

Need another word that means the same as “suppress”? Find 56 synonyms and 30 related words for “suppress” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Suppress” are: crush, oppress, conquer, stamp down, subdue, bottle up, inhibit, repress, defeat, vanquish, triumph over, quell, quash, squash, stamp out, overpower, extinguish, put down, put out, crack down on, clamp down on, cow, drive underground, conceal, restrain, stifle, smother, keep a rein on, hold back, keep back, fight back, choke back, control, keep under control, check, keep in check, curb, contain, bridle, put a lid on, deaden, muffle, censor, redact, keep secret, hide, keep hidden, hush up, gag, keep silent about, withhold, cover up, muzzle, ban, not disclose, not breathe a word of

Suppress as a Verb

Definitions of "Suppress" as a verb

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

- *Consciously restrain from showing; of emotions, desires, impulses, or behavior.*
- *Prevent the development, action, or expression of (a feeling, impulse, idea, etc.); restrain.*
- *Prevent the dissemination of (information).*
- *To put down by force or authority.*
- *Come down on or keep down by unjust use of one's authority.*
- *Consciously inhibit (an unpleasant idea or memory) to avoid considering it.*
- *Prevent or inhibit (a process or reaction).*
- *Reduce the incidence or severity of or stop.*
- *Put out of one's consciousness.*

- *Control and refrain from showing; of emotions, desires, impulses, or behavior.*
- *Lessen to the point of stopping.*
- *Forcibly put an end to.*
- *Partly or wholly eliminate (electrical interference).*
- *Bring under control by force or authority.*



Synonyms of "Suppress" as a verb (56 Words)

ban

Ban from a place of residence as for punishment.
*Her son was **banned** for life from the Centre.*

bottle up

Put into bottles.

bridle	Put a bridle on. <i>Five horses saddled and bridled were tied by the reins to branches of trees.</i>
ensor	Subject to political religious or moral censorship. <i>The report had been censored in the national interest.</i>
check	Put a check mark on or near or next to. <i>A simple blood test to check for anaemia.</i>
choke back	Pass from physical life and lose all bodily attributes and functions necessary to sustain life.
clamp down on	Shoot at and force to come down.
conceal	Prevent from being seen or discovered. <i>A line of sand dunes concealed the distant sea.</i>
conquer	Take possession of by force, as after an invasion. <i>Conquer your fears.</i>
contain	Be capable of holding or containing. <i>This can contains water.</i>
control	Exercise authoritative control or power over. <i>Are you controlling for the temperature.</i>
cover up	Cover as if with a shroud.
cow	Subdue, restrain, or overcome by affecting with a feeling of awe; frighten (as with threats.
crack down on	Gain unauthorized access computers with malicious intentions.
crush	Crush or bruise. <i>A labourer was crushed to death by a lorry.</i>
curb	Keep to the curb. <i>She promised she would curb her temper.</i>
deaden	Make (someone) insensitive to something. <i>Deaden a sound.</i>
defeat	Be impossible for (someone) to understand. <i>She was defeated by the last steep hill.</i>
drive underground	Proceed along in a vehicle.
extinguish	Extinguish by crushing. <i>A look which would have extinguished any man.</i>
fight back	Be engaged in a fight; carry on a fight.
gag	Tie a gag around someone s mouth in order to silence them. <i>The press was gagged.</i>

hide	Conceal oneself. <i>Companies with poor security can hide behind the law.</i>
hold back	To close within bounds limit or hold back from movement.
hush up	Cause to be quiet or not talk.
inhibit	Make (someone) self-conscious and as a result unable to act naturally. <i>The earnings rule inhibited some retired people from working.</i>
keep a rein on	Maintain by writing regular records.
keep back	Store or keep customarily.
keep hidden	Maintain for use and service.
keep in check	Keep under control keep in check.
keep secret	Store or keep customarily.
keep silent about	Conform one's action or practice to.
keep under control	Keep under control keep in check.
muffle	Make (a sound) quieter or less distinct. <i>His voice was muffled.</i>
muzzle	Fit with a muzzle. <i>The dog should have been muzzled.</i>
not breathe a word of	Take a short break from one's activities in order to relax.
not disclose	Disclose to view as by removing a cover.
<u>oppress</u>	Cause distress or anxiety to. <i>He was oppressed by some secret worry.</i>
<u>overpower</u>	Overcome by superior force. <i>He overpowered the two men and frogmarched them to the police station.</i>
put a lid on	Adapt.
put down	Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.
put out	Put into a certain place or abstract location.
quash	Reject as invalid, especially by legal procedure. <i>His conviction was quashed on appeal.</i>
quell	Suppress (a feeling). <i>She quelled an urge to race up the stairs.</i>
<u>redact</u>	Edit (text) for publication. <i>A confidential memo which has been redacted from 25 pages to just one paragraph.</i>

