

Need another word that means the same as “cultivate”? Find 53 synonyms and 30 related words for “cultivate” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Cultivate” are: civilise, civilize, educate, school, train, crop, work, domesticate, naturalise, naturalize, tame, till, plough, dig, turn, hoe, farm, spade, turn over, turn up, break up, loosen, harrow, prepare, fertilize, plant, grow, raise, rear, bring on, tend, try to acquire, pursue, court, seek the friendship of, seek the favour of, try to win over, try to get someone on one's side, try to get on someone's good side, woo, pay court to, rub up the right way, run after, make advances to, make up to, keep sweet, ingratiate oneself with, curry favour with, improve, better, refine, elevate, polish

Cultivate as a Verb

Definitions of "Cultivate" as a verb

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

- *Prepare for crops.*
- *Adapt (a wild plant or unclaimed land) to the environment.*
- *Try to win the friendship or favour of (someone).*
- *Try to acquire or develop (a quality or skill).*
- *Foster the growth of.*
- *Teach or refine to be discriminative in taste or judgment.*
- *Break up (soil) in preparation for sowing or planting.*
- *Prepare and use (land) for crops or gardening.*
- *Raise or grow (plants), especially on a large scale for commercial purposes.*
- *Grow or maintain (living cells or tissue) in culture.*

- *Try to improve or develop (one's mind).*



Synonyms of "Cultivate" as a verb (53 Words)

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| better | To make better. <i>His account can hardly be bettered.</i> |
| break up | Change suddenly from one tone quality or register to another. |
| bring on | Be accompanied by. |
| civilise | Raise from a barbaric to a civilized state. |
| civilize | Raise from a barbaric to a civilized state. <i>The wild child found wandering in the forest was gradually civilized.</i> |
| court | Seek someone's favor. <i>He has often courted controversy.</i> |
| crop | Prepare for crops. <i>Hay would have been cropped several times through the summer.</i> |

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| curry favour with | Season with a mixture of spices; typical of Indian cooking. |
| dig | Remove harvest or recover by digging. Dig coal. |
| domesticate | Make (someone) fond of and good at home life and the tasks that it involves. Domesticate oats. |
| <u>educate</u> | Give intellectual, moral, and social instruction to (someone), typically at a school or university. A plan to educate the young on the dangers of drugs. |
| <u>elevate</u> | Raise to a more important or impressive level. She ordered the bishop celebrating Mass in her chapel not to elevate the Host. |
| farm | Be a farmer work as a farmer. The customs had been farmed to the collector for a fixed sum. |
| fertilize | Provide with fertilizers or add nutrients to. We should fertilize soil if we want to grow healthy plants. |
| grow | Cause to grow or develop. He would watch Nick grow to manhood. |
| harrow | Draw a harrow over land. They ploughed and harrowed the heavy clay. |
| improve | Achieve or produce something better than. They are trying to improve on the tired old style. |
| ingratiate oneself with | Gain favor with somebody by deliberate efforts. |
| keep sweet | Retain rights to. |
| loosen | Become less severe or strict. Loosen the tension on a rope. |
| make advances to | Act in a certain way so as to acquire. |
| make up to | Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner. |
| naturalise | Make more natural or lifelike. |
| naturalize | Make more natural or lifelike. The stories had become naturalized into an American setting. |
| pay court to | Bring in. |
| plant | Put or set seeds seedlings or plants into the ground. Plant bugs in the dissident s apartment. |

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| plough | Clear snow from a road using a snowplough. <i>He could use the car only in summer because the roads weren't ploughed in winter.</i> |
| polish | Improve or perfect by pruning or polishing. <i>He's got to polish up his French for his job.</i> |
| prepare | Prepare for eating by applying heat. <i>I wasn't prepared to go along with that.</i> |
| pursue | Continue to investigate or explore (an idea or argument). <i>She pursued many activities.</i> |
| raise | Raise in rank or condition. <i>Raise a protest.</i> |
| rear | Bring up. <i>The horse reared in terror.</i> |
| refine | Make more complex, intricate, or richer. <i>Refine one's style of writing.</i> |
| rub up the right way | Move over something with pressure. |
| run after | Direct or control; projects, businesses, etc. |
| school | Send to school educate. <i>The children are schooled at great cost to their parents in private institutions.</i> |
| seek the favour of | Inquire for. |
| seek the friendship of | Make an effort or attempt. |
| tame | Make less powerful and easier to control. <i>The wolf was tamed and evolved into the house dog.</i> |
| tend | Have a tendency or disposition to do or be something be inclined. <i>She tends to the children.</i> |
| till | Work land as by ploughing, harrowing, and manuring, in order to make it ready for cultivation. <i>Till the soil.</i> |
| train | Create by training and teaching. <i>They trained crimson ramblers over their houses.</i> |
| try to acquire | Test the limits of. |
| try to get on someone's good side | Melt (fat or lard) in order to separate out impurities. |
| try to get someone on one's side | Put on a garment in order to see whether it fits and looks nice. |
| try to win over | Put on trial or hear a case and sit as the judge at the trial of. |

