

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)

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>
<u>crop</u>	Prepare for crops. <i>Hay would have been cropped several times through the summer.</i>

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.

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>
<u>prepare</u>	Prepare for eating by applying heat. <i>I wasn't prepared to go along with that.</i>
<u>pursue</u>	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>
<u>refine</u>	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.
<u>school</u>	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>
<u>tend</u>	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>
<u>train</u>	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.

turn

Cause to change or turn into something different assume new characteristics.

*She **turned** to her relatives for help.*

turn over

To break and turn over earth especially with a plow.

turn up

Undergo a transformation or a change of position or action.

Make amorous advances towards.

woo

*Pop stars are being **wooed** by film companies eager to sign them up.*

work

Exert oneself by doing mental or physical work for a purpose or out of necessity.

***Work** the mixture into a paste with your hands.*



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.*

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>

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>