repress	Conceal or hide. Repress a cry of fear.
restrain	To close within bounds, or otherwise limit or deprive of free movement. <i>Amiss had to restrain his impatience.</i>
<u>smother</u>	Deprive of oxygen and prevent from breathing. Smother fires.
<u>squash</u>	Silence or discomfit (someone), typically by making a humiliating remark. <i>The mournful sound did nothing to squash her high spirits.</i>
stamp down	To mark, or produce an imprint in or on something.
stamp out	To mark, or produce an imprint in or on something.
<u>stifle</u>	Make (someone) unable to breathe properly; suffocate. <i>Those in the streets were stifled by the fumes.</i>
subdue	Make subordinate, dependent, or subservient. <i>Charles went on a campaign to subdue the Saxons.</i>
triumph over	Prove superior.
vanquish	Come out better in a competition, race, or conflict. <i>He successfully vanquished his rival.</i>
withhold	Retain and refrain from disbursing; of payments. <i>Her mouth clenched as if withholding a cry.</i>



Usage Examples of "Suppress" as a verb

- *This drug can suppress the hemorrhage.*
- *The rising was savagely suppressed.*
- *Use of the drug suppressed the immune response.*
- *She could not suppress a rising panic.*
- *The report had been suppressed.*
- *Suppress a nascent uprising.*
- *Suppress a yawn.*
- *Suppress a smile.*



Associations of "Suppress" (30 Words)

afflict	Cause great unhappiness for; distress. <i>Afflict with the plague.</i>
conquer	Gain the love, admiration, or respect of (a person or group of people). <i>Conquer your fears.</i>
cruelly	Excessively. <i>He marries Edgar's sister Isabella and cruelly ill treats her.</i>
crushing	Forceful prevention; putting down by power or authority. <i>The news came as a crushing blow.</i>
curb	Restrain a horse by means of a curb. <i>Both men were instinctively curbing their horses.</i>
defeat	An instance of defeating or being defeated. <i>Don't cheat by allowing your body to droop this defeats the object of the exercise.</i>

dictatorship	Government by a dictator. <i>The effects of forty years of dictatorship.</i>
encumber	Restrict (someone or something) so as to make free movement difficult. <i>They had arrived encumbered with families.</i>
inhibit	To put down by force or authority. <i>Inhibit the rate of a chemical reaction.</i>
inhibition	The action of prohibiting or inhibiting or forbidding (or an instance thereof). <i>She showed an enthusiasm for sex and a lack of inhibition which was entirely alien to him.</i>
inhibitor	A gene whose presence prevents the expression of some other gene at a different locus.
limit	Place limits on extent or amount or access. <i>Try to limit the amount you drink.</i>
monocracy	A system of government by one person only.
<u>oppress</u>	Cause distress or anxiety to. <i>The government oppresses political activists.</i>
<u>oppression</u>	Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or exercise of authority. <i>The tyrant s oppression of the people.</i>
overawe	Subdue, restrain, or overcome by affecting with a feeling of awe; frighten (as with threats). <i>The eleven year old was overawed by the atmosphere.</i>
<u>overcome</u>	Overcome usually through no fault or weakness of the person that is overcome. <i>You must overcome all difficulties.</i>
<u>overpower</u>	Overcome, as with emotions or perceptual stimuli. <i>They were overpowered by the fumes.</i>
predominance	The possession or exertion of control or power. <i>Hollywood s continued predominance in the international film market.</i>
repress	Impede or hinder the natural development or self-expression of. <i>Isabel couldn t repress a sharp cry of fear.</i>
restrain	To close within bounds, limit or hold back from movement. <i>Amiss had to restrain his impatience.</i>
restrict	Place under restrictions limit access to by law. <i>Restrict the use of this parking lot.</i>
ruthlessness	Feelings of extreme heartlessness. <i>The real world ruthlessness of business.</i>

<u>stifle</u>	Be asphyxiated; die from lack of oxygen. <i>She stifled a giggle.</i>
<u>stifling</u>	Making one feel constrained or oppressed. <i>The stifling of all dissent.</i>
subdue	Bring (a country or people) under control by force. <i>She managed to subdue an instinct to applaud.</i>
<u>subjugate</u>	Put down by force or intimidation. <i>The invaders had soon subjugated most of the population.</i>
suppression	The conscious exclusion of unacceptable thoughts or desires. <i>The suppression of heresy.</i>
tyrannize	Rule or treat (someone) despotically or cruelly. <i>He tyrannizes over the servants.</i>
<u>tyranny</u>	Dominance through threat of punishment and violence. <i>The tyranny of the nine to five day.</i>

