

Need another word that means the same as “twist”? Find 135 synonyms and 30 related words for “twist” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Twist” are: rick, sprain, turn, wrench, wrick, bend, deform, flex, distort, twine, squirm, worm, wrestle, wriggle, writhe, curve, wind, convolute, pervert, sophisticate, twist around, crumpled, crushed, buckled, crumple, crush, buckle, mangle, warp, bend out of shape, misshape, contort, screw up, quirk, wring, squeeze, knead, turn round, swivel, swivel round, skew, skew round, spin, spin round, pivot, rotate, revolve, wiggle, crick, misrepresent, change, alter, falsify, put the wrong slant on, misinterpret, misconstrue, misstate, misquote, quote out of context, take out of context, misreport, twiddle, adjust, twirl, coil, curl, wrap, intertwine, entwine, interlace, weave, plait, interweave, braid, wreath, meander, zigzag, swerve, loop, corkscrew, snake, pull, eddy, crook, construction, tress, winding, device, gimmick, kink, turn of events, twisting, whirl, rotation, roll, ringlet, contortion, idiosyncrasy, foible, eccentricity, peculiarity, oddity, fraud, swindle, confidence trick, mare's nest, convolution, complication, complexity, intricacy, development, incident, happening, occurrence, interpretation, slant, outlook, angle, approach, treatment

Twist as a Noun

Definitions of "Twist" as a noun

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

- *Force producing twisting; torque.*
- *An unusual feature of a person's personality, typically an unhealthy one.*
- *A jerky pulling movement.*
- *A sharp strain on muscles or ligaments.*
- *A circular segment of a curve.*
- *Turning or twisting around (in place).*
- *A fine strong thread consisting of twisted strands of cotton or silk.*
- *A swindle.*
- *A thing with a spiral shape.*
- *A curled piece of lemon peel used to flavour a drink.*
- *A new treatment or outlook; a variation.*
- *An act of turning one's body or part of one's body.*
- *Social dancing in which couples vigorously twist their hips and arms in time to the music; was popular in the 1960s.*
- *A paper packet with twisted ends.*
- *The act of winding or twisting.*
- *An unexpected development of events.*
- *A carpet with a tightly curled pile.*
- *An interpretation of a text or action.*
- *The extent of twisting of a rod or other object.*
- *An act of twisting something around a stationary point.*
- *An unforeseen development.*
- *A sharp bend in a line produced when a line having a loop is pulled tight.*
- *A drink consisting of two ingredients mixed together.*
- *A point at which something turns or bends.*
- *A small quantity of tobacco, sugar, salt, or a similar substance, wrapped in such a packet.*
- *A dance with a twisting movement of the body, popular in the 1960s.*
- *A distorted shape.*
- *A hairdo formed by braiding or twisting the hair.*
- *A miniature whirlpool or whirlwind resulting when the current of a fluid doubles back on itself.*
- *Forward motion combined with rotation about an axis.*
- *The rifling in the bore of a gun.*
- *Any clever maneuver.*
- *The act of rotating rapidly.*



Synonyms of "Twist" as a noun (54 Words)

angle

Angle iron or a similar constructional material made of another metal.
*In any **triangle** the longest side is opposite the largest **angle**.*

approach

The act of drawing spatially closer to something.
*He lost the hole when his **approach** rolled over the green.*

bend

A kind of knot used to join two ropes together or to tie a rope to another object e g a carrick bend.
*Make a **bend** in the wire.*

braid

A hairdo formed by braiding or twisting the hair.
*She wove her hair into a chic **braid** and coiled it into a bun.*

coil

An intrauterine contraceptive device in the form of a coil.
*A **coil** of rope.*

complexity

A factor involved in a complicated process or situation.
*He enjoyed the **complexity** of modern computers.*

