

Need another word that means the same as “tangle”? Find 63 synonyms and 30 related words for “tangle” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Tangle” are: entangle, mat, snarl, dishevel, tousle, drag, drag in, embroil, sweep, sweep up, knot, ravel, ravelled, entangled, snarled, snarled up, entwined, knotted, coiled, muddled, catch, entwine, intertwine, intertwist, twist, enmesh, coil, jumble, muddle, jumbled, scrambled, complex, come into conflict, become involved, have a dispute, dispute, argue, quarrel, fight, row, wrangle, squabble, contend, cross swords, lock horns, maze, mass, cluster, mesh, disorder, thatch, web, mix-up, confusion, entanglement, mishmash, shambles, scramble

Tangle as a Noun

Definitions of "Tangle" as a noun

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

- *Something jumbled or confused.*
- *A confused or complicated state; a muddle.*
- *A confused mass of something twisted together.*
- *A twisted and tangled mass that is highly interwoven.*
- *A fight, argument, or disagreement.*



Synonyms of "Tangle" as a noun (18 Words)

cluster	A group of atoms of the same element, typically a metal, bonded closely together in a molecule. A cluster compound.
confusion	The state of being bewildered or unclear in one's mind about something. <i>Most of the errors are reasonable confusions between similar words.</i>
disorder	A state of confusion. <i>Eating disorders.</i>
entanglement	An extensive barrier, typically made of barbed wire and stakes, erected to impede enemy soldiers or vehicles. <i>Many dolphins die from entanglement in fishing nets.</i>
jumble	Articles collected for a jumble sale. <i>We are collecting jumble for charity.</i>
knot	A length marked by knots on a log line as a measure of speed. <i>A small knot of women listened to his sermon.</i>
mass	A large body of matter with no definite shape. <i>We get masses of homework.</i>
mat	A piece of thick or resilient material for lying on or for landing on in gymnastics wrestling or similar sports. <i>A mat of weeds and grass.</i>
maze	A complex network of paths or passages. <i>The house has a maze and a walled Italian garden.</i>
mesh	The spacing between the individual strands that form mesh. <i>The mesh was implanted at the site of the fistula.</i>
mishmash	A motley assortment of things. <i>A mishmash of outmoded ideas.</i>
mix-up	A mistake that results from taking one thing to be another.
muddle	A confused multitude of things. <i>He made a muddle of his marriage.</i>
scramble	An unceremonious and disorganized struggle. <i>The route gives an excellent scramble up on to the narrow summit ridge.</i>
shambles	A state of total disorder. <i>The shambles where the animals were slaughtered.</i>
snarl	An act or sound of snarling. A snarl of rage.

thatch

Hair resembling thatched roofing material.
*Good **thatch** is difficult to obtain.*

web

The flattened weblike part of a feather consisting of a series of barbs on either side of the shaft.
Web publishing.



Usage Examples of "Tangle" as a noun

- *She got into a tangle with staff.*
- *They carved their way through the tangle of vines.*
- *A tangle of government regulations.*
- *A tangle of golden hair.*
- *The home team's defence got into an awful tangle.*



Tangle as a Verb

Definitions of "Tangle" as a verb

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

- *Disarrange or rumple; dishevel.*
- *Twist together into a confused mass.*
- *Twist together or entwine into a confusing mass.*
- *Force into some kind of situation, condition, or course of action.*
- *Become involved in a conflict or fight with.*
- *Tangle or complicate.*
- *Make (something) complicated or confused.*



Synonyms of "Tangle" as a verb (45 Words)

argue	Exchange or express diverging or opposite views, typically in a heated or angry way. <i>She was too tired to argue the point.</i>
become involved	Come into existence.
catch	Be the catcher. <i>Catch one's breath.</i>
coil	Move or twist into the shape of a coil. <i>He began to coil up the heavy ropes.</i>
coiled	Wind around something in coils or loops.
come into conflict	Develop into.

complex	Make an atom or compound form a complex with another. <i>The DNA was complexed with the nuclear extract.</i>
contend	Struggle to surmount (a difficulty). <i>Factions within the government were contending for the succession to the presidency.</i>
cross swords	Meet at a point.
dishevel	Disarrange or rumple dishevel. <i>He ran one hand through his hair further dishevelling it.</i>
dispute	Compete for; strive to win. <i>I formed my line and prepared to dispute the advance of the foe.</i>
drag	Take (someone) to or from a place or event, despite their reluctance. <i>We dragged the boat up the beach.</i>
drag in	Search (as the bottom of a body of water) for something valuable or lost.
embroil	Force into some kind of situation, condition, or course of action. <i>What merit do you claim for having embroiled everything in which you are concerned.</i>
enmesh	Involve (someone) in a difficult situation from which it is hard to escape. <i>Whales enmeshed in drift nets.</i>
entangle	Twist together or entwine into a confusing mass. <i>Fish attempt to swim through the mesh and become entangled.</i>
entangled	Twist together or entwine into a confusing mass.
entwine	Tie or link together. <i>They lay entwined in each other's arms.</i>
entwined	Spin, wind, or twist together.
fight	Fight against or resist strongly. <i>We never gave up Rowe said while fighting tears after her final game.</i>
have a dispute	Have a personal or business relationship with someone.
intertwine	Spin, wind, or twist together. <i>Intertwine the ribbons.</i>
intertwist	Twist together. <i>Bend and intertwist the stalks at the back.</i>
jumble	Be all mixed up or jumbled together. <i>She jumbles the words when she is supposed to write a sentence.</i>
jumbled	Be all mixed up or jumbled together.

