

Need another word that means the same as “stifling”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “stifling” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Stifling” are: crushing, quelling, suppression, sulfurous, sulphurous, sultry

Stifling as a Noun

Definitions of "Stifling" as a noun

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

- *Forceful prevention; putting down by power or authority.*

Synonyms of "Stifling" as a noun (3 Words)

crushing Forceful prevention; putting down by power or authority.

quelling Forceful prevention; putting down by power or authority.
*The **quelling** of the rebellion.*

suppression The restraint or repression of an idea, activity, or reaction by something more powerful.
*The heavy handed **suppression** of political dissent.*

Usage Examples of "Stifling" as a noun

- *The stifling of all dissent.*

Stifling as an Adjective

Definitions of "Stifling" as an adjective

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

- *(of heat, air, or a room) very hot and causing difficulties in breathing; suffocating.*
- *Making one feel constrained or oppressed.*
- *Characterized by oppressive heat and humidity.*

Synonyms of "Stifling" as an adjective (3 Words)

- sulfurous** Of or related to or containing sulfur or derived from sulfur.
*A **sulfurous** denunciation.*
- sulphurous** Like sulphur in colour; pale yellow.
***Sulphurous** yellow lichen.*
- sultry** Sexually exciting or gratifying.
*The air was warm slightly humid but not **sultry**.*

Usage Examples of "Stifling" as an adjective

- *The loft is stifling in summer.*
- *The stifling atmosphere.*
- *The stifling formality of her family life.*
- *Stifling heat.*

Associations of "Stifling" (30 Words)

- atrophy** The process of atrophying or state of having atrophied.
*Extensive TV viewing may lead to **atrophy** of children's imaginations.*
- boiling** The temperature at which a liquid bubbles and turns to vapour boiling point.
*Saturday is forecast to be **boiling** and sunny.*

calamitous	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>Such calamitous events as fires hurricanes and floods.</i>
<u>catastrophic</u>	Involving or causing sudden great damage or suffering. <i>A catastrophic earthquake.</i>
crushing	Physically or spiritually devastating; often used in combination. <i>A crushing blow.</i>
curb	An edge between a sidewalk and a roadway consisting of a line of curbstones usually forming part of a gutter. <i>Both men were instinctively curbing their horses.</i>
deadly	As if dead. <i>My end of the theatre is deadly at the moment.</i>
<u>destructive</u>	Causing great and irreparable damage. <i>A policy that is destructive to the economy.</i>
<u>detrimental</u>	(sometimes followed by `to') causing harm or injury. <i>Recent policies have been detrimental to the interests of many old people.</i>
<u>devastating</u>	Physically or spiritually devastating often used in combination. <i>The news came as a devastating blow.</i>
<u>disastrous</u>	Causing great damage. <i>The battle was a disastrous end to a disastrous campaign.</i>
<u>earthquake</u>	A great upheaval. <i>Selling the company caused an earthquake among the employees.</i>
<u>fatal</u>	Having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.</i>
hot	Make or become hot. <i>Her reply came boiling out of her hot with rage.</i>
incapacitate	Deprive (someone) of their legal capacity. <i>He was incapacitated by a heart attack.</i>
inhibition	The slowing or prevention of a process, reaction, or function by a particular substance. <i>The children at first shy soon lost their inhibitions.</i>
inhibitor	A substance which slows down or prevents a particular chemical reaction or other process or which reduces the activity of a particular reactant, catalyst, or enzyme.
<u>lethal</u>	Of an instrument of certain death. <i>A lethal cocktail of drink and pills.</i>

mortal	A human being subject to death, as opposed to a divine being. <i>The drawing shows Holmes and Moriarty locked in mortal combat.</i>
muggy	(of the weather) unpleasantly warm and humid. <i>It was a hot very muggy evening.</i>
<u>oppression</u>	A feeling of being oppressed. <i>After years of oppression they finally revolted.</i>
ruinous	Disastrous or destructive. <i>The cost of their ransom might be ruinous.</i>
scorching	(of criticism) harsh; severe. <i>The scorching July sun.</i>
sensual	Marked by the appetites and passions of the body. <i>Music is the only sensual pleasure without vice.</i>
sultry	Characterized by oppressive heat and humidity. <i>A sultry look.</i>
<u>suppress</u>	Partly or wholly eliminate (electrical interference). <i>Suppress a nascent uprising.</i>
suppression	(psychology) the conscious exclusion of unacceptable thoughts or desires. <i>The heavy handed suppression of political dissent.</i>
swelter	Suffer from intense heat. <i>The swelter of the afternoon had cooled.</i>
<u>sweltering</u>	Uncomfortably hot. <i>Sweltering athletes.</i>
withering	Any weakening or degeneration (especially through lack of use). <i>To compliments inflated I ve a withering reply.</i>