

Need another word that means the same as “sting”? Find 89 synonyms and 30 related words for “sting” in this overview.

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Sting as a Noun

Definitions of "Sting" as a noun

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

- *A carefully planned operation, typically one involving deception.*
- *A swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property.*
- *A painful wound caused by the thrust of an insect's stinger into skin.*

- A small sharp-pointed organ at the end of the abdomen of bees, wasps, ants, and scorpions, capable of inflicting a painful or dangerous wound by injecting poison.
- Operation designed to catch a person committing a criminal act.
- A wound from a sting.
- A mental pain or distress.
- A kind of pain; something as sudden and painful as being stung.
- A sharp tingling or burning pain or sensation.
- A hurtful quality or effect.
- Any of a number of minute hairs or other organs of plants, jellyfishes, etc., which inject a poisonous or irritating fluid when touched.



Synonyms of "Sting" as a noun (49 Words)

acerbity

A rough and bitter manner.

*Their relationship was built on a certain mutual **acerbity**.*

acidity	Street name for lysergic acid diethylamide. <i>The increased acidity of rainfall.</i>
agony	Extreme physical or mental suffering. <i>His last agony.</i>
anguish	Extreme mental distress. <i>Philip gave a cry of anguish.</i>
asperity	Harshness of manner. <i>The asperity of northern winters.</i>
bit of sharp practice	A unit of measurement of information (from binary + digit); the amount of information in a system having two equiprobable states.
bite	An instance of a fish taking the bait. <i>Percy's dog had given her a nasty bite.</i>
bunco	A swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property. <i>A bunco artist.</i>
bunco game	Your occupation or line of work.
bunko	A swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property.
bunko game	The game equipment needed in order to play a particular game.
cheat	An act of cheating a fraud or deception.
con	A swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property. <i>The Charter is a glossy public relations con.</i>
con game	A swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property.
confidence game	A feeling of trust (in someone or something).
confidence trick	A feeling of trust (in someone or something).
desolation	A state of complete emptiness or destruction. <i>In choked desolation she watched him leave.</i>
distress	A state of physical strain, especially difficulty in breathing. <i>To his distress he saw that she was trembling.</i>
edge	The outside limit of an object or area or surface; a place farthest away from the center of something. <i>They pushed themselves to the edge of exhaustion.</i>
flimflam	A confidence trick. <i>Pseudo intellectual flimflam.</i>

fraud	<p>Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage.</p> <p><i>Mediums exposed as tricksters and frauds.</i></p>
heartache	<p>Emotional anguish or grief, typically caused by the loss or absence of someone loved.</p> <p><i>A good friend understands your heartaches as well as your joys.</i></p>
<u>heartbreak</u>	<p>Intense sorrow caused by loss of a loved one (especially by death).</p> <p><i>An unforgettable tale of joy and heartbreak.</i></p>
hurt	<p>Feelings of mental or physical pain.</p> <p><i>Rolling properly into a fall minimizes hurt.</i></p>
<u>hustle</u>	<p>A state of great activity.</p> <p><i>The hustle and bustle of the big cities.</i></p>
injury	<p>An instance of being injured.</p> <p><i>Compensation for injury to feelings.</i></p>
insect bite	<p>Small air-breathing arthropod.</p>
<u>misery</u>	<p>A feeling of intense unhappiness.</p> <p><i>She was exhausted by her misery and grief.</i></p>
pain	<p>A somatic sensation of acute discomfort.</p> <p><i>She s a pain.</i></p>
pang	<p>A mental pain or distress.</p> <p><i>A pang of conscience.</i></p>
piece of deception	<p>An artistic or literary composition.</p>
pointedness	<p>The property of a shape that tapers to a sharp tip.</p> <p><i>The pointedness of his sarcasm was unmistakable.</i></p>
pricking	<p>The act of puncturing with a small point.</p>
pungency	<p>Wit having a sharp and caustic quality.</p> <p><i>He commented with typical pungency.</i></p>
severity	<p>Extreme plainness.</p> <p><i>Sentences should reflect the severity of the crime.</i></p>
sharpness	<p>A strong odor or taste property.</p> <p><i>The sharpness of strange spices.</i></p>
smart	<p>Intelligence; acumen.</p> <p><i>Sorrow is the effect of smart and smart the effect of faith.</i></p>
smarting	<p>The fact or sensation of feeling a sharp stinging pain.</p> <p><i>Ammonia can cause smarting of the eyes and breathing difficulties.</i></p>
sting operation	<p>A kind of pain; something as sudden and painful as being stung.</p>

