

Need another word that means the same as "thorn"? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for "thorn" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Thorn" are: pricker, prickle, spikelet, spine, sticker, irritant, spike, barb, bristle

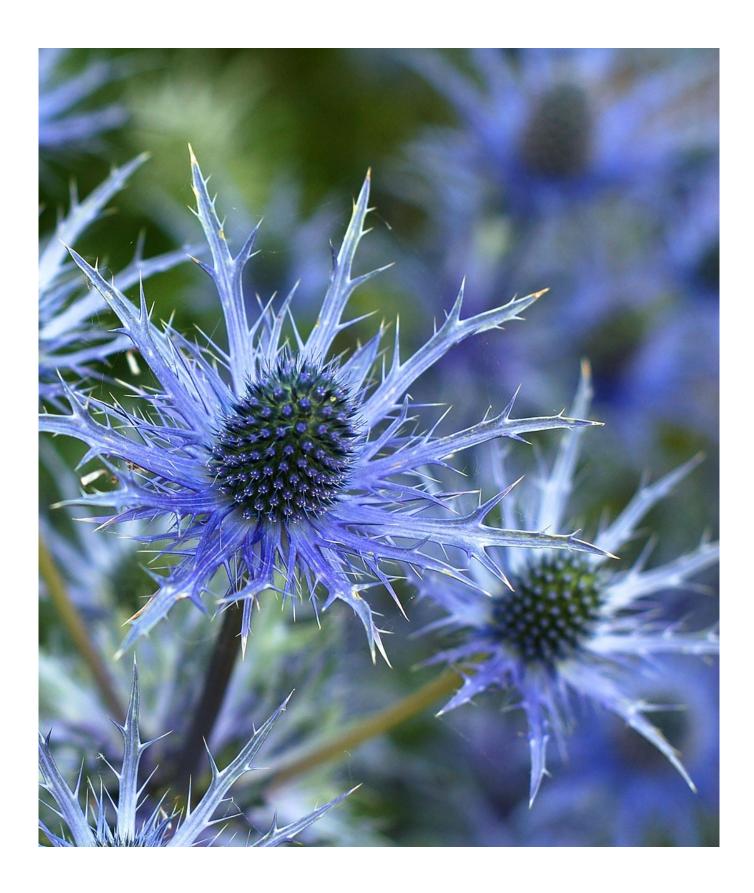
Thorn as a Noun

Definitions of "Thorn" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "thorn" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A yellowish-brown woodland moth that rests with the wings raised over the back, with caterpillars that mimic twigs in appearance.
- A thorny bush, shrub, or tree, especially a hawthorn.
- A source of discomfort, annoyance, or difficulty; an irritation or obstacle.
- A stiff, sharp-pointed woody projection on the stem or other part of a plant.
- A small sharp-pointed tip resembling a spike on a stem or leaf.
- Something that causes irritation and annoyance.
- A Germanic character of runic origin.
- An Old English and Icelandic runic letter, b or b, representing the dental fricatives δ and θ . In English it was eventually superseded by the digraph th.







Synonyms of "Thorn" as a noun (9 Words)

The pointed part of barbed wire. barb

His **barb** hurt more than she cared to admit.

A stiff animal hair, or a man-made substitute, used to make a brush. bristle

The heads are made with natural **bristle**.

irritant A substance that causes slight inflammation or other discomfort to the body.

In 1966 Vietnam was becoming an **irritant** to the government.

pricker An awl for making small holes for brads or small screws.

A small sharp-pointed tip resembling a spike on a stem or leaf. prickle

The **prickle**s of the gorse bushes.

Fruiting spike of a cereal plant especially corn. **spike**

The **spike** pierced the receipts and held them in order.

spikelet The basic unit of a grass flower, consisting of two glumes or outer bracts at the base and one or more florets above.

