

Need another word that means the same as “suffocate”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “suffocate” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Suffocate” are: choke, asphyxiate, stifle, smother, gag, strangle, be smothered, be stifled, be breathless, be short of air, struggle for air

Suffocate as a Verb

Definitions of "Suffocate" as a verb

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

- *Impair the respiration of or obstruct the air passage of.*
- *Become stultified, suppressed, or stifled.*
- *Struggle for breath; have insufficient oxygen intake.*
- *Feel or cause to feel trapped and oppressed.*
- *Feel uncomfortable for lack of fresh air.*
- *Be asphyxiated; die from lack of oxygen.*
- *Die or cause to die from lack of air or inability to breathe.*
- *Have or cause to have difficulty in breathing.*
- *Deprive of oxygen and prevent from breathing.*
- *Suppress the development, creativity, or imagination of.*



Synonyms of "Suffocate" as a verb (11 Words)

asphyxiate	Be asphyxiated die from lack of oxygen. <i>They slowly asphyxiated.</i>
be breathless	Happen, occur, take place.
be short of air	Happen, occur, take place.
be smothered	Be priced at.
be stifled	Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun.
<u>choke</u>	Cause a person or animal to choke. <i>She choked her anger.</i>
gag	Put a gag on someone. <i>I m absolutely gagging for a pint.</i>
<u>smother</u>	Deprive of oxygen and prevent from breathing. <i>Smother a yawn.</i>
<u>stifle</u>	Be asphyxiated; die from lack of oxygen. <i>She stifled a giggle.</i>
strangle	Prevent the progress or free movement of. <i>She strangled a sob.</i>
struggle for air	To exert strenuous effort against opposition.



Usage Examples of "Suffocate" as a verb

- *He said he'd suffocate if he remained in this house for another hour.*
- *They suffocated in their sleep.*
- *The child suffocated herself with a plastic bag that the parents had left on the floor.*

- *He was suffocating, his head jammed up against the back of the sofa.*
- *You're suffocating me—I can scarcely breathe.*
- *The child suffocated under the pillow.*
- *She was suffocated by fumes from the boiler.*
- *His job suffocated him.*



Associations of "Suffocate" (30 Words)

airway	A commercial enterprise that provides scheduled flights for passengers. <i>He kept the man s airway clear and blood circulating.</i>
<u>choke</u>	A knob which controls the choke in a carburettor. <i>A little choke of laughter.</i>
choking	A condition caused by blocking the airways to the lungs (as with food or swelling of the larynx). <i>No evidence that the choking was done by the accused.</i>
clog	Dance a clog dance. <i>Too much fatty food makes your arteries clog up.</i>
<u>clutter</u>	An untidy state. <i>The room was in a clutter of smelly untidiness.</i>
<u>dead</u>	People who are no longer living. <i>Dead right.</i>
death	The personification of death. <i>I don t believe in life after death.</i>
<u>demise</u>	The end or failure of an enterprise or institution. <i>The manor and the mill were demised for twenty one year terms.</i>
<u>drown</u>	Deliberately kill a person or animal by drowning. <i>I was drowned in work.</i>
<u>emergency</u>	Arising from or used in an emergency. <i>The governor declared a state of emergency.</i>
esophagus	The passage between the pharynx and the stomach.
execute	Carry out the legalities of. <i>Execute a will or a deed.</i>
expiration	Euphemistic expressions for death. <i>The expiration of the lease.</i>
garrote	An instrument of execution for execution by strangulation.
<u>hanging</u>	The practice of hanging condemned people as a form of capital punishment. <i>Hanging gardens.</i>
ligature	Bind or connect with a ligature. <i>He ligatured the duodenum below the pylorus.</i>
muffle	A receptacle in a furnace or kiln in which things can be heated without contact with combustion products. <i>Everyone was muffled up in coats and scarves.</i>

nasal	A nasal speech sound. <i>A whining nasal voice.</i>
obstruct	Commit the offence of intentionally hindering (a police officer). <i>They had to alter the course of the stream and obstruct the natural flow of the water.</i>
<u>oppress</u>	Cause to suffer. <i>A system which oppressed working people.</i>
perish	Be suffering from extreme cold. <i>Must these noble hopes perish so soon.</i>
rip	A fraud or swindle a rip off. <i>The curtain ripped from top to bottom.</i>
<u>smother</u>	Make (someone) feel trapped and oppressed by acting in an overly protective manner towards them. <i>Smother the meat in gravy.</i>
<u>stifle</u>	Prevent or constrain (an activity or idea). <i>She stifled a giggle.</i>
strangle	Hamper or hinder the development or activity of. <i>They allowed bureaucracy to strangle initiative.</i>
suffocation	A feeling of being trapped and oppressed. <i>Prisoners told accounts of suffocations and shootings.</i>
<u>throttle</u>	Reduce the power of an engine or vehicle by use of the throttle. <i>The engines were at full throttle.</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>A valve shuts off the flow from the boiler when the water is hot enough.</i>
welter	Roll around. <i>There s such a welter of conflicting rules.</i>

