

Need another word that means the same as “wreck”? Find 62 synonyms and 30 related words for “wreck” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Wreck” are: shipwreck, crash, destruction, sinking, wrecking, derelict, hulk, wreckage, debris, detritus, remainder, accident, bump, knock, impact, hit, strike, clash, bust up, wrack, demolish, smash, smash up, ruin, damage, damage beyond repair, destroy, break up, dismantle, vandalize, deface, desecrate, sabotage, leave in ruins, spoil, disrupt, undo, mar, play havoc with, make a mess of, put an end to, end, bring to an end, put a stop to, prevent, frustrate, blight, crush, quell, quash, dash, scotch, shatter, devastate, sink, capsize, run aground, land, reach the shore, run ashore

Wreck as a Noun

Definitions of "Wreck" as a noun

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

- *A serious accident (usually involving one or more vehicles).*
- *Something or someone that has suffered ruin or dilapidation.*
- *The destruction of a ship at sea; a shipwreck.*
- *An accident that destroys a ship at sea.*
- *Goods brought ashore by the sea from a wreck.*
- *A road or rail crash.*

- A ship destroyed at sea.
- A ship that has been destroyed at sea.
- A person whose physical or mental health or strength has failed.
- Something, especially a vehicle or building, that has been badly damaged or destroyed.



Synonyms of "Wreck" as a noun (18 Words)

accident	A crash involving road or other vehicles. <i>If you are unable to work owing to accident or sickness.</i>
bump	An increase. <i>The children were given the bumps.</i>
clash	A state of conflict between colors. <i>There have been minor clashes with security forces.</i>
crash	A serious accident (usually involving one or more vehicles). <i>His crash through the window.</i>

<u>debris</u>	Loose natural material consisting especially of broken pieces of rock. <i>A stable arrangement of planets comets and debris orbiting the sun.</i>
<u>derelict</u>	A ship abandoned on the high seas. <i>She had been a derelict recommissioned for this journey.</i>
<u>destruction</u>	The termination of something by causing so much damage to it that it cannot be repaired or no longer exists. <i>The destruction of the rainforest.</i>
detritus	Organic matter produced by the decomposition of organisms. <i>The streets were foul with detritus.</i>
hit	A murder carried out by an underworld syndicate. <i>One of the bombers had scored a direct hit.</i>
hulk	An old ship stripped of fittings and permanently moored, especially for use as storage or (formerly) as a prison. <i>Great towering hulks of oak ash and chestnut.</i>
impact	A marked effect or influence. <i>The book had an important impact on my thinking.</i>
knock	The sound of knocking as on a door or in an engine or bearing. <i>The region s industries have taken a severe knock.</i>
remainder	The part of the dividend that is left over when the dividend is not evenly divisible by the divisor. <i>23 divided by 3 is 7 remainder 2.</i>
shipwreck	An irretrievable loss. <i>That was the shipwreck of their romance.</i>
sinking	A slow fall or decline (as for lack of strength). <i>With a sinking heart.</i>
<u>strike</u>	A pitch that passes through the strike zone. <i>Local government workers went on strike.</i>
wreckage	The remaining parts of something that has been wrecked. <i>Firemen had to cut him free from the wreckage of the car.</i>
wrecking	The action of causing the destruction of a ship in order to steal the cargo. <i>His main business was wrecking and removal.</i>



Usage Examples of "Wreck" as a noun

- *The profits of wreck.*
- *Thanks to that quack I am a human wreck.*
- *The plane was reduced to a smouldering wreck.*
- *A train wreck.*
- *The wreck of their marriage.*
- *The survivors of the wreck.*
- *The house was a wreck when they bought it.*
- *The salvaging of treasure from wrecks.*
- *The scandal left the family emotional wrecks.*



Wreck as a Verb

Definitions of "Wreck" as a verb

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

- *Destroy or severely damage (a structure, vehicle, or similar).*
- *Cause the destruction of (a ship) by sinking or breaking up.*
- *Suffer or undergo shipwreck.*
- *Spoil completely.*
- *Engage in breaking up (badly damaged vehicles) or demolishing (old buildings) to obtain usable spares or scrap.*
- *Involve (someone) in a shipwreck.*
- *Smash or break forcefully.*



Synonyms of "Wreck" as a verb (44 Words)

blight	Infect plants with blight. <i>The scandal blighted the careers of several leading politicians.</i>
break up	Exchange for smaller units of money.
bring to an end	Be accompanied by.
bust up	Go to pieces.
capsize	Cause (a boat) to overturn. <i>Don't rock the boat or it will capsize.</i>
crash	Cause to crash. <i>The car crashed into the lamp post.</i>
crush	Crush or bruise. <i>The front of his car was crushed in the collision.</i>
damage	Inflict damage upon. <i>She damaged the car when she hit the tree.</i>
damage beyond repair	Suffer or be susceptible to damage.

dash

Add an enlivening or altering element to.

*The budget **dashed** hopes of an increase in funding.*

deface

Mar or spoil the appearance of.

*He **defaced** library books.*

demolish

Ruin or destroy.

*Brown was busy **demolishing** a sausage roll.*

desecrate

Spoil (something which is valued or respected).

*Many lanes are **desecrated** with yellow lines.*

destroy

Destroy completely damage irreparably.

*The customs agents **destroyed** the dog that was found to be rabid.*

devastate

Destroy or ruin.

*He was **devastated** by his grief when his son died.*

dismantle

Take off or remove.

*The engines were **dismantled** and the bits piled into a heap.*

disrupt

(of a company or form of technology) cause radical change in (an industry or market) by means of innovation.

