

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**.*

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

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

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

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

spill

(of liquid) flow over the edge of its container.

Spill the beans all over the table.

stream

Run with tears, sweat, or other liquid.

Their manes **streamed** like stiff black pennants in the wind.

take a dive

Buy, select.

take a spill

Take into one's possession.

take in

Take into one's possession.

tip

Remove the tip from.

Tip artichokes.

topple

Cause to topple or tumble by pushing.

The push almost **toppled** him to the ground.

topple over

Fall down, as if collapsing.

tousle

Make (a person's hair) untidy.

I **tousled** his wispy silver hair.

twig

Branch out in a twiglike manner.

The lightning bolt **twigged** in several directions.

understand

Be understanding of.

I **understand** you have no previous experience.

whirl

Revolve quickly and repeatedly around one's own axis.

The dervishes **whirl** around and around without getting dizzy.

whirl around

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**.*

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

