

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

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.
<u>twist</u>	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.
<u>twitch</u>	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)

<u>bent</u>	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>
<u>distort</u>	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>
<u>wrestling</u>	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>