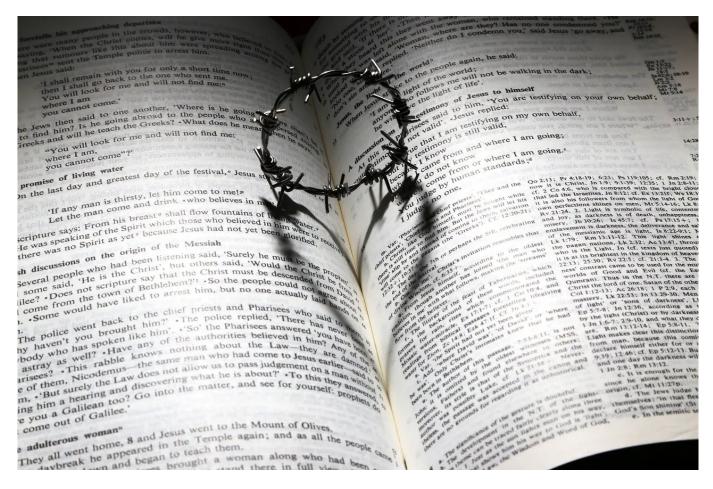
Any sharply pointed projection. spine

Puerto Rico s mountainous **spine**.

An adhesive label. sticker

She s a **sticker**.





Usage Examples of "Thorn" as a noun

- He's a thorn in my flesh.
- The issue has become a thorn in renewing the peace talks.





Associations of "Thorn" (30 Words)

barb A freshwater fish with barbels around the mouth popular in aquaria.

His **barb** hurt more than she cared to admit.

bush Provide with a bushing.

A rose **bush**.

Any succulent plant of the family Cactaceae native chiefly to arid regions of the

New World and usually having spines.

fragment

Break or cause to break into fragments.

agment Lough Erne **fragment**ed into a series of lakes.

Spear with a harpoon.

harpoon Gilbert's father harpooned a five metre basking shark.

hawthorn A spring-flowering shrub or small tree of the genus Crataegus.

impale Transfix or pierce with a sharp instrument.

The enemies were **impale**d and left to die.



An athletic competition in which a javelin is thrown as far as possible. iavelin

His nearest rival in the **javelin**.

Any of several small spiny trees or shrubs of the genus Prosopis having small mesquite

flowers in axillary cylindrical spikes followed by large pods rich in sugar.

Any of numerous plants of the orchid family usually having flowers of unusual orchid

shapes and beautiful colors.

The remote and usually uninhabited inland districts of Australia. outback

The **outback** of Ontario.

The slender stem that supports the blade of a leaf. petiole

Direct and obvious in meaning or reference; often unpleasant. pointed

His face tapers to a **pointed** chin.

Cause a stinging or tingling sensation. prickle

I hate the way the fibres **prickle** your skin.

Covered in prickles. prickly

He became **prickly** and spiteful.

Any of many shrubs of the genus Rosa that bear roses. rose

She s a **rose** between two thorns.

Withdraw from an organization or communion. secede

The kingdom of Belgium **secede**d from the Netherlands in 1830.

A low woody perennial plant usually having several major stems. shrub

Form into slivers. sliver It broke into **sliver**s.

Pierce with a spear. **spear**

Smoked salmon wrapped around asparagus **spear**s.

Injure a player with the spikes on one s shoes.

spike He doubted they would **spike** the entire effort over this one negotiation.

Shaped like a spine or thorn.

spinous

The dorsal fin is **spinous**.

Having spines. spiny

A **spiny** problem.

Divide into slivers or splinters. splinter

He crashed into a fence **splinter**ing the wooden barricade.

Mark with a stake.

stake A **stake** in the company s future.

British money especially the pound sterling as the basic monetary unit of the

sterling

This organization does **sterling** work for youngsters.



A short knife with a pointed blade used for piercing or stabbing. sticker

She s a **sticker**.

Causing distress, difficulty, or trouble. thorny

The **thorny** question of states rights.

Pierce with a sharp stake or point. She stared at him **transfix**ed. transfix

Provide fasten or reinforce with wires. wire

He was expecting a friend in Australia to wire him 1 500.

