

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.*

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

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