<u>complication</u>	A secondary disease or condition aggravating an already existing one. <i>Bed sores are a common complication in cases of paralysis.</i>
confidence trick	A secret that is confided or entrusted to another.
construction	The commercial activity involved in repairing old structures or constructing new ones. <i>They put an unsympathetic construction on his conduct.</i>
contortion	A twisted or bent condition, state, or form. <i>Officials performed linguistic contortions trying to avoid a definitive answer.</i>
convolution	The action of coiling or twisting or winding together. <i>The flexibility of the polymer chain allows extensive convolution.</i>
corkscrew	A bottle opener that pulls corks. <i>A girl with corkscrew curls.</i>
crook	A piece of extra tubing which can be fitted to a brass instrument to lower the pitch by a set interval. <i>Seizing his crook from behind the door he set off to call his dogs.</i>
curl	A curling movement. <i>A dumb bell curl.</i>
<u>curve</u>	Curved segment of a road or river or railroad track etc. <i>The vehicle rounded a curve.</i>
development	The process of developing or being developed. <i>She traces the development of the novel.</i>
device	An instrumentality invented for a particular purpose. <i>An incendiary device.</i>
eccentricity	The quality of being eccentric. <i>A circle is an ellipse with zero eccentricity.</i>
eddy	A circular movement of wind, fog, or smoke. <i>An eddy of chill air swirled into the carriage.</i>
foible	A behavioral attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual. <i>They have to tolerate each other's little foibles.</i>
fraud	Wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. <i>Prosecutions for social security frauds.</i>
gimmick	A trick or device intended to attract attention, publicity, or trade. <i>A cheap promotion's gimmick for greedy businessmen.</i>
happening	An event that happens. <i>Altogether it was an eerie happening.</i>

idiosyncrasy	A behavioral attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual. <i>One of his little idiosyncrasies was always preferring to be in the car first.</i>
<u>incident</u>	An instance of something happening; an event or occurrence. <i>The US regretted the incident.</i>
<u>interpretation</u>	The act of interpreting something as expressed in an artistic performance. <i>This action is open to a number of interpretations.</i>
intricacy	The quality of being intricate. <i>The intricacy of the procedure.</i>
kink	A person with unusual sexual tastes. <i>Though the system is making some headway there are still some kinks to iron out.</i>
<u>loop</u>	An intrauterine device in the shape of a loop. <i>A loop of rope tied round their wrists.</i>
mare's nest	A kind of gun emplacement.
<u>occurrence</u>	The fact of something existing or being found in a place or under a particular set of conditions. <i>The occurrence of natural gas fields.</i>
odddity	A strange attitude or habit. <i>She was regarded as a bit of an odddity.</i>
<u>outlook</u>	The prospect for the future. <i>He had a practical outlook on life.</i>
peculiarity	The quality of being peculiar. <i>His essays characterized decency as a British peculiarity.</i>
plait	A single length of hair, straw, rope, or other material made up of three or more interlaced strands. <i>She wore her dark hair in plaits.</i>
pull	The act of pulling applying force to move something toward or with you. <i>The pull up the hill had him breathing harder.</i>
<u>quirk</u>	A strange chance occurrence. <i>Wry humour put a slight quirk in his mouth.</i>
ringlet	A small ring. <i>Her hair fell loose in ringlets.</i>
roll	Photographic film rolled up inside a container to protect it from light. <i>Soup with a roll.</i>

rotation	The act of rotating as if on an axis. <i>Crop rotation makes a balanced demand on the fertility of the soil.</i>
<u>slant</u>	Degree of deviation from a horizontal plane. <i>A new slant on science.</i>
<u>spin</u>	The presentation of information in a particular way; a slant, especially a favourable one. <i>He was sick and tired of the Government's control freakery and spin.</i>
swindle	A fraudulent scheme or action. <i>He is mixed up in a 10 million insurance swindle.</i>
treatment	Medical care given to a patient for an illness or injury. <i>His treatment of space borrows from Italian architecture.</i>
tress	A long lock of a woman's hair. <i>Her golden tresses tumbled about her face.</i>
turn	A place where a road meets or branches off another a turning. <i>Malton's comedy turn Mark Poole takes to the stage tonight in Cinderella.</i>
turn of events	A movement in a new direction.
<u>twirl</u>	The act of rotating rapidly. <i>Kate did a twirl in front of the mirror.</i>
twisting	A hairdo formed by braiding or twisting the hair. <i>It broke off after much twisting.</i>
<u>whirl</u>	A specified kind of sweet or biscuit with a spiral shape. <i>The event was all part of the mad social whirl.</i>
wind	The act of winding or twisting. <i>He waited while Jez got his wind back.</i>
winding	The act of winding or twisting. <i>The windings of the stream.</i>
wrench	A feeling of sadness or distress caused by one's own or another's departure. <i>With a wrench Tony wriggled free.</i>
zigzag	A turn on a zigzag course. <i>She traced a zigzag on the metal with her finger.</i>



