

Need another word that means the same as “winnow”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “winnow” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Winnow” are: fan, cull out, separate, divide, sort out, separate out, sift out, filter out, isolate, find, identify, ferret out, sifting, winnowing**

## **Winnow as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Winnow" as a noun**

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

- *The act of separating grain from chaff.*



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

**sifting** The action of sifting something.  
*The laborious **sifting** of evidence took its toll.*

**winnowing** The act of separating grain from chaff.  
*The **winnowing** was done by women.*



## Usage Examples of "Winnow" as a noun

- *The winnowing was done by women.*



## Winnow as a Verb

### Definitions of "Winnow" as a verb

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

- *(of the wind) blow.*
- *Find or identify (a valuable or useful part of something).*
- *Separate the chaff from by using air currents.*
- *Blow a current of air through (grain) in order to remove the chaff.*
- *Separate the chaff from grain by using air currents.*
- *Blow on.*
- *Remove (people or things) from a group until only the best ones are left.*
- *(of a bird) fan (the air) with its wings.*

- *Select desirable parts from a group or list.*
- *Remove (chaff) from grain.*
- *Blow away or off with a current of air.*



## Synonyms of "Winnow" as a verb (12 Words)

<b>cull out</b>	Remove something that has been rejected.
<b>divide</b>	Separate or be separated into parts. <i>Divide 4 into 20.</i>
<b>fan</b>	Disperse or radiate from a central point to cover a wide area. <i>Norris <b>fanned</b> nine batters with his screwball.</i>
<b>ferret out</b>	Hunt with ferrets.
<b>filter out</b>	Pass through.
<b>find</b>	Make a discovery make a new finding. <i>Did you <b>find</b> your glasses.</i>
<b>identify</b>	Give the name or identifying characteristics of refer to by name or some other identifying characteristic property. <i>He was equivocal about being identified too closely with the peace movement.</i>
<b>isolate</b>	Cut off the electrical or other connection to (something, especially a part of a supply network). <i>The best way to <b>isolate</b> sick fish is to set up a hospital tank.</i>
<b>separate</b>	Separate into parts or portions. <i>His position <b>separates</b> him from those who might share his interests.</i>
<b>separate out</b>	Divide into components or constituents.
<b>sift out</b>	Move as if through a sieve.
<b>sort out</b>	Examine in order to test suitability.



## Usage Examples of "Winnow" as a verb

- *The emperors of the sky winnowing the air.*
- *She stood there winnowing grain all day in the field.*
- *Guidelines that would help winnow out those not fit to be soldiers.*
- *Winnow chaff.*
- *The wind winnowed the grass.*
- *The autumn wind winnowing its way through the grass.*
- *The wind was winnowing her hair.*
- *Amidst this welter of confusing signals, it's difficult to winnow out the truth.*
- *Winnow the finalists from the long list of applicants.*
- *A combine cuts, threshes, and winnows the grain in one operation.*
- *Women winnow the chaff from piles of unhusked rice.*





## Associations of "Winnow" (30 Words)

- bale** The quantity in a bale as a measure specifically in the US 500 lb of cotton.  
*The straw is left on the field to be **baled** later.*
- barley** A grain of barley.
- bean** A leguminous plant that bears beans in pods.  
*There is not a single **bean** of substance in the report.*
- carapace** Hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles.  
*Under her **carapace** of self confidence she was very sensitive to criticism.*
- cereal** Foodstuff prepared from the starchy grains of cereal grasses.  
*A bowl of **cereal**.*
- chaff** Be silly or tease one another.  
*He hopes to separate scientifically supported claims from pseudoscientific **chaff**.*
- corn** Feed cattle with corn.  
*The film is pure **corn**.*

<b>crib</b>	The cards discarded by the players at cribbage counting to the dealer. <i>A choir was singing carols by a <b>crib</b>.</i>
<b>crop</b>	Prepare for crops. <i>The southern areas are <b>cropped</b> in cotton.</i>
<b>graham</b>	Flour made by grinding the entire wheat berry including the bran; ('whole meal flour' is British usage. <i>A box of <b>graham</b> crackers.</i>
<b>grain</b>	1 7000 pound equals a troy grain or 64 799 milligrams. <i>A <b>grain</b> of salt.</i>
<b>hay</b>	Convert plant material into hay. <i>The grass had all <b>hayed</b> off and gone to seed.</i>
<b>hull</b>	Remove the hulls from. <i><b>Hull</b> the berries.</i>
<b>husk</b>	Remove the husk or husks from. <i>The fibrous <b>husk</b> of the coconut.</i>
<b>legume</b>	An erect or climbing bean or pea plant of the family Leguminosae. <i>The new diet is high in fruit vegetables and <b>legumes</b>.</i>
<b>manger</b>	A container (usually in a barn or stable) from which cattle or horses feed.
<b>millet</b>	A cereal grown in warm countries and regions with poor soils, bearing a large crop of small seeds which are chiefly used to make flour.
<b>ovule</b>	A small or immature ovum.
<b>padding</b>	Artifact consisting of soft or resilient material used to fill or give shape or protect or add comfort. <i>Avoid waffle or <b>padding</b> in your essay.</i>
<b>petiole</b>	The stalk that joins a leaf to a stem.
<b>rice</b>	The grains of rice used as food. <i><b>Riced</b> boiled potatoes.</i>
<b>rick</b>	Form into a rick or ricks stack. <i><b>Rick</b> hay.</i>
<b>shell</b>	Something resembling or likened to a shell because of its shape or its function as an outer case. <i>Baked pastry <b>shells</b> filled with cheese.</i>
<b>shuck</b>	Remove the shucks from. <i>The regime s ability to <b>shuck</b> off its totalitarian characteristics.</i>
<b>soybean</b>	The most highly proteinaceous vegetable known the fruit of the soybean plant is used in a variety of foods and as fodder especially as a replacement for animal protein.

**stack** Fill or cover a place or surface with stacks of things.  
*There s **stacks** of work for me now.*

**stalk** A stalklike support for a sessile animal or for an organ in an animal.  
*The acorns grow on **stalks**.*

**straw** Of a pale yellow color like straw straw colored.  
*The tramp sat chewing a **straw**.*

**tortilla** Thin unleavened pancake made from cornmeal or wheat flour.

**wheat** Grains of common wheat sometimes cooked whole or cracked as cereal usually ground into flour.

