

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)

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

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

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