knot	Make into knots make knots out of. <i>She knotted her fingers.</i>
knotted	Tie or fasten into a knot.
lock horns	Become rigid or immovable.
mat	Change texture so as to become matted and felt like. <i>The fur on its flank was matted with blood.</i>
muddle	Bring into a disordered or confusing state. <i>He muddled the issues.</i>
muddled	Make into a puddle.
<u>quarrel</u>	Complain or scold someone. <i>We quarreled over the question as to who discovered America.</i>
ravel	Unravel fray. <i>Can you unravel the mystery.</i>
ravelled	Disentangle.
row	Propel with oars. <i>Row the boat across the lake.</i>
scrambled	Stir vigorously.
<u>snarl</u>	Make a snarling noise or move with a snarling noise. <i>The guard snarled at us.</i>
snarled	Utter in an angry, sharp, or abrupt tone.
snarled up	Utter in an angry, sharp, or abrupt tone.
squabble	Quarrel noisily over a trivial matter. <i>The boys were squabbling over a ball.</i>
sweep	Make a big sweeping gesture or movement. <i>They were trying to get the Lewis gun up behind some trees from where they would sweep the trench.</i>
sweep up	Win an overwhelming victory in or on.
tousle	Make (a person's hair) untidy. <i>The strong wind tousled my hair.</i>
<u>twist</u>	Do the twist. <i>The path twisted through the forest.</i>
<u>wrangle</u>	To quarrel noisily, angrily or disruptively. <i>The bar keeper threw them out but they continued to wrangle on down the street.</i>



Usage Examples of "Tangle" as a verb

- *The broom somehow got tangled up in my long skirt.*
- *The child entangled the cord.*
- *They usually come a cropper when they tangle with the heavy mobs.*
- *A ploy to tangle matters even further.*



Associations of "Tangle" (30 Words)

- bind** Bind by an obligation cause to be indebted.
*The moral **bind** of the law.*
- bond** Money that must be forfeited by the bondsman if an accused person fails to appear in court for trial.
*Assets may have to be sold or **bonded** to provide cash for the payment of this tax.*
- complicated** Consisting of many interconnecting parts or elements; intricate.
***Complicated** appendicitis.*
- corridor** A belt of land linking two other areas or following a road or river.
*His room lay at the very end of the **corridor**.*
- embroil** Force into some kind of situation, condition, or course of action.
*The film s about a journalist who becomes **embroiled** with a nightclub owner.*

entangle	Involve (someone) in difficulties or complicated circumstances from which it is difficult to escape. <i>Fish attempt to swim through the mesh and become entangled.</i>
entwine	Tie or link together. <i>They lay entwined in each other's arms.</i>
fray	Cause friction. <i>The friction frayed the sleeve.</i>
inextricable	Impossible to escape from. <i>An inextricable knot.</i>
interlace	Spin, wind, or twist together. <i>Discussion interlaced with esoteric mathematics.</i>
intertwine	Connect or link (two or more things) closely. <i>Intertwined hearts.</i>
knot	A length marked by knots on a log line as a measure of speed. <i>A knot of spectators was gathering.</i>
labyrinthine	Resembling a labyrinth in form or complexity. <i>A labyrinthine network of tortuous footpaths.</i>
ligature	Bind or connect with a ligature. <i>He ligatured the duodenum below the pylorus.</i>
linked	Connected by a link, as railway cars or trailer trucks.
maze	Something jumbled or confused. <i>They were trapped in a menacing maze of corridors.</i>
mess	Have one's meals with a particular person especially as a member of an armed forces mess. <i>He messed up his room.</i>
perplexity	A complicated or baffling situation or thing. <i>The dense perplexity of dwarf palm garlanded creepers glossy undergrowth.</i>
pleat	Fold into pleats. <i>She was absently pleating her skirt between her fingers.</i>
pucker	Draw together into folds or puckers. <i>Her lips puckered.</i>
ravel	Unravel fray. <i>Can you unravel the mystery.</i>
ripple	A thing resembling a ripple or ripples in appearance or movement. <i>A ripple of laughter ran around the room.</i>
ruffle	Pleat or gather into a ruffle. <i>The evening breeze ruffled the surface of the pond in the yard.</i>

- rumple** Become wrinkled or crumpled or creased.
*She left her clothes in a **rumple** on the floor.*
- twist** The extent of twisting of a rod or other object.
*He grabbed the man and **twisted** his arm behind his back.*
- tying** The act of tying or binding things together.
- underbrush** Shrubs and small trees forming the undergrowth in a forest.
- undulate** Move or go with a smooth up-and-down motion.
*The surface of the liquid **undulated** gently.*
- unravel** Become or cause to become undone by separating the fibers or threads of.
*His painstaking diplomacy of the last eight months could quickly **unravel**.*
- wrinkle** Grimace and cause wrinkles on a part of the face.
*Learning the **wrinkles** from someone more experienced saves time.*

