

Need another word that means the same as “taper”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “taper” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Taper” are: point, sharpen, narrow, thin, thin out, become narrow, become narrower, become thin, become thinner, come to a point, attenuate, decrease, lessen, dwindle, diminish, reduce, subside, decline, die off, die away, die down, fade, peter out, wane, ebb, abate, wind down, slacken, slacken off, fall off, drop off, trail away, trail off, let up, wick, candle, wax light, spill, night light

Taper as a Noun

Definitions of "Taper" as a noun

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

- *The property possessed by a shape that narrows toward a point (as a wedge or cone.*
- *A gradual or incremental reduction.*
- *A convex shape that narrows toward a point.*
- *A loosely woven cord (in a candle or oil lamp) that draws fuel by capillary action up into the flame.*
- *Stick of wax with a wick in the middle.*
- *A wick coated with wax, used for conveying a flame.*
- *A gradual narrowing.*
- *A slender candle.*



Synonyms of "Taper" as a noun (5 Words)

- candle** Stick of wax with a wick in the middle.
*An iced cake with nine lighted **candles** on it.*
- night light** Roman goddess of night; daughter of Erebus; counterpart of Greek Nyx.
- spill** An instance of a liquid spilling or being spilt.
*He was absolved from any blame for the oil **spill**.*
- wax light** Any of various substances of either mineral origin or plant or animal origin; they are solid at normal temperatures and insoluble in water.
- wick** A strip of porous material up which liquid fuel is drawn by capillary action to the flame in a candle, lamp, or lighter.
*The physician put a **wick** in the wound to drain it.*



Usage Examples of "Taper" as a noun

- *With the taper in training, athletes can feel less hungry.*
- *The strong taper of her back.*
- *A small degree of taper.*
- *He lit the tapers in the silver candelabra.*



Taper as a Verb

Definitions of "Taper" as a verb

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

- *Diminish or reduce in thickness towards one end.*
- *Give a point to.*
- *Diminish gradually.*
- *Gradually lessen.*



Synonyms of "Taper" as a verb (34 Words)

[abate](#)

Make less active or intense.

*This action would not have been sufficient to **abate** the odour nuisance.*

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| attenuate | Reduce the amplitude of (a signal, electric current, or other oscillation. <i>Her intolerance was attenuated by an unexpected liberalism.</i> |
| become narrow | Enter or assume a certain state or condition. |
| become narrower | Enter or assume a certain state or condition. |
| become thin | Enter or assume a certain state or condition. |
| become thinner | Come into existence. |
| come to a point | Proceed or get along. |
| decline | (in the grammar of Latin, Greek, and certain other languages) state the forms of (a noun, pronoun, or adjective) corresponding to case, number, and gender. <i>Caroline declined the coffee.</i> |
| decrease | Decrease in size extent or range. <i>He decreased his staff.</i> |
| die away | Lose sparkle or bouquet. |
| die down | To be on base at the end of an inning, of a player. |
| die off | Pass from physical life and lose all bodily attributes and functions necessary to sustain life. |
| diminish | Cause to seem less impressive or valuable. <i>The pain will gradually diminish.</i> |
| drop off | Lower the pitch of (musical notes). |
| <u>dwindle</u> | Become smaller or lose substance. <i>Traffic has dwindled to a trickle.</i> |
| ebb | Hem in fish with stakes and nets so as to prevent them from going back into the sea with the ebb. <i>The patient s strength ebbed away.</i> |
| <u>fade</u> | (of a flower) lose freshness and wither. <i>They let you edit the digital data making it fade in and out.</i> |
| fall off | Be captured. |
| lessen | Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The years have lessened the gap in age between us.</i> |
| let up | Actively cause something to happen. |
| narrow | Make or become more narrow or restricted. <i>Her eyes narrowed as she looked at him.</i> |
| peter out | To state openly and publicly one's homosexuality. |
| point | Insert points in written text of Semitic languages. <i>The dancers toes pointed outward.</i> |

