

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.

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

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

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

