

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)

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

- 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)

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

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

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

