those in the streets were stifled by the fumes.*
- *High taxes were stifling private enterprise.*

Associations of "Stifle" (30 Words)

airway	The passages through which air enters and leaves the body. <i>He kept the man's airway clear and blood circulating.</i>
bound	Move forward by leaps and bounds. <i>I went up the steps in two effortless bounds.</i>
champ	Chew noisily. <i>He champed on his sandwich.</i>
choke	A knob which controls the choke in a carburettor. <i>Carbon monoxide results during a cold start when an engine is choked.</i>
clog	Dance a clog dance. <i>Tourists cars clog the roads into Cornwall.</i>
clutter	An untidy state. <i>The attic is full of clutter.</i>
coagulant	A substance that causes blood or another liquid to coagulate. <i>I'll give a sedative then a coagulant.</i>
death	The personification of death. <i>It was the death of all his plans.</i>
drown	Deliberately kill a person or animal by drowning. <i>Two fishermen were drowned when their motorboat capsized.</i>
emergency	Arising from or used in an emergency. <i>Survival packs were carried in case of emergency.</i>
execute	Perform (a skilful action or manoeuvre). <i>Not only does she execute embroideries she designs them too.</i>
garrote	Strangle with an iron collar.

hanging	The practice of hanging condemned people as a form of capital punishment. <i>In those days the hanging of criminals was a public entertainment.</i>
ligature	Bind or connect with a ligature. <i>He ligatured the duodenum below the pylorus.</i>
muffle	Deaden (a sound or noise), especially by wrapping. <i>A muffle furnace.</i>
neck	Meat from an animal's neck. <i>He'll be stuck with a loan around his neck.</i>
obstruct	Prevent or hinder (movement or someone or something in motion). <i>Fears that the regime would obstruct the distribution of food.</i>
open	Full of small openings or gaps. <i>An issue open to question.</i>
oppress	Cause to suffer. <i>The government oppresses political activists.</i>
overawe	Subdue, restrain, or overcome by affecting with a feeling of awe; frighten (as with threats). <i>The eleven year old was overawed by the atmosphere.</i>
smother	Conceal or hide. <i>I dreamt a stranger was trying to kill me by smothering me with a pillow.</i>
strangle	Suppress (an impulse, action, or sound). <i>The victim was strangled with a scarf.</i>
strung	That is on a string.
suffocate	Deprive of oxygen and prevent from breathing. <i>The child suffocated under the pillow.</i>
suffocation	Killing by depriving of oxygen. <i>Prisoners told accounts of suffocations and shootings.</i>
throttle	Control an engine or vehicle with a throttle. <i>It has two engines that can be throttled.</i>
valve	Each of the halves of the hinged shell of a bivalve mollusc or brachiopod or of the parts of the compound shell of a barnacle. <i>The aortic valve.</i>
welter	A confused multitude of things. <i>There's such a welter of conflicting rules.</i>