

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. <i>In England a housewrecker is called a housebreaker.</i>
larcenist	The act of taking something from someone unlawfully.
mugger	A person who attacks and robs another in a public place. <i>The mugger snatched my purse and ran away.</i>
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). <i>An egg poacher.</i>
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.
*The **bandit** produced a weapon and demanded money.*

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.
*A two year sentence for **burglary**.*

burgle

Enter (a building) illegally with intent to commit a crime, especially theft.
*Our house in London has been **burgled**.*

criminal

Relating to crime as opposed to civil matters.
*They are charged with conspiracy to commit **criminal** damage.*

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.
outlaw	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>
robber	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>