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| turn | Cause to change or turn into something different assume new characteristics. <i>She turned to her relatives for help.</i> |
| turn over | To break and turn over earth especially with a plow. |
| turn up | Undergo a transformation or a change of position or action. |
| woo | Make amorous advances towards. <i>Pop stars are being wooed by film companies eager to sign them up.</i> |
| work | Exert oneself by doing mental or physical work for a purpose or out of necessity. <i>Work the mixture into a paste with your hands.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Cultivate" as a verb

- *It helps if you go out of your way to cultivate the local people.*
- *They were encouraged to cultivate basic food crops.*
- *Damp, well-cultivated soil.*
- *Walnuts were cultivated for salad oil.*
- *Blood cells that can be most easily cultivated are macrophages.*
- *Cultivate the land.*
- *The peasants who cultivated the land became its owners.*
- *He cultivated an air of indifference.*



Associations of "Cultivate" (30 Words)

agrarian Relating to rural matters.
*Brazil is rapidly diversifying its **agrarian** economy.*

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| agricultural | Relating to agriculture. <i>An agrarian or agricultural society.</i> |
| agriculture | A large-scale farming enterprise. |
| arable | Arable land or crops. <i>Vast areas of arable and pasture.</i> |
| barn | (physics) a unit of nuclear cross section; the effective circular area that one particle presents to another as a target for an encounter. <i>A great barn of a pub.</i> |
| civilize | Raise from a barbaric to a civilized state. <i>The wild child found wandering in the forest was gradually civilized.</i> |
| corn | Feed cattle with corn. <i>Corned beef.</i> |
| countryside | The inhabitants of countryside areas. <i>Countryside conservation groups.</i> |
| crop | Prepare for crops. <i>The horse was gratefully cropping the grass.</i> |
| cultivation | (agriculture) production of food by preparing the land to grow crops (especially on a large scale). <i>The cultivation of bees for honey.</i> |
| cultivator | A mechanical implement for breaking up the ground and uprooting weeds. <i>Rotary cultivators are ideal in the kitchen garden.</i> |
| diligently | In a way that shows care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties. <i>I searched diligently for a remedy.</i> |
| farm | Workplace consisting of farm buildings and cultivated land as a unit. <i>Ostriches are farmed in South Africa and Australia.</i> |
| farmhouse | A house attached to a farm, especially the main house in which the farmer lives. <i>A farmhouse kitchen.</i> |
| farming | Relating to farming or agriculture. <i>Sheep farming.</i> |
| farmland | Land used for farming. |
| harvest | Gather a crop as a harvest. <i>They gathered a harvest of examples.</i> |
| husbandry | The care, cultivation, and breeding of crops and animals. <i>Low borrowing demonstrates astute husbandry of resources.</i> |

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| maize | A Central American cereal plant that yields large grains (corn or sweetcorn) set in rows on a cob. The many varieties include some used for stockfeed and corn oil. |
| pea | The fruit or seed of a pea plant. <i>Steak and ale pie with peas and new potatoes.</i> |
| <u>plantation</u> | Colonization or settlement of emigrants, especially of English and then Scottish families in Ireland in the 16th-17th centuries under government sponsorship. <i>New conifer plantations.</i> |
| <u>potato</u> | The plant of the nightshade family which produces potatoes on underground runners. <i>Roast potatoes.</i> |
| produce | Administer the financial and managerial aspects of (a film or broadcast) or the staging of (a play, opera, etc). <i>The company have just produced a luxury version of the aircraft.</i> |
| production | The act of exhibiting in a court of law. <i>The production of white blood cells.</i> |
| sty | A pigsty. <i>The place is a real sty beer and wine bottles all over the place.</i> |
| till | A treasury for government funds. <i>Till the soil.</i> |
| uncultivated | Characteristic of a person who is not cultivated or does not have intellectual tastes. <i>An ignorant and uncultivated soldier.</i> |
| <u>vine</u> | A climbing or trailing woody stemmed plant related to the grapevine. <i>The vines of a vast wisteria.</i> |
| wheat | The grain of wheat. |
| <u>winnow</u> | Remove (people or things) from a group until only the best ones are left. <i>The winnowing was done by women.</i> |