stinging	A kind of pain; something as sudden and painful as being stung. <i>He felt the stinging of nettles.</i>
swindle	The act of swindling by some fraudulent scheme. <i>He is mixed up in a 10 million insurance swindle.</i>
tartness	The taste experience when vinegar or lemon juice is taken into the mouth.
<u>tingle</u>	A somatic sensation as from many tiny prickles. <i>A tingle of anticipation.</i>
<u>tingling</u>	A somatic sensation as from many tiny stings.
torment	A feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented. <i>The journey must have been a torment for them.</i>
<u>torture</u>	Intense feelings of suffering; acute mental or physical pain. <i>The torture of political prisoners.</i>
<u>trickery</u>	Verbal misrepresentation intended to take advantage of you in some way. <i>The dealer resorted to trickery.</i>
<u>wound</u>	The act of inflicting a wound. <i>The new crisis has opened old wounds.</i>



Usage Examples of "Sting" as a noun

- *She felt the sharp sting of tears behind her eyelids.*
- *A nettle-like plant with no sting.*
- *A wasp or bee sting.*
- *He felt the stinging of nettles.*
- *She smiled to take the sting out of her words.*
- *The police conducted a sting operation.*
- *Five blackmailers were jailed last week after they were snared in a police sting.*
- *I recalled the sting of his betrayal.*
- *The sting of death.*



Sting as a Verb

Definitions of "Sting" as a verb

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

- *Saddle with something disagreeable or disadvantageous.*
- *Swindle or exorbitantly overcharge (someone).*
- *Deliver a sting to.*
- *Cause a sharp or stinging pain or discomfort.*
- *Provoke someone to do (something) by causing annoyance or offence.*
- *Cause a stinging pain.*
- *Feel or cause to feel a sharp tingling or burning pain or sensation.*
- *Cause an emotional pain, as if by stinging.*
- *Wound or pierce with a sting.*

- (typically of something said) hurt or upset (someone).



Synonyms of "Sting" as a verb (40 Words)

[ache](#)

Suffer from a continuous dull pain.
*She looked so tired that my heart **ached** for her.*

be irritated

Represent, as of a character on stage.

be painful

Form or compose.

be sore

Be identical to; be someone or something.

bite

Be very bad, unpleasant, or unfortunate.
*Gunny invariably tried to **bite** her.*

burn

Burn at the stake.
*Her forehead was **burning** and her throat ached.*

cheat

Gain an advantage over or deprive of something by using unfair or deceitful methods; defraud.
*She **cheated** death in a spectacular crash.*

cut to the quick	Be able to manage or manage successfully.
defraud	Illegally obtain money from (someone) by deception. <i>He used a second identity to defraud the bank of thousands of pounds.</i>
distress	Bring into difficulties or distress especially financial hardship. <i>I didn't mean to distress you.</i>
<u>drive</u>	Be licensed or competent to drive a motor vehicle. <i>He drives a bread truck.</i>
fleece	Cover as if with a fleece. <i>The sky was half blue half fleeced with white clouds.</i>
<u>galvanize</u>	Shock or excite (someone) into taking action. <i>Galvanized into action.</i>
<u>goad</u>	Goad or provoke as by constant criticism. <i>He was trying to goad her into a fight.</i>
grieve	Feel intense sorrow. <i>His behavior grieves his mother.</i>
gull	Make a fool or dupe of.
hurt	Hurt the feelings of. <i>She hurt me when she did not include me among her guests.</i>
<u>incite</u>	Urge on; cause to act. <i>They conspired to incite riots.</i>
injure	Hurt the feelings of. <i>He injured his back helping the girl.</i>
make miserable	Create or design, often in a certain way.
mortify	(of flesh) be affected by gangrene or necrosis. <i>They wish to return to heaven by mortifying the flesh.</i>
<u>motivate</u>	Request (something) and present facts and arguments in support of one's request. <i>He said he would motivate funds to upgrade the food stalls.</i>
move	Have a turn make one's move in a game. <i>He justly moves one's derision.</i>
pain	Cause mental or physical pain to. <i>Her legs had been paining her.</i>
<u>provoke</u>	Evoke or provoke to appear or occur. <i>Rachel refused to be provoked.</i>
rouse	Cause to be agitated excited or roused. <i>Rouse the beer as the hops are introduced.</i>