Usage Examples of "Twist" as a noun

- *He handed her a twist of paper.*
- *With a sudden twist, she got away from him.*
- *It was soon time for the next twist of fate in his extraordinary career.*
- *With a quick twist of his head he surveyed the room.*
- *She drank vodka and tonic with a twist of lemon.*
- *It broke off after much twisting.*
- *A barley sugar twist.*
- *The car negotiated the twists and turns of the mountain road.*
- *Her lack of considerateness is a personality twist which could bring her problems.*
- *The taps needed a single twist to turn them on.*
- *They liked to dance the twist.*
- *Barrels with a 1:24 inch twist.*
- *She takes conventional subjects and gives them a twist.*
- *Lets do the twist.*

- *He bought a packet of crisps with a blue twist of salt in them.*
- *He had a cruel twist to his mouth.*



Twist as a Verb

Definitions of "Twist" as a verb

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

- *(in pontoon) request, deal, or be dealt a card face upwards.*
- *Turn in the opposite direction.*
- *Move in a wriggling or writhing fashion.*
- *Remove something by pulling and rotating it.*
- *Turn or bend into a specified position or in a specified direction.*
- *Form into a spiral shape.*

- *Form into twists.*
- *Take or have a winding course.*
- *Cheat; defraud.*
- *Twist suddenly so as to sprain.*
- *Dance the twist.*
- *Cause to rotate around a stationary point; turn.*
- *To move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling).*
- *Make (something) by interlacing or winding strands together.*
- *Move or cause to move around each other; interlace.*
- *Twist or pull violently or suddenly, especially so as to remove (something) from that to which it is attached or from where it originates.*
- *Practice sophistry; change the meaning of or be vague about in order to mislead or deceive.*
- *Move one's body so that the shoulders and hips are facing in different directions.*
- *Extend in curves and turns.*
- *Cause (a plastic object) to assume a crooked or angular form.*
- *Form (something) into a particular shape by taking hold of one or both ends and turning them.*
- *Distort or misrepresent the meaning of (words).*
- *Injure (a joint) by wrenching it.*
- *Wind around or through something.*
- *Form into a bent, curling, or distorted shape.*
- *Do the twist.*



Synonyms of "Twist" as a verb (81 Words)

adjust

Adapt or become used to a new situation.
*A single control **adjusts** the water flow.*

alter

Make an alteration to.
*Eliot was persuaded to **alter** the passage.*

bend

Bend a joint.
*They want to **bend** me to their will.*

bend out of shape

Bend a joint.

braid

Form hair into a braid or braids.
*Their garments were **braided** with silk.*

buckle

Fasten with a buckle.
*He **buckled** his belt.*

buckled

Fasten with a buckle or buckles.

change	Cause to change make different cause a transformation. <i>Her mood changes in accordance with the weather.</i>
coil	Move or twist into the shape of a coil. <i>He coiled a lock of her hair around his finger.</i>
contort	Twist and press out of shape. <i>Her face contorted with anger.</i>
convolute	Make (an argument, story, etc.) complex and difficult to follow.
corkscrew	Move or twist in a spiral motion. <i>The plane was corkscrewing towards the earth.</i>
crick	Twist or strain (one's neck or back), causing painful stiffness. <i>I turned my head so quickly that I cricked my neck.</i>
<u>crumple</u>	Become wrinkled or crumpled or creased. <i>The child's face crumpled and he began to howl.</i>
<u>crumpled</u>	Become wrinkled or crumpled or creased.
crush	Crush or bruise. <i>The car crushed the toy.</i>
<u>crushed</u>	Become injured, broken, or distorted by pressure.
curl	Play at the game of curling. <i>During the severe spell in 1740 men curled on the pond.</i>
<u>curve</u>	Form an arch or curve. <i>The road curved sharply.</i>
deform	Become distorted or misshapen undergo deformation. <i>The suspension deforms slightly on corners.</i>
<u>distort</u>	Affect as in thought or feeling. <i>Many factors can distort the results.</i>
entwine	Wind or twist together; interweave. <i>The nations histories were closely entwined.</i>
falsify	Insert words into texts often falsifying it thereby. <i>Falsify the data.</i>
flex	(of a material) be capable of warping or bending and then reverting to shape. <i>A muscle flexed in his jaw.</i>
interlace	Hold in a locking position. <i>You need different software to interlace the images.</i>
intertwine	Twist or twine together. <i>Intertwine the ribbons.</i>

