

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.*

<b>toss</b>	Throw or toss with a light motion. <i><b>Toss</b> the pasta in the sauce.</i>
<b>toss and turn</b>	Lightly throw to see which side comes up.
<b>twist</b>	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 <b>twisted</b> off.</i>
<b>twist and turn</b>	Form into twists.
<b>twitch</b>	Use a twitch to subdue a horse. <i>Her lips <b>twitched</b> and her eyelids fluttered.</i>
<b>wiggle</b>	Move to and fro. <i>Vi <b>wiggled</b> her toes.</i>
<b>worm</b>	Treat an animal with a preparation designed to expel parasitic worms. <i>You <b>wormed</b> your way into their lives.</i>
<b>wrestle</b>	Move or manipulate (something) with difficulty. <i>She <b>wrestled</b> the keys out of the ignition.</i>
<b>wriggle</b>	Avoid (something) by devious means. <i>She <b>wriggled</b> 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)

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

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

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