

Need another word that means the same as “decompose”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “decompose” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Decompose” are: break down, break up, decay, disintegrate, molder, moulder, rot, putrefy, go bad, go off, spoil, fester, perish, deteriorate, degrade, break apart, fall apart, fragment, crumble, dissolve

Decompose as a Verb

Definitions of "Decompose" as a verb

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

- *(with reference to a dead body or other organic matter) make or become rotten; decay or cause to decay.*
- *Lose a stored charge, magnetic flux, or current.*
- *Break down.*
- *Express (a number or function) as a combination of simpler components.*
- *(with reference to a chemical compound) break down or cause to break down into component elements or simpler constituents.*
- *Separate (substances) into constituent elements or parts.*



Synonyms of "Decompose" as a verb (20 Words)

- break apart** Fall sharply.
- break down** Break down literally or metaphorically.
- break up** Fall sharply.
- crumble** Fall into decay or ruin.
*The cookies **crumbled**.*
- decay** Undergo decay or decomposition.
*The moral authority of the party was **decaying**.*
- degrade** Wear down (rock) and cause it to disintegrate.
*The bacteria will **degrade** hydrocarbons.*
- deteriorate** Grow worse.
*If the situation continues to **deteriorate** the consequences could be severe.*
- disintegrate** Lose strength or cohesion and gradually fail.
*It has become a relatively easy matter to **disintegrate** almost any atom.*
- dissolve** Declare void.
*She suddenly **dissolved** into floods of tears.*
- fall apart** Come under, be classified or included.

fester	(of a wound or sore) become septic; suppurate. <i>I developed a tropical sore that festered badly.</i>
fragment	Break or cause to break into fragments. <i>Management has tighter control through fragmenting the tasks.</i>
go bad	Have a particular form.
go off	Pass, fare, or elapse; of a certain state of affairs or action.
molder	Break down.
moulder	Break down. <i>The books if any are ever printed will moulder in the warehouse.</i>
perish	Suffer complete ruin or destruction. <i>The children perished in the fire.</i>
putrefy	Become putrid; decay with an offensive smell. <i>The body was beginning to putrefy.</i>
rot	Gradually deteriorate, especially through neglect. <i>The education system has been allowed to rot.</i>
spoil	(of food) become unfit for eating. <i>He is spoiling for a fight.</i>



Usage Examples of "Decompose" as a verb

- *In how many ways can one decompose a number as a sum of squares?*
- *The body had begun to decompose.*
- *Dead plant matter can be completely decomposed by microorganisms.*
- *The bodies decomposed in the heat.*
- *Many chemicals decompose rapidly under high temperature.*
- *Living organisms are used to decompose water into hydrogen and oxygen.*



Associations of "Decompose" (30 Words)

belittle

Dismiss (someone or something) as unimportant.
*She **belittled** Amy's riding skills whenever she could.*

corpse	Cause (an actor) to forget their lines and start laughing. <i>One singer ad libbed and corpsed his colleagues on stage.</i>
corrupt	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>The corrupting smell of death.</i>
corruptive	Tending to corrupt or pervert.
decay	An inferior state resulting from the process of decaying. <i>Fluoride heals small spots of decay.</i>
decomposition	Separation of a substance into two or more substances that may differ from each other and from the original substance. <i>The decomposition of organic waste.</i>
<u>deconstruct</u>	Analyse a text or linguistic or conceptual system by deconstruction. <i>I want to deconstruct this myth that poverty breeds crime.</i>
<u>depravity</u>	A corrupt or depraved or degenerate act or practice. <i>Its brothels its opium parlors its depravity.</i>
deteriorate	Become progressively worse. <i>Relations between the countries had deteriorated sharply.</i>
disassemble	Take apart into its constituent pieces. <i>The piston can be disassembled for transport.</i>
disband	Stop functioning or cohering as a unit. <i>The unit was scheduled to disband.</i>
<u>disintegrate</u>	Break into parts or components or lose cohesion or unity. <i>Our shoes had to last until they disintegrated on our feet.</i>
disintegration	The spontaneous disintegration of a radioactive substance along with the emission of ionizing radiation. <i>A disintegration of personality.</i>
<u>dismantle</u>	Tear down so as to make flat with the ground. <i>The old regime was dismantled.</i>
dismember	Divide into pieces. <i>The tiger dismembered the tourist.</i>
<u>dissolution</u>	The termination or disintegration of a relationship (between persons or nations). <i>The dissolution of their marriage.</i>
<u>dissolve</u>	Annul or end (a partnership or marriage). <i>Dissolve a stock cube in a pint of hot water.</i>
erosive	Wearing away by friction. <i>The erosive effects of waves on the shoreline.</i>

foul	Hit a foul ball. <i>Foul language.</i>
iron	Smooth clothes sheets etc with an iron. <i>She stood there ironing.</i>
malodorous	Smelling very unpleasant. <i>Leaking taps and malodorous drains.</i>
molder	Break down.
perishable	(of something abstract) having a brief life or significance; transitory. <i>The storage of perishable foods.</i>
putrefaction	The process of decay or rotting in a body or other organic matter. <i>Rome had fallen into moral putrefaction.</i>
putrescent	Undergoing the process of decay; rotting. <i>The odour of putrescent flesh.</i>
putrid	Morally corrupt or evil. <i>The cocktail is a putrid pink colour.</i>
rot	Rotten or decayed matter. <i>The chalets were neglected and their woodwork was rotting away.</i>
rotten	Damaged by decay; hence unsound and useless. <i>Rotten floor boards.</i>
solvable	Capable of being solved. <i>Such problems are perfectly solvable.</i>
spoilage	Waste produced by material being spoilt, especially paper that is spoilt in printing.

