

Need another word that means the same as “debris”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “debris” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Debris” are: detritus, dust, junk, rubble, refuse, waste, waste matter, litter, scrap, dross, chaff, flotsam and jetsam, lumber, wreckage, spoilage

Debris as a Noun

Definitions of "Debris" as a noun

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

- *The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up.*
- *Scattered pieces of rubbish or remains.*
- *Loose natural material consisting especially of broken pieces of rock.*



Synonyms of "Debris" as a noun (15 Words)

chaff

Material consisting of seed coverings and small pieces of stem or leaves that have been separated from the seeds.

*He hopes to separate scientifically supported claims from pseudoscientific **chaff**.*

detritus

The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up.

*The streets were foul with **detritus**.*

dross

Worthless or dangerous material that should be removed.

*There are bargains if you have the patience to sift through the **dross**.*

dust

An act of dusting.

*The soul that dwells within your **dust**.*

flotsam and jetsam

The floating wreckage of a ship.

junk

Junk bonds.

*I only have an hour to get all my **junk** together.*

litter	A number of young animals born to an animal at one time. <i>A litter of five kittens.</i>
lumber	An implement used in baseball by the batter.
refuse	Food that is discarded (as from a kitchen).
rubble	Pieces of rough or undressed stone used in building walls, especially as filling for cavities. <i>Two buildings collapsed trapping scores of people in the rubble.</i>
<u>scrap</u>	A small person or animal, especially one regarded with affection or sympathy. <i>The unhappy couple got into a terrible scrap.</i>
spoilage	Waste produced by material being spoilt, especially paper that is spoilt in printing.
waste	The gradual loss or diminution of something. <i>They collect the waste once a week.</i>
waste matter	An uninhabited wilderness that is worthless for cultivation.
wreckage	The remains of something that has been badly damaged or destroyed. <i>Firemen had to cut him free from the wreckage of the car.</i>



Usage Examples of "Debris" as a noun

- *Leaves and garden debris.*
- *A stable arrangement of planets, comets, and debris orbiting the sun.*
- *Workmen were clearing the roads of the debris from shattered buildings.*



Associations of "Debris" (30 Words)

cobweb	Something resembling a cobweb in delicacy or intricacy. <i>The wooden carvings were almost obliterated by cobwebs.</i>
corrupt	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>A corrupt and incompetent city government.</i>
decay	Undergo decay or decomposition. <i>The trapped radiocarbon begins to decay at a known rate.</i>
detritus	Gravel, sand, silt, or other material produced by erosion. <i>The streets were foul with detritus.</i>
dregs	The remnants of a liquid left in a container, together with any sediment. <i>Coffee dregs.</i>
dross	Foreign matter, dregs, or mineral waste, in particular scum formed on the surface of molten metal. <i>Alchemists tried to create gold from dross.</i>

dust	An act of dusting. <i>She washed and dusted and tidied.</i>
flotsam	The floating wreckage of a ship. <i>The room was cleared of boxes and other flotsam.</i>
impurity	The condition of being impure. <i>A struggle to rid the soul of sin and impurity.</i>
junk	Junk bonds. <i>I only have an hour to get all my junk together.</i>
left	A left turn. <i>Leftover meatloaf.</i>
leftover	Not used up. <i>He s just a leftover from another age.</i>
putrid	In an advanced state of decomposition and having a foul odor- Somerset Maugham. <i>The putrid atmosphere of the court.</i>
remainder	Sell cheaply as remainders. <i>Titles are being remaindered increasingly quickly to save on overheads.</i>
remaining	Still to happen; future. <i>Saved the remaining sandwiches for supper.</i>
remains	A relic that has been excavated from the soil. <i>He left instructions regarding the disposal of his remains.</i>
remnant	A small part or portion that remains after the main part no longer exists. <i>A remnant of the past.</i>
residual	A portion of rocky or high ground remaining after erosion. <i>She has been awarded more than 4 5 million in residuals and profits from the highly successful television show.</i>
residue	Matter that remains after something has been removed. <i>The fine residue left after the sorting of tea.</i>
rest	Put something in a resting position as for support or steadying. <i>I m going to rest up before travelling to England.</i>
riffraff	Disparaging terms for the common people.
rubble	Pieces of rough or undressed stone used in building walls, especially as filling for cavities. <i>The tower is built of stone rubble faced with ashlar.</i>
scavenge	Search for and collect (anything usable) from discarded waste. <i>The feral cat preferred to scavenge carrion from the forest floor.</i>

- tainted** Touched by rot or decay.
***Tainted** bacon.*
- trace** Discover traces of.
*The archeologist **traced** the hieroglyphs.*
- unclaimed** Not claimed or called for by an owner or assignee.
***Unclaimed** luggage.*
- unrepaired** Not repaired; unmended, unrestored.
- vestigial** Forming a very small remnant of something that was once greater or more noticeable.
*The **vestigial** wings of kiwis are entirely hidden.*
- waste** Run off as waste.
***Waste** heat.*
- wreckage** The remains of something that has been badly damaged or destroyed.
*They searched the **wreckage** for signs of survivors.*