interweave	Weave or become woven together. <i>The rugs are made by tightly interweaving the strands.</i>
knead	Make bread or pottery by kneading flour or clay. <i>She kneaded his back.</i>
loop	Follow a course that forms a loop or loops. <i>The canal loops for two miles through the city.</i>
mangle	Press with a mangle. <i>The car was mangled almost beyond recognition.</i>
meander	(of language, thought, etc.) proceed aimlessly or with little purpose. <i>The path meanders through the vineyards.</i>
misconstrue	Interpret (a person's words or actions) wrongly. <i>My advice was deliberately misconstrued.</i>
misinterpret	Interpret in the wrong way. <i>I think you re misinterpreting the situation.</i>
misquote	Quote (a person or a piece of written or spoken text) inaccurately. <i>The government insisted that the official had been misquoted.</i>
misreport	Give a false or inaccurate account of (something). <i>The press exaggerated and misreported the response to the film.</i>
misrepresent	Give a false or misleading account of the nature of. <i>You are misrepresenting the views of the government.</i>
misshape	Shape or form badly or wrongly. <i>A new novel about the way childhood trauma shapes and misshapes the life of the adult.</i>
misstate	Make wrong or inaccurate statements about. <i>You misstated my position.</i>
pervert	Change the inherent purpose or function of something. <i>He was charged with conspiring to pervert the course of justice.</i>
pivot	Turn on a pivot. <i>He swung round pivoting on his heel.</i>
plait	Form hair straw rope or other material into a plait or plaits. <i>Plait hair.</i>
put the wrong slant on	Attribute or give.
quirk	(with reference to a person's mouth or eyebrow) move or twist suddenly, especially to express surprise or amusement. <i>His lips quirked disbelievingly.</i>

quote out of context	Put quote marks around.
revolve	Treat as the most important element. <i>The earth revolves around the sun.</i>
rick	Pile in ricks. <i>The nine cords of good spruce wood ricked up in the back yard.</i>
rotate	Turn outward. <i>Interns have to rotate for a few months.</i>
screw up	Have sexual intercourse with.
skew	Cause (a distribution) to be asymmetrical. <i>The curriculum is skewed towards the practical subjects.</i>
skew round	Turn or place at an angle.
snake	Form a snake like pattern. <i>The army snaked through the jungle.</i>
sophisticate	Make someone or something more sophisticated. <i>Their manners had sophisticated the young girls.</i>
spin	Fish with a spinner. <i>Ministers may now find it difficult to use the programme to spin stories in their favour.</i>
spin round	Work natural fibers into a thread.
sprain	Twist suddenly so as to sprain. <i>He left in a wheelchair after spraining an ankle.</i>
squeeze	Squeeze like a wedge into a tight space. <i>The economy is being squeezed by foreign debt repayments.</i>
squirm	To move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling). <i>He looked uncomfortable and squirmed in his chair.</i>
swerve	Change or cause to change direction abruptly. <i>A lorry swerved across her path.</i>
swivel	Turn around a point or axis or on a swivel. <i>He swivelled in the chair.</i>
swivel round	Turn on a pivot.
take out of context	Develop a habit.
turn	Cause to change or turn into something different assume new characteristics. <i>The weather turned nasty.</i>
turn round	Change orientation or direction, also in the abstract sense.

twiddle	Twist, move, or fiddle with (something), typically in a purposeless or nervous way. <i>She twiddled the dials on the radio.</i>
twine	Spin, wind, or twist together. <i>Twine a rope.</i>
twirl	Spin quickly and lightly round, especially repeatedly. <i>She twirled in delight to show off her new dress.</i>
twist around	Turn in the opposite direction.
warp	In weaving arrange yarn so as to form the warp of a piece of cloth. <i>The main canal may be cut so as to warp the lands on each side of it.</i>
weave	Create a piece of cloth by interlacing strands of fabric, such as wool or cotton. <i>He weaves colourful cinematic plots.</i>
wiggle	Move to and fro. <i>Vi wiggled her toes.</i>
wind	Make a baby bring up wind after feeding by patting its back. <i>The road winds around the lake.</i>
worm	Treat an animal with a preparation designed to expel parasitic worms. <i>I wormed my right hand between my body and the earth.</i>
wrap	Cause (a word or unit of text) to be carried over to a new line automatically as the margin is reached, or to fit around embedded features such as pictures. <i>Words are wrapped to the next line if they are too long.</i>
wreathe	(especially of smoke) move with a curling motion. <i>Shall I once more wreathe my arms about Antonio's neck.</i>
wrench	Turn something especially a nut or bolt with a wrench. <i>Wrench oneself free from somebody's grip.</i>
wrestle	Combat to overcome an opposing tendency or force. <i>The children wrestled in the garden.</i>
wrick	Twist suddenly so as to sprain.
wriggle	Twist and turn with quick writhing movements. <i>She wriggled her bare brown toes.</i>
wring	Squeeze (someone's hand) tightly, especially with sincere emotion. <i>Wring the towels.</i>

writhe

Make twisting, squirming movements or contortions of the body.
*He **writhe**d in agony on the ground.*

zigzag

Have or move along in a zigzag course.
*The path **zigzag**ged between dry rises in the land.*



