

Need another word that means the same as “tumble”? Find 78 synonyms and 30 related words for “tumble” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Tumble” are: catch on, cotton on, get it, get onto, get wise, latch on, twig, topple, tip, whirl, whirl around, break down, collapse, crumble, crumple, fall, fall over, fall down, topple over, lose one's footing, lose one's balance, pitch over, take a spill, fall headlong, fall head over heels, fall end over end, hurry, rush, scramble, pile, cascade, stream, flow, pour, spill, fall sharply, fall steeply, plummet, plunge, dive, nosedive, take a dive, drop rapidly, slump, slide, decrease, decline, tousle, dishevel, ruffle, rumple, make untidy, disarrange, disorder, mess up, realize, understand, grasp, comprehend, take in, apprehend, perceive, see, recognize, trip, drop, jumble, mess, clutter, confusion**

## Tumble as a Noun

### Definitions of "Tumble" as a noun

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

- *A rapid fall in amount or value.*
- *A friendly sign of recognition, acknowledgement, or interest.*
- *A handspring, somersault in the air, or other acrobatic feat.*
- *An untidy or confused arrangement or state.*
- *An act or instance of having sex.*

- A sudden or headlong fall.
- An acrobatic feat of rolling or turning end over end.
- A sudden drop from an upright position.



## Synonyms of "Tumble" as a noun (14 Words)

- clutter** A confused multitude of things.  
*The attic is full of **clutter**.*
- collapse** A sudden large decline of business or the prices of stocks (especially one that causes additional failures).  
*The roof is in danger of **collapse**.*
- confusion** The mistaking of one person or thing for another.  
*Most of the errors are reasonable **confusions** between similar words.*
- decline** A gradual and continuous loss of strength, numbers, quality, or value.  
*A civilization in **decline**.*

<b>dive</b>	A cheap disreputable nightclub or dance hall. <i>He got into a fight in some <b>dive</b>.</i>
<b>drop</b>	The act of dropping something. <i>A chocolate <b>drop</b>.</i>
<b>fall</b>	A controlled act of falling especially as a stunt or in martial arts. <i>At the corner of the massif this <b>fall</b> is interrupted by other heights of considerable stature.</i>
<b>jumble</b>	Articles collected for a jumble sale. <i>We are collecting <b>jumble</b> for charity.</i>
<b>mess</b>	A meal eaten in a mess hall by service personnel. <i>She replaced the jug and mopped up the <b>mess</b>.</i>
<b>nosedive</b>	A steep nose-down descent by an aircraft. <i>The player s fortunes took a <b>nosedive</b>.</i>
<b>plunge</b>	An act of jumping or diving into water. <i>The central bank declared a 76 <b>plunge</b> in its profits.</i>
<b>slump</b>	A period of substantial failure or decline. <i>Arsenal s recent <b>slump</b>.</i>
<b>spill</b>	An instance of a liquid spilling or being spilt. <i>He had a nasty <b>spill</b> on the ice.</i>
<b>trip</b>	An unintentional but embarrassing blunder. <i>An acid <b>trip</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Tumble" as a noun

- *I took a tumble in the nettles.*
- *Not a soul gave him a tumble.*
- *Her hair was a tumble of untamed curls.*
- *A tumble in share prices.*



## Tumble as a Verb

### Definitions of "Tumble" as a verb

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

- *Roll over and over, back and forth.*
- *Fall down, as if collapsing.*
- *Understand, usually after some initial difficulty.*
- *Fall suddenly and sharply.*
- *Throw together in a confused mass.*
- *Fall rapidly in amount or value.*
- *Rumple; disarrange.*
- *Have sex with.*
- *Fall suddenly, clumsily, or headlong.*
- *Clean (castings, gemstones, etc.) in a tumbling barrel.*
- *Cause to topple or tumble by pushing.*
- *Put clothes in a tumbling barrel, where they are whirled about in hot air, usually with the purpose of drying.*
- *Perform acrobatic feats, typically handsprings and somersaults in the air.*
- *Move or rush in a headlong or uncontrolled way.*
- *(of a breed of pigeon) repeatedly turn over backwards in flight.*
- *Dry (washing) in a tumble dryer.*
- *Understand the meaning or hidden implication of (a situation).*
- *Fly around.*
- *Fall apart.*
- *Do gymnastics, roll and turn skillfully.*
- *Suffer a sudden downfall, overthrow, or defeat.*



## Synonyms of "Tumble" as a verb (64 Words)

<b>apprehend</b>	Anticipate (something) with uneasiness or fear. <i>A warrant was issued but he has not been <b>apprehended</b>.</i>
<b>break down</b>	Break down literally or metaphorically.
<b><u><a href="#">cascade</a></u></b>	Rush down in big quantities like a cascade. <i>Teachers who are able to <b>cascade</b> their experience effectively.</i>
<b>catch on</b>	Take hold of so as to seize or restrain or stop the motion of.
<b><u><a href="#">collapse</a></u></b>	Cause a lung or blood vessel to collapse. <i>The talks <b>collapsed</b> last week over territorial issues.</i>
<b>comprehend</b>	Include, comprise, or encompass. <i>I simply couldn't <b>comprehend</b> what had happened.</i>
<b>cotton on</b>	Take a liking to.
<b>crumble</b>	(of something abstract) disintegrate gradually over a period of time. <i>The building <b>crumbled</b> after the explosion.</i>

