

Need another word that means the same as “thief”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “thief” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Thief” are: stealer, robber, burglar, housebreaker, cat burglar, shoplifter, pickpocket, sneak thief, mugger, larcenist, pilferer, poacher

Thief as a Noun

Definitions of "Thief" as a noun

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

- *A criminal who takes property belonging to someone else with the intention of keeping it or selling it.*
- *A person who steals another person's property, especially by stealth and without using force or threat of violence.*



Synonyms of "Thief" as a noun (12 Words)

- burglar** A person who commits burglary.
- cat burglar** A spiteful woman gossip.
- housebreaker** A wrecker of houses.
*In England a housewrecker is called a **housebreaker**.*
- larcenist** The act of taking something from someone unlawfully.
- mugger** A person who attacks and robs another in a public place.
*The **mugger** snatched my purse and ran away.*
- pickpocket** A person who steals from people's pockets.
- pilferer** A thief who steals without using violence.
- poacher** A cooking vessel designed to poach food (such as fish or eggs).
*An egg **poacher**.*
- robber** A person who commits robbery.

- shoplifter** A person who steals goods from a shop while pretending to be a customer.
*The supermarket had been targeted by **shoplifters** and looters.*
- sneak thief** Someone who prowls or sneaks about; usually with unlawful intentions.
- stealer** A person or thing that takes or steals a specified thing.
*A sheep **stealer**.*



Usage Examples of "Thief" as a noun

- *Thieves broke into a house on York Close.*
- *The thief stole the drugs from a doctor's surgery.*
- *Car thieves.*



Associations of "Thief" (30 Words)

bandit	An enemy aircraft. <i>The bandit produced a weapon and demanded money.</i>
brigand	An armed thief who is (usually) a member of a band.
burglar	A person who commits burglary.
burglary	Illegal entry of a building with intent to commit a crime, especially theft. <i>A two year sentence for burglary.</i>
burgle	Enter (a building) illegally with intent to commit a crime, especially theft. <i>Our house in London has been burgled.</i>
criminal	Relating to crime as opposed to civil matters. <i>They are charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage.</i>

despoil	Steal goods; take as spoils. <i>The church was despoiled of its marble wall covering.</i>
filch	Make off with belongings of others. <i>They filched milk off morning doorsteps.</i>
guilty	Causing a feeling of guilt. <i>A guilty conscience.</i>
kleptomania	A recurrent urge to steal, typically without regard for need or profit.
larceny	Theft of personal property In English law larceny was replaced as a statutory crime by theft in 1968.
<u>outlaw</u>	Declare illegal outlaw. <i>An outlaw strike.</i>
pickpocket	Steal from the pockets of (someone). <i>I think someone pickpocketed me in Brighton on my way to the station.</i>
pillage	Rob a (place) using violence, especially in wartime. <i>Rebellious peasants intent on pillage.</i>
piracy	A practice similar to piracy but in other contexts especially hijacking. <i>Software piracy.</i>
rapine	The violent seizure of someone's property. <i>Industrial rapine.</i>
recidivist	Relating to recidivists. <i>Research reveals that murderers are less likely to be recidivist than other criminals.</i>
rob	Steal. <i>She was robbed of her handbag.</i>
<u>robber</u>	A person who commits robbery.
robbery	Unashamed swindling or overcharging. <i>He was involved in drugs extortion and robbery.</i>
rustler	Someone who steals livestock (especially cattle). <i>The cattle rustlers stole over 700 cattle.</i>
shoplift	Steal goods from a shop while pretending to be a customer. <i>He was spotted shoplifting at the supermarket near his home.</i>
shoplifting	The act of stealing goods that are on display in a store. <i>She had convictions for shoplifting.</i>
steal	Move stealthily. <i>New York s biggest art steal.</i>
theft	The act of taking something from someone unlawfully. <i>He was convicted of theft.</i>

thieve	Be a thief; steal something. <i>The students have been thieving my favourite art books.</i>
thievery	The act of taking something from someone unlawfully. <i>Petty thievery.</i>
transgression	The action of going beyond or overstepping some boundary or limit. <i>Few ministers now stand down because of sexual transgressions.</i>
unlawful	Not conforming to legality, moral law, or social convention. <i>Unlawful measures.</i>
vagrancy	The state of wandering from place to place; having no permanent home or means of livelihood. <i>A descent into vagrancy and drug abuse.</i>

