

Need another word that means the same as “ancient”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “ancient” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ancient” are: of long ago, earliest, first, early, past, former, bygone, old, very old, age-old, antediluvian, time-honoured, immemorial, long-lived, antiquated, archaic, medieval, obsolete, obsolescent, superannuated, anachronistic, old-fashioned, out of date, outmoded**

## **Ancient as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Ancient" as a noun**

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

- *An old man.*
- *A person who lived in ancient times.*
- *A very old person.*



### **Synonyms of "Ancient" as a noun (1 Word)**

**antediluvian** Any of the early patriarchs who lived prior to the Noachian deluge.



## Usage Examples of "Ancient" as a noun

- *A solitary ancient in a tweed jacket.*



## Ancient as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Ancient" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "ancient" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Having been in existence for a very long time.*
- *Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence.*
- *Very old.*
- *Belonging to times long past especially of the historical period before the fall of the Western Roman Empire.*
- *Showing or feeling signs of age or wear.*



## Synonyms of "Ancient" as an adjective (24 Words)

<b>age-old</b>	Belonging to or lasting from times long ago.
<b>anachronistic</b>	Chronologically misplaced. <i>Titus benefits from the effective use of <b>anachronistic</b> elements like cars and loudspeakers.</i>
<b>antediluvian</b>	Of or belonging to the time before the biblical Flood. <b>Antediluvian</b> ideas.
<b>antiquated</b>	So extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period. <i>This <b>antiquated</b> central heating system.</i>
<b>archaic</b>	Very old or old-fashioned. <b>Archaic</b> forms of life.
<b>bygone</b>	Belonging to an earlier time. <b>Bygone</b> days.

<b>earliest</b>	At or near the beginning of a period of time or course of events or before the usual or expected time. <i>Verdi's <b>earliest</b> and most raucous opera.</i>
<b>early</b>	Being or occurring at an early stage of development. <i>An <b>early</b> goal secured victory.</i>
<b>first</b>	Highest in pitch or chief among parts or voices or instruments or orchestra sections. <i>His <b>first</b> or maiden speech in Congress.</i>
<b>former</b>	(used especially of persons) of the immediate past. <i>Her <b>former</b> boyfriend.</i>
<b>immemorial</b>	Long past; beyond the limits of memory or tradition or recorded history. <i>Time <b>immemorial</b>.</i>
<b>long-lived</b>	Existing for a long time.
<b>medieval</b>	Characteristic of the time of chivalry and knighthood in the Middle Ages. <i>A <b>medieval</b> attitude toward dating.</i>
<b>obsolescent</b>	Becoming obsolete. <i><b>Obsolescent</b> equipment.</i>
<b>obsolete</b>	(of a part or characteristic of an organism) less developed than formerly or in a related species; rudimentary; vestigial. <i>The phrase was <b>obsolete</b> after 1625.</i>
<b>of long ago</b>	Holding securities or commodities in expectation of a rise in prices.
<b>old</b>	Very familiar used for emphasis old adj skilled through long experience. <i>A ripe <b>old</b> age.</i>
<b>old-fashioned</b>	Out of fashion.
<b>out of date</b>	Not allowed to continue to bat or run.
<b>outmoded</b>	Out of fashion. <i><b>Outmoded</b> ideas.</i>
<b>past</b>	(of a tense) expressing an action that has happened or a state that previously existed. <i>He is a <b>past</b> chairman of the society.</i>
<b>superannuated</b>	Too old to be useful. <i>He left the house for the support of twelve <b>superannuated</b> wool carders.</i>
<b>time-honoured</b>	Honored because of age or long usage.
<b>very old</b>	Being the exact same one; not any other.