*Our 3D printing technology is **disrupting** the traditional manufacturing industry.*

end

Put an end to.

*The terrible news **ended** our hopes that he had survived.*

frustrate

Hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of.

*It **frustrated** me that more couldn't be done for her.*

land

Put someone or something on land from a boat.

*He **landed** several blows on his opponent's head.*

leave in ruins

Transmit (knowledge or skills).

make a mess of

Prepare for eating by applying heat.

mar

Make imperfect.

*Violence **marred** a number of New Year celebrations.*

play havoc with

Use or move.

prevent

Stop (someone or something) from doing something or being in a certain state.

*We must **prevent** the cancer from spreading.*

put a stop to

Adapt.

put an end to

Formulate in a particular style or language.

quash

Put an end to; suppress.

*The government **quashes** any attempt of an uprising.*

quell	Overcome or allay. <i>Connor quelled him with a look.</i>
reach the shore	To exert much effort or energy.
ruin	Fall into ruin. <i>The tears ruined her make up.</i>
run aground	Compete in a race.
run ashore	Run, stand, or compete for an office or a position.
<u>sabotage</u>	Deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage. <i>Power lines from South Africa were sabotaged by rebel forces.</i>
scotch	Render (something regarded as dangerous) temporarily harmless. <i>A spokesman has scotched the rumours.</i>
shatter	Damage or destroy. <i>Bullets riddled the bar top glasses shattered bottles exploded.</i>
shipwreck	Of a person or ship suffer a shipwreck. <i>The vessel was shipwrecked.</i>
sink	Fall or sink heavily. <i>He saw the coffin sink below the surface of the waves.</i>
<u>smash</u>	Hit or attack (someone) very violently. <i>The police smashed the drug ring after they were tipped off.</i>
smash up	Overthrow or destroy (something considered evil or harmful).
spoil	Harm the character of (someone, especially a child) by being too lenient or indulgent. <i>A series of political blunders spoilt their chances of being re elected.</i>
<u>undo</u>	Deprive of certain characteristics. <i>There wasn't any way Evelyn could undo the damage.</i>
<u>vandalize</u>	Deliberately destroy or damage (public or private property). <i>Vandalize the park.</i>
wrack	Smash or break forcefully.



Usage Examples of "Wreck" as a verb

- *An eye injury wrecked his chances of a professional career.*
- *He was drowned when his ship was wrecked.*
- *Police began handing out warnings to people wrecking cars without a license.*
- *Sailors who had the misfortune to be wrecked on these coasts.*
- *The blast wrecked 100 houses.*
- *My letters were in one of the vessels that wreck'd.*



Associations of "Wreck" (30 Words)

admiral

The supreme commander of a fleet ranks above a vice admiral and below a fleet admiral.

boat

Ride in a boat on water.
A gravy **boat**.

calamitous	(of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin. <i>A calamitous defeat.</i>
corsair	A pirate along the Barbary Coast.
deconstruct	Interpret a text or an artwork by the method of deconstructing. <i>She likes to deconstruct the texts to uncover what they are not saying.</i>
depredation	A destructive action. <i>Protecting grain from the depredations of rats and mice.</i>
desolate	Crushed by grief. <i>I suddenly felt desolate and bereft.</i>
destroy	Destroy completely damage irreparably. <i>Northants have the batting to destroy anyone.</i>
destruction	A group of wild cats. <i>The wanton destruction of human life.</i>
destructive	Negative and unhelpful. <i>A policy that is destructive to the economy.</i>
devastate	Overwhelm or overpower. <i>She was devastated by the loss of Damian.</i>
devastation	The feeling of being confounded or overwhelmed. <i>Her departure left him in utter devastation.</i>
fleet	Moving very fast. <i>A fleet of battleships.</i>
galleon	A large square-rigged sailing ship with three or more masts; used by the Spanish for commerce and war from the 15th to 18th centuries. <i>A Spanish treasure galleon wrecked off the Florida Keys.</i>
havoc	Widespread destruction. <i>If they weren't at school they'd be wreaking havoc in the streets.</i>
hijack	An incident or act of hijacking. <i>A man armed with grenades hijacked the jet yesterday.</i>
iconoclasm	The action of attacking or assertively rejecting cherished beliefs and institutions or established values and practices.
mayhem	Violent or extreme disorder; chaos. <i>Complete mayhem broke out.</i>
pirate	A ship that is manned by pirates. <i>Nine ships were pirated off the coast of the country between 2006 and May of last year.</i>

privateer	An officer or crew member of a privateer. <i>It may be instructive to compare the supposedly wasteful public sector with the supposedly lean privateers.</i>
ravage	Acts of destruction. <i>His face had withstood the ravages of time.</i>
scourge	Cause great suffering to. <i>The scourge of mass unemployment.</i>
ship	Of a sailor take service on a ship. <i>They agreed to ship the waste out of the country.</i>
shipwreck	Cause to experience shipwreck. <i>They were shipwrecked in one of the mysteries at sea.</i>
subversion	Destroying someone's (or some group's) honesty or loyalty; undermining moral integrity. <i>An 11 year sentence for inciting subversion.</i>
sunken	Having a sunken area. <i>Her face was white with sunken cheeks.</i>
underwater	(of a loan) having a balance that exceeds the current market value of the loan. <i>They learn to navigate underwater at night.</i>
vessel	A hollow container, especially one used to hold liquid, such as a bowl or cask. <i>Lord use this lowly vessel let me serve You as You will.</i>
viking	Any of the Scandinavian people who raided the coasts of Europe from the 8th to the 11th centuries.
wrought	Shaped to fit by or as if by altering the contours of a pliable mass (as by work or effort). <i>Well wrought pop music.</i>

