

Need another word that means the same as “weaken”? Find 58 synonyms and 30 related words for “weaken” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Weaken” are: break, damp, dampen, soften, de-escalate, step down, counteract, countermine, sabotage, subvert, undermine, enfeeble, debilitate, incapacitate, sap one's strength, enervate, tire, exhaust, wear out, reduce, decrease, diminish, lessen, moderate, temper, sap, dilute, water down, thin, blunt, mitigate, deplete, soften up, abate, dwindle, ease up, let up, trail off, wane, ebb, subside, peter out, melt away, fizzle out, taper off, tail off, grow dim, grow faint, impair, compromise, relent, give in, acquiesce, yield, give way, accede, succumb, come round**

## Weaken as a Verb

### Definitions of "Weaken" as a verb

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

- *Reduce the level or intensity or size or scope of.*
- *Destroy property or hinder normal operations.*
- *Become weaker.*
- *Make or become weaker in power, resolve, or physical strength.*
- *Lessen the strength of.*
- *Lessen in force or effect.*



## Synonyms of "Weaken" as a verb (58 Words)

### abate

Become less in amount or intensity.  
*Nothing **abated** his crusading zeal.*

### accede

Yield to another's wish or opinion.  
*By now John had died and Henry III had **acceded**.*

### acquiesce

Accept something reluctantly but without protest.  
*Sara **acquiesced** in his decision.*

### blunt

Make dull or blunt.  
***Blunt** the knives.*

### break

Become fractured break or crack on the surface only.  
*Dawn was just **breaking**.*

### come round

Cover a certain distance.

### compromise

Make a compromise arrive at a compromise.  
*Last month's leak of source code will not **compromise** your IT security.*

<b>counteract</b>	Oppose or check by a counteraction. <i>Should we deliberately intervene in the climate system to <b>counteract</b> global warming.</i>
<b>countermine</b>	Dig a countermine against. <i>They <b>countermined</b> the enemies mines so that sometimes they fought hand to hand underground.</i>
<b>damp</b>	Lessen in force or effect. <i>Concrete structures <b>damp</b> out any vibrations.</i>
<b>dampen</b>	Lessen in force or effect. <i>Nothing could <b>dampen</b> her enthusiasm.</i>
<b>de-escalate</b>	Reduce the level or intensity or size or scope of.
<b>debilitate</b>	Make weak. <i>He was severely <b>debilitated</b> by a stomach upset.</i>
<b>decrease</b>	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>He <b>decreased</b> his staff.</i>
<b>deplete</b>	Diminish in number or quantity. <i>Reservoirs have been <b>depleted</b> by years of drought.</i>
<b>dilute</b>	Reduce the value of (a shareholding) by issuing more shares in a company without increasing the values of its assets. <i>Bleach can be <b>diluted</b> with cold water.</i>
<b>diminish</b>	Make or become less. <i>The pain will gradually <b>diminish</b>.</i>
<b>dwindle</b>	Become smaller or lose substance. <i>Her savings <b>dwindled</b> down.</i>
<b>ease up</b>	Lessen pain or discomfort; alleviate.
<b>ebb</b>	Hem in fish with stakes and nets so as to prevent them from going back into the sea with the ebb. <i>The tide began to <b>ebb</b>.</i>
<b>enervate</b>	Disturb the composure of. <i>The heat <b>enervated</b> us all.</i>
<b>enfeeble</b>	Make weak. <i>Sickness had <b>enfeebled</b> me.</i>
<b>exhaust</b>	Make (someone) feel very tired. <i>Her day out had <b>exhausted</b> her.</i>
<b>fizzle out</b>	To state openly and publicly one's homosexuality.
<b>give in</b>	Consent to engage in sexual intercourse with a man.
<b>give way</b>	Afford access to.

<b>grow dim</b>	Develop and reach maturity; undergo maturation.
<b>grow faint</b>	Grow emotionally or mature.
<b><u>impair</u></b>	Weaken or damage (something, especially a faculty or function). <i>A noisy job could permanently <b>impair</b> their hearing.</i>
<b>incapacitate</b>	Injure permanently. <i>He was <b>incapacitated</b> by a heart attack.</i>
<b>lessen</b>	Wear off or die down. <i>The warmth of the afternoon <b>lessened</b>.</i>
<b>let up</b>	Cause to move; cause to be in a certain position or condition.
<b>melt away</b>	Become more relaxed, easygoing, or genial.
<b>mitigate</b>	Lessen or to try to lessen the seriousness or extent of. <i>There had been a provocation that <b>mitigated</b> the offence to a degree.</i>
<b>moderate</b>	Lessen the intensity of; temper; hold in restraint; hold or keep within limits. <i>The weather has <b>moderated</b> considerably.</i>
<b>peter out</b>	To state openly and publicly one's homosexuality.
<b>reduce</b>	Reduce in size reduce physically. <i><b>Reduce</b> an image.</i>
<b><u>relent</u></b>	Give in, as to influence or pressure. <i>She was going to refuse his request but <b>relented</b>.</i>
<b><u>sabotage</u></b>	Destroy property or hinder normal operations. <i>Power lines from South Africa were <b>sabotaged</b> by rebel forces.</i>
<b>sap</b>	Deplete. <i>Her illness had <b>sapped</b> her of energy and life.</i>
<b>sap one's strength</b>	Deplete.
<b>soften</b>	Make (images or sounds) soft or softer. <i><b>Soften</b> a shock.</i>
<b>soften up</b>	Make less severe or harsh.
<b>step down</b>	Cause (a computer) to execute a single command.
<b>subside</b>	Wear off or die down. <i>The valleys <b>subside</b>.</i>
<b><u>subvert</u></b>	Destroy completely. <i><b>Subvert</b> the ruling class.</i>
<b><u>succumb</u></b>	Die from the effect of a disease or injury. <i>After a few blows there the porcupine <b>succumbs</b>.</i>
<b>tail off</b>	Remove or shorten the tail of an animal.

