

Need another word that means the same as “writhe”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “writhe” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Writhe” are: squirm, twist, worm, wrestle, wriggle, thrash, flounder, flail, toss, toss and turn, twitch, twist and turn, roll, jiggle, wiggle, jerk, jolt

Writhe as a Verb

Definitions of "Writhe" as a verb

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

- *Respond with great emotional or physical discomfort to (an intense or unpleasant feeling or thought).*
- *To move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling).*
- *Make twisting, squirming movements or contortions of the body.*



Synonyms of "Writhe" as a verb (17 Words)

- flail** Move like a flail thresh about.
*He escorted them **flailing** their shoulders with his cane.*
- flounder** Walk with great difficulty.
*She is **floundering** in college.*
- jiggle** Move about quickly from side to side or up and down.
*The car **jiggled** on its springs.*
- jolt** Push or shake (someone or something) abruptly and roughly.
*The train **jolted** into motion.*
- roll** Pronounce with a roll of the phoneme r.
*The buffalo **rolled** in the dust.*
- squirm** Wriggle or twist the body from side to side, especially as a result of nervousness or discomfort.
*He looked uncomfortable and **squirmed** in his chair.*
- thrash** Give a thrashing to beat hard.
*The feverish patient **thrashed** around in his bed.*

toss	Throw or toss with a light motion. <i>Toss the pasta in the sauce.</i>
toss and turn	Lightly throw to see which side comes up.
twist	Twist or pull violently or suddenly especially so as to remove something from that to which it is attached or from where it originates. <i>Beetroot can be stored once the leaves have been twisted off.</i>
twist and turn	Form into twists.
twitch	Use a twitch to subdue a horse. <i>Her lips twitched and her eyelids fluttered.</i>
wiggle	Move to and fro. <i>Vi wiggled her toes.</i>
worm	Treat an animal with a preparation designed to expel parasitic worms. <i>You wormed your way into their lives.</i>
wrestle	Move or manipulate (something) with difficulty. <i>She wrestled the keys out of the ignition.</i>
wriggle	Avoid (something) by devious means. <i>She wriggled her bare brown toes.</i>

Usage Examples of "Writhe" as a verb

- *He writhed in agony on the ground.*
- *A snake writhing its body.*
- *She bit her lip, writhing in suppressed fury.*
- *The prisoner writhed in discomfort.*

Associations of "Writhe" (30 Words)

bent	Sharply curved or having an angle. <i>Bent on going to the theater.</i>
braid	Decorate with braids or ribbons. <i>Their garments were braided with silk.</i>
contort	Twist or bend out of the normal shape. <i>Her face contorted with anger.</i>
contortion	A tortuous and twisted shape or position. <i>The acrobat performed incredible contortions.</i>
distort	Form into a spiral shape. <i>Many factors can distort the results.</i>

entwine	Wind or twist together; interweave. <i>The nations histories were closely entwined.</i>
garble	A garbled account or transmission. <i>Upon winning a race a driver spews out a litany of commercial garble.</i>
grapple	Succeed in doing, achieving, or producing (something) with the limited or inadequate means available. <i>He grappled the young man around the throat.</i>
interlace	Spin, wind, or twist together. <i>Jane interlaced her fingers to form a cup.</i>
joggle	Fasten or join with a joggle. <i>The lurch and joggle of the car.</i>
kink	Form a curl curve or kink. <i>There are still a few kinks to iron out.</i>
meandering	Following a winding course. <i>He has a penchant for obscure verbal meanderings.</i>
plait	Weave into plaits. <i>She wore her dark hair in plaits.</i>
skew	Neither parallel nor at right angles to a specified or implied line askew crooked. <i>The picture was skew.</i>
slew	Of an electronic device undergo slewing. <i>I was assaulted by the thump and slew of the van.</i>
slug	A line of type in Linotype printing. <i>The reactor uses embedded slugs of uranium.</i>
strife	Angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict. <i>Decades of civil strife.</i>
torsion	(in a gastropod mollusc) the spontaneous twisting of the visceral hump through 180° during larval development.
turn	A place where a road meets or branches off another a turning. <i>They were approaching the turn.</i>
tweak	Improve (a mechanism or system) by making fine adjustments to it. <i>An affectionate tweak.</i>
twist	Form into twists. <i>With a quick twist of his head he surveyed the room.</i>
wiggle	A wiggling movement. <i>A slight wiggle of the hips.</i>

worm	Used in names of other animals that resemble worms in some way e.g. slow worm shipworm. <i>I wormed my right hand between my body and the earth.</i>
wrench	Turn something especially a nut or bolt with a wrench. <i>Wrench a window off its hinges.</i>
wrest	Obtain by seizing forcibly or violently, also metaphorically. <i>They wanted people to wrest control of their lives from impersonal bureaucracies.</i>
wrestle	Struggle with a difficulty or problem. <i>She wrestled the keys out of the ignition.</i>
wrestling	The sport or activity of grappling with an opponent and trying to throw or hold them down on the ground, typically according to a code of rules. <i>We watched his grappling and wrestling with the bully.</i>
wriggle	A wriggling movement. <i>She wriggled her bare brown toes.</i>
wry	Bent to one side. <i>With a wry Scottish wit.</i>