Usage Examples of "Twist" as a verb

- *The railway lines twist and turn round the hills.*
- *Her pretty features twisted into a fearsome expression.*
- *She twisted her hands together nervously.*
- *A strip of metal is twisted to form a hollow tube.*
- *He could twist a rope strong enough to hold a mule.*
- *He twisted his ankle trying to avoid his opponent's lunge.*
- *Twist the dough into a braid.*
- *Don't twist my words.*
- *I twisted a strand of hair around my finger.*
- *She twisted in her seat to look at the buildings.*

- *She twisted her ring round and round on her finger.*
- *Twist one's head.*
- *The cord is all twisted.*
- *Beetroot can be stored once the leaves have been twisted off.*
- *The path twisted through the forest.*
- *They twisted my words and made a mockery of me.*
- *He twisted himself free.*
- *He grabbed the man and twisted his arm behind his back.*
- *The wrestler twisted his shoulder.*
- *She twisted her handkerchief into a knot.*
- *The machine twists together strands to make a double yarn.*



Associations of "Twist" (30 Words)

- bend** A kind of knot used to join two ropes together or to tie a rope to another object e g a carrick bend.
*Poppies **bending** in the wind.*
- bent** A relatively permanent inclination to react in a particular way.
*A piece of **bent** wire.*

braid	Make by braiding or interlacing. <i>A coat trimmed with gold braid.</i>
contortion	A twisted or bent condition, state, or form. <i>She has been performing contortion internationally for twelve years.</i>
crimp	A small connecting piece for crimping wires or lines together. <i>She crimped the edge of the pie.</i>
crooked	Annoyed; exasperated. <i>A dress with a crooked hemline.</i>
curve	Form a curl curve or kink. <i>Her hips curve nicely.</i>
deviate	A person whose behavior deviates from what is acceptable especially in sexual behavior. <i>Their deviate behaviour.</i>
distort	Change the form of (an electrical signal or sound wave) during transmission, amplification, or other processing. <i>The pipe will distort as you bend it.</i>
entwine	Wind or twist together; interweave. <i>They lay entwined in each other's arms.</i>
flex	The action or state of flexing. <i>She saw him flex his ankle and wince.</i>
garble	A garbled account or transmission. <i>Most readers assumed the word was a typographical garble.</i>
interlace	Mingle or intersperse something with. <i>Jane interlaced her fingers to form a cup.</i>
ironic	Happening in a way contrary to what is expected, and typically causing wry amusement because of this. <i>Madness an ironic fate for such a clear thinker.</i>
ironical	Characterized by often poignant difference or incongruity between what is expected and what actually is. <i>It was ironical that the well planned scheme failed so completely.</i>
kink	Form a curl curve or kink. <i>The river kinks violently in a right angle.</i>
meander	(of a river or road) follow a winding course. <i>Kids meandered in and out.</i>
meandering	Following a winding course. <i>Meandering rivers flow at vastly different rates.</i>

perverse	Resistant to guidance or discipline. <i>A perverse mood.</i>
plait	Form hair straw rope or other material into a plait or plaits. <i>She wore her dark hair in plaits.</i>
sinuous	Gracefully thin and bending and moving with ease. <i>The river follows a sinuous trail through the dale.</i>
turn	Turning or twisting around in place. <i>The big wheel was turning.</i>
<u>twisted</u>	(of a personality or a way of thinking) unpleasantly or unhealthily abnormal; warped. <i>The crash left a trail of twisted metal across the carriageway.</i>
<u>weave</u>	A particular style or manner in which something is woven. <i>He weaves colourful cinematic plots.</i>
wind	Make a baby bring up wind after feeding by patting its back. <i>He waited while Jez got his wind back.</i>
winding	The act of winding or twisting. <i>Our bedroom was at the top of a winding staircase.</i>
worm	Used in names of long slender insect larvae especially those in fruit or wood e.g army worm woodworm. <i>I wormed my way along the roadside ditch.</i>
wriggle	A wriggling movement. <i>She wriggled her bare brown toes.</i>
<u>writhe</u>	Respond with great emotional or physical discomfort to (an intense or unpleasant feeling or thought). <i>He writhed in agony on the ground.</i>
wry	(of the neck or features) distorted or turned to one side. <i>A remedy for wry necks.</i>