sear	Burn or scorch the surface of (something) with a sudden, intense heat. <i>A sharp pang of disappointment seared her.</i>
smart	(of a wound or part of the body) feel or cause a sharp stinging pain. <i>Her legs were scratched and smarting.</i>
spur	Strike with a spur. <i>Governments cut interest rates to spur demand.</i>
stick	Come or be in close contact with stick or hold together and resist separation. <i>Stick your thumb in the crack.</i>
stimulate	Raise levels of physiological or nervous activity in (the body or any biological system). <i>The women are given fertility drugs to stimulate their ovaries.</i>
stir up	Affect emotionally.
swindle	Use deception to deprive (someone) of money or possessions. <i>He was said to have swindled 62 5 million from the state owned cement industry.</i>
<u>tingle</u>	Cause a stinging or tingling sensation. <i>A standing ovation that tingled your spine.</i>
torment	Torment emotionally or mentally. <i>The children tormented the stuttering teacher.</i>
twinge	Squeeze tightly between the fingers. <i>Stop the exercises if the tummy twinges.</i>
upset	Form metals with a swage. <i>The dam will upset the ecological balance.</i>
<u>wound</u>	Inflict a wound on. <i>The sergeant was seriously wounded.</i>



Usage Examples of "Sting" as a verb

- *Stung by her mockery, Frank hung his head.*
- *A nettle stings if you brush it lightly.*
- *Her eyes stung as if she might cry again.*
- *He was stung into action by an article in the paper.*
- *He was stung by a jellyfish.*
- *I had to buy some boxer shorts at the last minute and got stung for £42.50!*
- *The brandy stung his throat.*



Associations of "Sting" (30 Words)

<u>adhere</u>	Follow through or carry out a plan without deviation. <i>The account adhered firmly to fact.</i>
bee	An insect of a large group to which the honeybee belongs including many solitary as well as social kinds. <i>A sewing bee.</i>
excitation	The action of exciting or the state of being excited; excitement. <i>Two parallel coils with opposing excitation windings.</i>
gadfly	A person who annoys or criticizes others in order to provoke them into action. <i>Always a gadfly he attacked intellectual orthodoxies.</i>
hornet	Large stinging paper wasp.
hurt	Hurt the feelings of. <i>Ow You re hurting me.</i>
<u>nag</u>	A person who nags someone. <i>He s always nagging at her for staying out late.</i>
<u>nudge</u>	Prod (someone) gently with one's elbow in order to attract attention. <i>She appreciated the nudge to her memory.</i>
pang	A sudden sharp pain or painful emotion. <i>A pang of conscience.</i>

pest	A serious sometimes fatal infection of rodents caused by <i>Yersinia pestis</i> and accidentally transmitted to humans by the bite of a flea that has bitten an infected animal. <i>The tomato plant attracts a pest called whitefly.</i>
pierce	Make a hole in (the ears or other part of the body) so as to wear jewellery in them. <i>They were seeking to pierce the anti ballistic missile defences.</i>
pin	An attack on a piece or pawn which is thereby pinned. <i>He pinned the badge on to his lapel.</i>
ping	Hit with a pinging noise. <i>The ping of the oven timer.</i>
poke	Poke or thrust abruptly. <i>She gave the fire a poke.</i>
slot	Be placed or able to be placed into a slot. <i>He followed the deer s slot over the soft turf to the edge of the trees.</i>
spiny	Having spines. <i>A spiny problem.</i>
stab	A wound made by stabbing. <i>A stitch stabbed at her side.</i>
stake	A pole or stake set up to mark something as the start or end of a race track. <i>Stake out the path.</i>
stick	Stick to firmly. <i>Stick drawings of a man and girl.</i>
stimulation	Encouragement of something to make it develop or become more active. <i>Ovarian stimulation for in vitro fertilization.</i>
thatch	Cover with thatch. <i>The rain drummed noisily on the thatch above her head.</i>
thorn	A thorny bush shrub or tree especially a hawthorn. <i>He s a thorn in my flesh.</i>
thorny	Causing distress, difficulty, or trouble. <i>A thorny problem for our team to solve.</i>
titillate	Arouse (someone) to interest or mild excitement, especially through sexually suggestive images or words. <i>The press are paid to titillate the public.</i>
twinge	Feel a sudden sharp, local pain. <i>Twinges of conscience.</i>

wasp

A solitary winged insect with a narrow waist mostly distantly related to the social wasps and including many parasitic kinds.

wattle

Make enclose or fill up with wattle.

wedge

A shot made with a wedge.

*The **wedge** of horsemen crashed forward.*