## Usage Examples of "Ancient" as an adjective

- *Ancient Greece.*
- *An ancient mariner.*
- *You make me feel ancient.*
- *Ancient forests.*
- *An ancient pair of jeans.*
- *Ancient civilizations such as those of the Etruscans and Sumerians.*
- *Ancient history.*
- *The ancient civilizations of the Mediterranean.*



## Associations of "Ancient" (30 Words)

<b>anachronistic</b>	Belonging or appropriate to an earlier period, especially so as to seem conspicuously old-fashioned. <i>English public schools are <b>anachronistic</b>.</i>
<b>antediluvian</b>	Any of the early patriarchs who lived prior to the Noachian deluge. <i>A ramshackle <b>antediluvian</b> tenement.</i>
<b><u>antiquated</u></b>	So extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period. <i>This <b>antiquated</b> central heating system.</i>
<b>antique</b>	Search or shop for antiques. <i>An <b>antiqued</b> door.</i>
<b>antiquity</b>	An artifact surviving from the past. <i>The great civilizations of <b>antiquity</b>.</i>
<b>archaeology</b>	The study of human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artefacts and other physical remains.



<b><u>archaic</u></b>	Of an early period of art or culture, especially the 7th-6th centuries BC in Greece. <i>A term with a rather <b>archaic</b> ring to it.</i>
<b><u>decipher</u></b>	Succeed in understanding, interpreting, or identifying (something). <i>Can you <b>decipher</b> this letter.</i>
<b><u>decode</u></b>	Convert (a coded message) into intelligible language. <i>Processors used to <b>decode</b> CD quality digital audio signals.</i>
<b>dolmen</b>	A megalithic tomb with a large flat stone laid on upright ones, found chiefly in Britain and France.
<b><u>early</u></b>	Early shifts. <i>Look for an <b>early</b> end to the negotiations.</i>
<b>egyptian</b>	Of or relating to or characteristic of Egypt or its people or their language.
<b><u>elder</u></b>	A member of a senate or governing body. <i>The <b>elder</b> of the two sons.</i>
<b>hieroglyphic</b>	Writing that resembles hieroglyphics usually by being illegible. <i>Notebooks filled with illegible <b>hieroglyphics</b>.</i>
<b>historical</b>	(especially of a novel or film) set in the past. <i><b>Historical</b> or historic times.</i>
<b>megalithic</b>	Massive or monolithic. <i>Massive <b>megalithic</b> monuments.</i>
<b><u>moot</u></b>	A regular gathering of people having a common interest. <i>That is a <b>moot</b> question.</i>
<b>obsolescent</b>	Becoming obsolete. <i><b>Obsolescent</b> equipment.</i>
<b><u>obsolete</u></b>	Cause a product or idea to become obsolete by replacing it with something new. <i><b>Obsolete</b> words.</i>
<b>old</b>	Past times especially in the phrase in days of old. <i>Good <b>old</b> Mum.</i>
<b>ossified</b>	Set in a rigidly conventional pattern of behavior, habits, or beliefs. <i><b>Ossified</b> business practices.</i>
<b><u>outdated</u></b>	Old; no longer valid or fashionable. <i><b>Outdated</b> equipment.</i>
<b>paleolithic</b>	Second part of the Stone Age beginning about 750,000 to 500,000 years BC and lasting until the end of the last ice age about 8,500 years BC. <i><b>Paleolithic</b> artifacts.</i>

<b>past</b>	A verb tense that expresses actions or states in the past. <i>The band has changed over the <b>past</b> twelve months.</i>
<b>prehistoric</b>	Of or relating to times before written history. <i>My mother has these <b>prehistoric</b> ideas about proper clothes.</i>
<b>prehistory</b>	The events or conditions leading up to a particular occurrence or phenomenon. <i>The <b>prehistory</b> of capitalism.</i>
<b><u>primitive</u></b>	A painting by a primitive artist or an object in a primitive style. <i><b>Primitive</b> art such as that by Grandma Moses is often colorful and striking.</i>
<b>stodgy</b>	(of food) heavy, filling, and high in carbohydrates. <i>Why is the middle class so <b>stodgy</b> so utterly without a sense of humor.</i>
<b>superannuated</b>	Too old to be useful. <i><b>Superannuated</b> laws.</i>
<b>traditional</b>	Habitually done, used, or found. <i><b>Traditional</b> Elgarians.</i>

