

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)

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

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

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

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

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