<b>crumple</b>	Become wrinkled or crumpled or creased. <i>Her composure <b>crumpled</b>.</i>
<b>decline</b>	Diminish in strength or quality; deteriorate. <i>The company <b>declined</b> to comment.</i>
<b>decrease</b>	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>The aisles were <b>decreased</b> in height.</i>
<b>disarrange</b>	Disturb the arrangement of. <i>Had any of the statues been removed or <b>disarranged</b>.</i>
<b>dishevel</b>	Disarrange or rumple dishevel. <i>He ran one hand through his hair further <b>dishevelling</b> it.</i>
<b>disorder</b>	Bring disorder to. <i>She <b>disordered</b> the house to suggest that the killer had been a burglar.</i>
<b>dive</b>	(of a fish or submarine) go to a deeper level in water. <i>Profits before tax <b>dived</b> by 61 per cent.</i>
<b>drop rapidly</b>	Fall or descend to a lower place or level.
<b>fall</b>	Go as if by falling. <i>All that <b>falls</b> under the general heading of corruption.</i>
<b>fall down</b>	Pass suddenly and passively into a state of body or mind.
<b>fall end over end</b>	Come under, be classified or included.
<b>fall head over heels</b>	Begin vigorously.
<b>fall headlong</b>	Be cast down.
<b>fall over</b>	Fall from clouds.
<b>fall sharply</b>	To be given by assignment or distribution.
<b>fall steeply</b>	Drop oneself to a lower or less erect position.
<b>flow</b>	Fall or flow in a certain way. <i>People <b>flowed</b> into the huge courtyard.</i>
<b>get it</b>	Give certain properties to something.
<b>get onto</b>	Move into a desired direction of discourse.
<b>get wise</b>	Receive a specified treatment (abstract.
<b>grasp</b>	Comprehend fully. <i>The press failed to <b>grasp</b> the significance of what had happened.</i>
<b>hurry</b>	Do or finish (something) quickly or too quickly. <i>We d better <b>hurry</b>.</i>
<b>latch on</b>	Fasten with a latch.
<b>lose one's balance</b>	Suffer the loss of a person through death or removal.



<b>lose one's footing</b>	Allow to go out of sight.
<b>make untidy</b>	Institute, enact, or establish.
<b>mess up</b>	Eat in a mess hall.
<b>nosedive</b>	Of an aircraft make a nosedive. <i>The plane <b>nosedived</b> into the ground and exploded.</i>
<b><u>perceive</u></b>	To become aware of through the senses. <i>He <b>perceived</b> the faintest of flushes creeping up her neck.</i>
<b>pile</b>	Place or lay as if in a pile. <i>She <b>piled</b> all the groceries on the counter.</i>
<b>pitch over</b>	Lead (a card) and establish the trump suit.
<b><u>plummet</u></b>	Drop sharply. <i>The stock market <b>plummeted</b>.</i>
<b><u>plunge</u></b>	Fall suddenly and uncontrollably. <i>The stock market <b>plunged</b>.</i>
<b><u>pour</u></b>	Pour out. <i>People were <b>pouring</b> out of the theater.</i>
<b>realize</b>	Achieve (something desired or anticipated); fulfil. <i>He <b>realized</b> his mistake at once.</i>
<b>recognize</b>	Identify (someone or something) from having encountered them before; know again. <i>I <b>recognized</b> her when her wig fell off.</i>
<b>ruffle</b>	Pleat or gather into a ruffle. <i>This play is going to <b>ruffle</b> some people.</i>
<b>rumple</b>	Become wrinkled or crumpled or creased. <i>Careful you ll <b>rumple</b> my outfit.</i>
<b>rush</b>	Cause to move fast or to rush or race. <i>To <b>rush</b> the bank and fire willy nilly could be disastrous for everyone.</i>
<b>scramble</b>	Make unintelligible. <i>Firms <b>scrambled</b> to win public sector contracts.</i>
<b><u>see</u></b>	Go to see for professional or business reasons. <i>You ll <b>see</b> a lot of cheating in this school.</i>
<b><u>slide</u></b>	Change gradually to a worse condition or lower level. <i>She <b>slid</b> the keys over the table.</i>
<b>slump</b>	Undergo a sudden severe or prolonged fall in price, value, or amount. <i>She <b>slumped</b> against the cushions.</i>

<b>spill</b>	(of liquid) flow over the edge of its container. <b>Spill</b> the beans all over the table.
<b>stream</b>	Run with tears, sweat, or other liquid. Their manes <b>streamed</b> like stiff black pennants in the wind.
<b>take a dive</b>	Buy, select.
<b>take a spill</b>	Take into one's possession.
<b>take in</b>	Take into one's possession.
<b>tip</b>	Remove the tip from. <b>Tip</b> artichokes.
<b>topple</b>	Cause to topple or tumble by pushing. The push almost <b>toppled</b> him to the ground.
<b>topple over</b>	Fall down, as if collapsing.
<b>tousle</b>	Make (a person's hair) untidy. I <b>tousled</b> his wispy silver hair.
<b>twig</b>	Branch out in a twiglike manner. The lightning bolt <b>twigged</b> in several directions.
<b>understand</b>	Be understanding of. I <b>understand</b> you have no previous experience.
<b>whirl</b>	Revolve quickly and repeatedly around one's own axis. The dervishes <b>whirl</b> around and around without getting dizzy.
<b>whirl around</b>	Turn in a twisting or spinning motion.