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| reduce | Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>The sauce should reduce to one cup.</i> |
| <u>sharpen</u> | Put (an image) into focus. <i>Sharpen the knives.</i> |
| slacken | Reduce or decrease in speed or intensity. <i>The pace never slackens.</i> |
| slacken off | Become slow or slower. |
| subside | Descend into or as if into some soft substance or place. <i>She subsided into the chair.</i> |
| <u>thin</u> | Lose thickness become thin or thinner. <i>The blood thins.</i> |
| thin out | Lose thickness; become thin or thinner. |
| trail away | Move, proceed, or walk draggingly or slowly. |
| trail off | Hang down so as to drag along the ground. |
| wane | Decrease in phase. <i>Interest in the project waned.</i> |
| wind down | Arrange or or coil around. |



Usage Examples of "Taper" as a verb

- *The impact of the dollar's depreciation started to taper off.*
- *Interested tapered off.*
- *David asked my dressmaker to taper his trousers.*
- *The candles are tapered.*
- *The tail tapers to a rounded tip.*



Associations of "Taper" (30 Words)

alley

A narrow street with walls on both sides.

*There were a few muggings in the backstreets and **alleys**.*

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| bottleneck | The style of playing that uses a bottleneck. <i>Right by the bridge the road bottlenecks.</i> |
| <u>breadth</u> | A piece of cloth of standard or full width. <i>She has the advantage of breadth of experience.</i> |
| <u>candidacy</u> | The campaign of a candidate to be elected. <i>He s going to announce his candidacy for the US Senate.</i> |
| candidate | A person taking an examination. <i>Candidates applying for this position should be computer literate.</i> |
| candle | Examine eggs for freshness by holding them against a light. <i>The candle flickered in the cold night air.</i> |
| confined | Being in captivity. <i>Her fear of confined spaces.</i> |
| conical | Having the shape of a cone. <i>Conical mountains.</i> |
| constricted | Narrowed, especially by encircling pressure. <i>Constricted air passages.</i> |
| corridor | An enclosed passageway; rooms usually open onto it. <i>The security forces established corridors for humanitarian supplies.</i> |
| <u>cramped</u> | (of handwriting) small and difficult to read. <i>There is no way a computer will be able to decipher my cramped handwriting.</i> |
| creek | A natural stream of water smaller than a river (and often a tributary of a river). <i>A sandy beach in a sheltered creek.</i> |
| elected | Subject to popular election. |
| elector | In the US a member of the electoral college. <i>Close to 60 per cent of the 60 000 registered electors voted.</i> |
| endorse | Be behind; approve of. <i>The speed and accuracy achieved will be endorsed on the certificate.</i> |
| foyer | An entrance hall or other open area in a building used by the public, especially a hotel or theatre. <i>The foyer of the concert hall.</i> |
| gangway | A temporary passageway of planks (as over mud on a building site). |
| gully | A fielder at gully. <i>He was caught in the gully by Jones.</i> |
| hustings | A meeting at which candidates in an election address potential voters. <i>I was out on the hustings talking to people.</i> |

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| narrow | Denoting a vowel pronounced with the root of the tongue drawn back so as to narrow the pharynx. <i>A brilliant but narrow minded judge.</i> |
| nominate | Put forward nominate for appointment to an office or for an honor or position. <i>A day was nominated for the exchange of contracts.</i> |
| nominee | A person or company, not the owner, in whose name a stock, bond, or company is registered. <i>An offshore nominee company.</i> |
| poky | Wasting time. <i>His speech was poky like he was a little simple.</i> |
| presidential | Befitting a president. <i>Presidential advisers.</i> |
| relief | A representation of relief given by an arrangement of line or colour or shading. <i>The relief nurse was late.</i> |
| shortlist | Put someone or something on a shortlist. <i>A shortlist of four companies.</i> |
| <u>slender</u> | Being of delicate or slender build Frank Norris. <i>A slender majority of four.</i> |
| tapered | Becoming gradually narrower. <i>Trousers with tapered legs.</i> |
| wick | A loosely woven cord (in a candle or oil lamp) that draws fuel by capillary action up into the flame. <i>The physician put a wick in the wound to drain it.</i> |
| <u>width</u> | The sideways extent of a swimming pool as a measure of the distance swum. <i>The yard was about seven feet in width.</i> |

