

Need another word that means the same as “wince”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “wince” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Wince” are: cringe, flinch, funk, quail, recoil, shrink, squinch, grimace, pull a face**

## Wince as a Noun

### Definitions of "Wince" as a noun

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

- *The facial expression of sudden pain.*
- *An instance of wincing.*
- *A reflex response to sudden pain.*

### Synonyms of "Wince" as a noun (2 Words)

**[flinch](#)** An act of flinching.  
*Don't call me that he said with a **flinch**.*

**[grimace](#)** An ugly, twisted expression on a person's face, typically expressing disgust, pain, or wry amusement.  
*She made a **grimace** at the prospect.*

## Wince as a Verb

### Definitions of "Wince" as a verb

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

- *Make a face indicating disgust or dislike.*
- *Make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement of the body out of pain or distress.*
- *Draw back, as with fear or pain.*

### Synonyms of "Wince" as a verb (9 Words)

<b>cringe</b>	Show submission or fear. <i>He <b>cringed</b> away from the blow.</i>
<b>flinch</b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain. <i>She <b>flinched</b> when they showed the slaughtering of the calf.</i>
<b>funk</b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain. <i>I could have seen him this morning but I <b>funked</b> it.</i>
<b>grimace</b>	Make a grimace. <i>He <b>grimaced</b> when he saw the amount of homework he had to do.</i>
<b>pull a face</b>	Rein in to keep from winning a race.
<b>quail</b>	Draw back, as with fear or pain.
<b>recoil</b>	Rebound or spring back through force of impact or elasticity. <i>The muscle has the ability to <b>recoil</b>.</i>
<b>shrink</b>	Reduce in size; reduce physically. <i>Hot water will <b>shrink</b> the sweater.</i>
<b>squinch</b>	Crouch down.

### Usage Examples of "Wince" as a verb

- *She winced when she heard his pompous speech.*
- *He winced at the disgust in her voice.*

## Associations of "Wince" (30 Words)

<b>abate</b>	Become less in amount or intensity. <i>Nothing <b>abated</b> his crusading zeal.</i>
<b>backlash</b>	A strong negative reaction by a large number of people, especially to a social or political development. <i>Typical gearbox <b>backlash</b> in these systems is 2.</i>
<b>boggle</b>	(of a person or their mind) be astonished or baffled when trying to imagine something. <i>The mind <b>boggles</b> at the spectacle.</i>
<b>cringe</b>	Experience an inward shiver of embarrassment or disgust. <i>He <b>cringed</b> away from the blow.</i>
<b>curtail</b>	Terminate or abbreviate before its intended or proper end or its full extent. <i>Personal freedom is <b>curtailed</b> in many countries.</i>
<b>deadened</b>	Deprive of force or vitality; stultify. <i>The syllabus has <b>deadened</b> the teaching process.</i>
<b>decrease</b>	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>A <b>decrease</b> in births.</i>
<b>decrement</b>	An amount by which something is reduced or diminished. <i>The dose was reduced by 10 mg weekly <b>decrements</b>.</i>
<b>depletion</b>	Reduction in the number or quantity of something. <i>The <b>depletion</b> of the ozone layer.</i>
<b>diminish</b>	Lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of. <i>The new law is expected to <b>diminish</b> the government's chances.</i>
<b>downgrade</b>	The property possessed by a slope or surface that descends. <i>Some jobs had gradually been <b>downgraded</b> from skilled to semi skilled.</i>
<b>duck</b>	The meat of a duck as food. <i>Before he could <b>duck</b> another stone struck him.</i>
<b>dwindle</b>	Diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength. <i>Her savings <b>dwindled</b> down.</i>
<b>fade</b>	The process of becoming less bright. <i>When they get to the 18th the ideal shot is a <b>fade</b>.</i>
<b>flinch</b>	An act of flinching. <i>She <b>flinched</b> at the acidity in his voice.</i>
<b>lessen</b>	Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The years have <b>lessened</b> the gap in age between us.</i>

<b>nest</b>	Of a bird or other animal use or build a nest. <i>Nested bowls.</i>
<b>rebound</b>	The act of securing possession of the rebounding basketball after a missed shot. <i>He had twenty two points and six <b>rebounds</b> and missed only three shots.</i>
<b>recoil</b>	The action of recoiling. <i>His body jerked with the <b>recoil</b> of the rifle.</i>
<b>retrench</b>	Make a reduction, as in one's workforce. <i>If people are forced to <b>retrench</b> their expenditure trade will suffer.</i>
<b>shrink</b>	Be averse to or unwilling to do (something difficult or unappealing). <i>I don't <b>shrink</b> from my responsibilities.</i>
<b>shrivel</b>	Cause to feel worthless or insignificant. <i>A heatwave so intense that it <b>shrivelled</b> the grapes in every vineyard.</i>
<b>sit</b>	A period of sitting. <i>Kelly had been cat <b>sitting</b> for me.</i>
<b>spoonbill</b>	A tall mainly white or pinkish wading bird related to ibises, having a long bill with a very broad flat tip.
<b>squat</b>	In gymnastics an exercise involving a squatting movement or action. <i>He was muscular and <b>squat</b>.</i>
<b>swan</b>	Move about or go somewhere in a casual, irresponsible, or ostentatious way. <i><b>Swanning</b> around Europe nowadays are we.</i>
<b>wane</b>	(of the moon) have a progressively smaller part of its visible surface illuminated, so that it appears to decrease in size. <i>Interest in the project <b>waned</b>.</i>
<b>webbed</b>	(of fingers or toes) abnormally united for all or part of their length by a fold of skin. <i>A heavy <b>webbed</b> strap.</i>
<b>wilt</b>	Any of a number of fungal or bacterial diseases of plants characterized by wilting of the foliage. <i>The flowers <b>wilted</b>.</i>
<b>wither</b>	Wither as with a loss of moisture. <i>The flesh had <b>withered</b> away.</i>