

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)

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

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

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