## Usage Examples of "Tumble" as a verb

- *The machine gently tumbles the clothes in cool air for ten minutes.*
- *Police and dogs tumbled from the vehicle.*
- *He slept fitfully for the third night in a row, tumbling the covers about him as he tried to get comfortable.*
- *Property prices tumbled.*
- *The tower of the World Trade Center tumbled after the plane hit it.*
- *She pitched forward, tumbling down the remaining stairs.*
- *The clothes tumbled in the dryer.*
- *They tumbled the teams with no apparent pattern.*
- *Prices tumbled after the devaluation of the currency.*
- *He was tumbling a strange woman.*
- *She'll ring again as soon as she tumbles to what she's done.*
- *Wash in warm water and tumble dry.*



## Associations of "Tumble" (30 Words)

- autumnal** Of or characteristic of or occurring in autumn.  
*Autumnal* fruits.
- collapse** Cause a lung or blood vessel to collapse.  
*He had an operation to **collapse** his lung.*
- declension** The inflection of nouns and pronouns and adjectives in Indo-European languages.  
*This **declension** involves only two endings a nominative and an oblique.*
- declivity** A downward slope or bend.  
*A thickly wooded **declivity**.*
- descend** Make a sudden attack on.  
*His lands **descended** to his eldest son.*
- descent** An act of moving downwards, dropping, or falling.  
*The plane had gone into a steep **descent**.*

<b>dodder</b>	A leafless annual parasitic vine of the genus <i>Cuscuta</i> having whitish or yellow filamentous stems; obtain nourishment through haustoria. <i>An elderly couple gave us a concerned glance as they <b>doddered</b> past.</i>
<b><u>downfall</u></b>	The falling to earth of any form of water (rain or snow or hail or sleet or mist). <i>The crisis led to the <b>downfall</b> of the government.</i>
<b><u>drip</u></b>	A method of brewing coffee by dripping boiling water through a filter filled with ground coffee beans. <i>His voice <b>dripped</b> sarcasm.</i>
<b>fall</b>	A waterfall or cascade. <i>We're worried that standards are <b>falling</b>.</i>
<b><u>falling</u></b>	Coming down freely under the influence of gravity. <i><b>Falling</b> temperatures.</i>
<b>falter</b>	Move hesitatingly, as if about to give way. <i>The music <b>faltered</b> stopped and started up again.</i>
<b>flop</b>	With a flopping sound. <i>They hit the ground with a <b>flop</b>.</i>
<b><u>glide</u></b>	A flight in a glider or unpowered aircraft. <i>Slide your hands firmly across the shoulders then <b>glide</b> them down.</i>
<b><u>going</u></b>	Progress affected by the condition of the ground. <i>Persuading him was easy <b>going</b>.</i>
<b>paddle</b>	Stir with a paddle. <i><b>Paddle</b> strokes.</i>
<b><u>plummet</u></b>	The metal bob of a plumb line. <i>Hardware sales <b>plummeted</b>.</i>
<b>roller</b>	Relating to or involving roller skates. <i>Use a <b>roller</b> to resettle turf laid during autumn and winter.</i>
<b>seesaw</b>	Move up and down as if on a seesaw.
<b>shakily</b>	In an insecurely shaky manner.
<b><u>spill</u></b>	An instance of a liquid spilling or being spilt. <i>She ought not to be <b>spilling</b> out her troubles to you.</i>
<b>stagger</b>	Walk or move unsteadily, as if about to fall. <i><b>Stagger</b> the screws at each joint.</i>
<b>stumble</b>	Miss a step and fall or nearly fall. <i>The drunk man <b>stumbled</b> about.</i>
<b>suddenly</b>	Happening unexpectedly. <i><b>Suddenly</b> I heard a loud scream.</i>

**sway** Move or walk in a swinging or swaying manner.  
*The easy **sway** of her hips.*

**teeter** A plaything consisting of a board balanced on a fulcrum; the board is ridden up and down by children at either end.  
*She **teetered** after him in her high heeled sandals.*

**topple** Cause to topple or tumble by pushing.  
*The push almost **toppled** him to the ground.*

**totter** Move unsteadily, with a rocking motion.  
*The industry has **tottered** from crisis to crisis.*

**waddle** Walking with short steps and the weight tilting from one foot to the other.  
*Ducks walk with a **waddle**.*

**walk** Allow or enable a batter to walk.  
*He could **walk** on his hands carrying a plate on one foot.*

