

Need another word that means the same as “ancestor”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “ancestor” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ancestor” are: antecedent, ascendant, ascendent, root, forebear, forefather, predecessor, progenitor, forerunner, precursor**

## Ancestor as a Noun

### Definitions of "Ancestor" as a noun

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

- *A person, typically one more remote than a grandparent, from whom one is descended.*
- *An early version of a machine, system, etc.*
- *Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent.*
- *An early type of animal or plant from which others have evolved.*



## Synonyms of "Ancestor" as a noun (10 Words)

<b><u>antecedent</u></b>	Anything that precedes something similar in time. <i>Her early life and <b>antecedents</b> have been traced.</i>
<b>ascendant</b>	Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent). <i>That idea was in the <b>ascendant</b>.</i>
<b>ascendent</b>	Position or state of being dominant or in control.
<b>forebear</b>	An ancestor. <i>Generations of his <b>forebears</b> had lived in London.</i>
<b>forefather</b>	A precursor of a particular movement. <i>Our <b>forefathers</b> brought forth a great nation.</i>



- forerunner** A sign or warning of something to come.  
*Overcast mornings are the sure **forerunners** of steady rain.*
- precursor** A person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner.  
*Pepsinogen is the inactive **precursor** of pepsin.*
- predecessor** A thing that has been followed or replaced by another.  
*The chapel was built in 1864 on the site of its **predecessor**.*
- progenitor** A person or thing from which a person, animal, or plant is descended or originates; an ancestor or parent.  
*The **progenitor** of modern jazz.*
- root** Any plant grown for its root.  
*The **root** cause of the problem.*



## Usage Examples of "Ancestor" as a noun

- *This instrument is an ancestor of the lute.*
- *The ancestor of most dolphins is not clear.*
- *He could trace his ancestors back to James the First.*



- *Both species of elephant have a common ancestor.*



## Associations of "Ancestor" (30 Words)

<b>ancestral</b>	Inherited or inheritable by established rules (usually legal rules) of descent. <i><b>Ancestral</b> home.</i>
<b><u>antecedent</u></b>	Denoting or counting as an antecedent. <i><b>Antecedent</b> events.</i>
<b>ascendant</b>	Position or state of being dominant or in control. <i>That idea was in the <b>ascendant</b>.</i>
<b><u>blood</u></b>	The fluid red in vertebrates that is pumped through the body by the heart and contains plasma blood cells and platelets. <i>The ancients believed that <b>blood</b> was the seat of the emotions.</i>

<u>clan</u>	Group of people related by blood or marriage. <i>The Watts <b>clan</b> is one of racing s oldest families.</i>
<b>daddy</b>	An informal term for a father; probably derived from baby talk. <i>It s you who s calling the shots now you re the <b>daddy</b>.</i>
<u>elder</u>	An official in the early Christian Church, or of various Protestant Churches and sects. <i>She was two years his <b>elder</b>.</i>
<b>family</b>	A person having kinship with another or others. <i>The house has been owned by the same <b>family</b> for 300 years.</i>
<b>forebear</b>	An ancestor. <i>Generations of his <b>forebears</b> had lived in London.</i>
<b>forefather</b>	Person from an earlier time who contributed to the tradition shared by some group. <i>Our <b>forefathers</b> brought forth a great nation.</i>
<u>former</u>	(used especially of persons) of the immediate past. <i>The <b>former</b> president.</i>
<b>hometown</b>	The town (or city) where you grew up or where you have your principal residence. <i>He never went back to his <b>hometown</b> again.</i>
<u>lineage</u>	The descendants of one individual. <i>The myeloid <b>lineage</b>.</i>
<b>lineal</b>	Relating to or consisting of lines; linear. <i>A <b>lineal</b> descendant.</i>
<b>mommy</b>	One's mother (chiefly as a child's term).
<b>mulatto</b>	An offspring of a black and a white parent.
<b>offspring</b>	The product or result of something. <i>She was the mother of many <b>offspring</b>.</i>
<u>parent</u>	Be or act as a parent to a child. <i>His adoptive <b>parents</b>.</i>
<b>paternal</b>	Showing a kindness and care associated with a father; fatherly. <i>His father and <b>paternal</b> grandfather were porcelain painters.</i>
<b>patriarch</b>	A man who is older and higher in rank than yourself. <i>He s the <b>patriarch</b> of all spin doctors.</i>
<u>pedigree</u>	The record of descent of an animal, showing it to be pure-bred. <i>The debate about <b>pedigree</b> and family fortunes.</i>
<u>precede</u>	Furnish with a preface or introduction. <i>A gun battle had <b>preceded</b> the explosions.</i>

<b><u>preceding</u></b>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. <i>The <b>preceding</b> pages.</i>
<b><u>predecessor</u></b>	Something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone. <i>The new President's foreign policy is very similar to that of his <b>predecessor</b>.</i>
<b><u>primogenitor</u></b>	An ancestor, especially the earliest ancestor of a people; a progenitor.
<b><u>priority</u></b>	The fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important than others. <i>National independence takes <b>priority</b> over class struggle.</i>
<b><u>progenitor</u></b>	An ancestor in the direct line. <i>The <b>progenitor</b> of modern jazz.</i>
<b><u>sibling</u></b>	Each of two or more children or offspring having one or both parents in common; a brother or sister.
<b><u>unmixed</u></b>	Not constituting a compound. <i>Not an <b>unmixed</b> blessing.</i>
<b><u>worship</u></b>	The activity of worshipping. <i>They <b>worship</b> in the traditional manner.</i>



