

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.

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

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

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

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

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



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