<b>taper off</b>	Diminish gradually.
<b>temper</b>	Make more temperate acceptable or suitable by adding something else. <i>The way a smith would <b>temper</b> a sword.</i>
<b>thin</b>	Make thin or thinner. <i>The trees began to <b>thin</b> out.</i>
<b>tire</b>	Exhaust or get tired through overuse or great strain or stress. <i>The proof of a great story is that people never <b>tire</b> of retelling it.</i>
<b>trail off</b>	Move, proceed, or walk draggily or slowly.
<b>undermine</b>	Hollow out as if making a cave or opening. <i>The flow of water had <b>undermined</b> pillars supporting the roof.</i>
<b>wane</b>	(of a state or feeling) decrease in vigour or extent; become weaker. <i>Interest in the project <b>waned</b>.</i>
<b>water down</b>	Secrete or form water, as tears or saliva.
<b>wear out</b>	Be dressed in.
<b>yield</b>	Produce or provide (a natural, agricultural, or industrial product). <i>The land <b>yields</b> grapes and tobacco.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Weaken" as a verb

- *The fever weakened his body.*
- *Fault lines had weakened and shattered the rocks.*
- *The prisoner's resistance weakened after seven days.*
- *His resistance had weakened.*

## Associations of "Weaken" (30 Words)

- adulterate** Corrupt, debase, or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance; often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones.  
**Adulterate** remedies.
- attenuate** Reduce the force, effect, or value of.  
*The first live vaccine was insufficiently **attenuated** and produced a significant disease.*

<b>dampen</b>	Reduce the amplitude of (a sound source). <i>The fine rain <b>dampened</b> her face.</i>
<b>deaden</b>	Make (someone) insensitive to something. <i>Diabetes can <b>deaden</b> the nerve endings.</i>
<b>debilitate</b>	Hinder, delay, or weaken. <i>Hard drugs destroy families and <b>debilitate</b> communities.</i>
<b>decline</b>	A condition inferior to an earlier condition; a gradual falling off from a better state. <i>This Evening from the Sun s <b>decline</b> arriv d.</i>
<b>dilute</b>	Lessen the strength or flavor of a solution or mixture. <i><b>Diluted</b> alcohol.</i>
<b>diminish</b>	Make or become less. <i>The pain will gradually <b>diminish</b>.</i>
<b>diminished</b>	Diminished in size or strength as a result of disease or injury or lack of use. <i>A <b>diminished</b> role for local government.</i>
<b>emasculate</b>	Deprive of strength or vigor. <i>In his mind her success <b>emasculated</b> him.</i>
<b>enervate</b>	Make (someone) feel drained of energy or vitality. <i>The heat <b>enervated</b> us all.</i>
<b>enfeeble</b>	Make weak or feeble. <i>The breakdown in law and order <b>enfeebled</b> the government s authority.</i>
<b>fading</b>	Weakening in force or intensity.
<b>fatigued</b>	Drained of energy or effectiveness; extremely tired; completely exhausted.
<b>flagging</b>	Flagstones collectively. <i>She wants to revive her <b>flagging</b> career.</i>
<b>hydrolyze</b>	Undergo hydrolysis; decompose by reacting with water.
<b>impotent</b>	Unable to take effective action; helpless or powerless. <i>Felt <b>impotent</b> rage.</i>
<b>languid</b>	(of a period of time) relaxed and peaceful. <i>A <b>languid</b> wave of the hand.</i>
<b>languish</b>	Fail to make progress or be successful. <i>She still <b>languished</b> after Richard.</i>
<b>lessen</b>	Wear off or die down. <i>The years have <b>lessened</b> the gap in age between us.</i>
<b>rarefy</b>	Lessen the density or solidity of. <i>As the shell continues to expand and <b>rarefy</b> astronomers may eventually be able to see characteristic gamma rays from the radioactivity within.</i>

<b>reduce</b>	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>She <b>reduced</b> her niece to a servant.</i>
<b>reduced</b>	Well below normal (especially in price).
<b>sabotage</b>	Destroy property or hinder normal operations. <i>A coordinated campaign of <b>sabotage</b>.</i>
<b>slowly</b>	Without speed slow is sometimes used informally for slowly. <i>He spoke <b>slowly</b>.</i>
<b>thinner</b>	A diluting agent. <i>Dampen a clean rag with <b>thinners</b> and carefully wipe any remaining dust from the timber.</i>
<b>undermine</b>	Lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously. <i>The flow of water had <b>undermined</b> pillars supporting the roof.</i>
<b>unsettle</b>	Disturb the composure of. <i>The crisis has <b>unsettled</b> financial markets.</i>
<b>wane</b>	Grow smaller. <i>Interest in his novels <b>waned</b>.</i>
<b>wither</b>	Wither as with a loss of moisture. <i>It is not true that old myths either die or <b>wither</b> away.</i>