

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long-lived, antiquated, archaic, medieval, obsolete, obsolescent, superannuated, anachronistic, old-fashioned, out of date, outmoded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)

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

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out of date	Not allowed to continue to bat or run.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

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

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

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

