

Need another word that means the same as “desecrate”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “desecrate” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Desecrate” are: deconsecrate, unhallow, outrage, profane, violate, treat sacrilegiously, treat with disrespect, harm, do damage to, injure, mar, deface, mutilate, mangle, impair, blemish, disfigure, vandalize, blight, spoil, defile

Desecrate as a Verb

Definitions of "Desecrate" as a verb

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

- *Spoil (something which is valued or respected).*
- *Treat (a sacred place or thing) with violent disrespect.*
- *Violate the sacred character of a place or language.*
- *Remove the consecration from a person or an object.*

Synonyms of "Desecrate" as a verb (21 Words)

[blemish](#)

Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective.
*His reign as world champion has been **blemished** by controversy.*

[blight](#)

Infect plants with blight.
*The scandal **blighted** the careers of several leading politicians.*

deconsecrate

Transfer (a building) from sacred to secular use.
*The church was **deconsecrated** in the early nineteenth century.*

[deface](#)

Mar or spoil the appearance of.
*Scars **defaced** her cheeks.*

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| defile | Rape or sexually assault (a woman). <i>He took her behind the building and defiled her.</i> |
| disfigure | Spoil the appearance of. <i>The vandals disfigured the statue.</i> |
| do damage to | Arrange attractively. |
| harm | Cause or do harm to. <i>Smoking when pregnant can harm your baby.</i> |
| impair | Make imperfect. <i>A noisy job could permanently impair their hearing.</i> |
| injure | Hurt the feelings of. <i>The explosion injured several people.</i> |
| mangle | Press with a mangle. <i>Mangle the sheets.</i> |
| mar | Impair the quality or appearance of; spoil. <i>Violence marred a number of New Year celebrations.</i> |
| mutilate | Alter so as to make unrecognizable. <i>Most of the prisoners had been mutilated.</i> |
| outrage | Arouse fierce anger, shock, or indignation in (someone). <i>The public were outraged at the brutality involved.</i> |
| profane | Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>It was a serious matter to profane a tomb.</i> |
| spoil | Be extremely or aggressively eager for. <i>Breakfast in bed you re spoiling me.</i> |
| treat sacrilegiously | Provide with choice or abundant food or drink. |
| treat with disrespect | Provide treatment for. |
| unhallow | Remove the consecration from a person or an object. |
| vandalize | Destroy wantonly, as through acts of vandalism. <i>Vandalize the park.</i> |
| violate | Violate the sacred character of a place or language. <i>They denied that human rights were being violated.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Desecrate" as a verb

- *Many lanes are desecrated with yellow lines.*
- *Desecrate a cemetery.*
- *More than 300 graves were desecrated.*

Associations of "Desecrate" (30 Words)

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| belongings | A person's movable possessions. <i>She didn't have much baggage with her as most of her belongings had been sent ahead by sea.</i> |
| buccaneer | Live like a buccaneer. <i>The marauding buccaneers who used to terrorize the Mediterranean coasts.</i> |
| criminal | Guilty of crime or serious offense. <i>A criminal offense.</i> |
| depredation | An act of attacking or plundering. <i>Protecting grain from the depredations of rats and mice.</i> |
| deprive | Keep from having, keeping, or obtaining. <i>The Archbishop deprived a considerable number of puritan clergymen.</i> |
| dig | An act or spell of digging. <i>A thorough dig of the whole plot.</i> |
| disinter | Discover (something that is well hidden). <i>His corpse was disinterred and dumped in a pit.</i> |
| dispossess | Deprive (someone) of land, property, or other possessions. <i>They were dispossessed of lands and properties during the Reformation.</i> |
| dispossession | The expulsion of someone (such as a tenant) from the possession of land by process of law. <i>Reparation for the victims of land dispossession.</i> |
| exhume | Dig out (something buried, especially a corpse) from the ground. <i>The bodies were exhumed on the orders of a judge.</i> |
| filch | Make off with belongings of others. <i>They filched milk off morning doorsteps.</i> |
| flay | Strip the skin off. <i>She flayed the white skin from the flesh.</i> |
| forensic | A laboratory or department responsible for forensic tests. <i>Forensic ballistics.</i> |
| investigator | A person who carries out a formal inquiry or investigation. <i>Investigators found no signs of forced entry.</i> |
| loot | Steal goods; take as spoils. <i>Ten thousand quid is a lot of loot.</i> |
| pillage | Steal (something) using violence, especially in wartime. <i>Artworks pillaged from churches and museums.</i> |

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| piracy | A practice similar to piracy but in other contexts especially hijacking. <i>Air piracy.</i> |
| plunder | Plunder a town after capture. <i>The army sacked the city and carried off huge quantities of plunder.</i> |
| prize | Having been or likely to be awarded a prize in a competition. <i>The star prize in the charity raffle.</i> |
| profane | Not relating to that which is sacred or religious; secular. <i>He was an agnostic a profane man.</i> |
| ransack | Search thoroughly. <i>Man has ransacked the planet for fuel.</i> |
| rapine | The act of despoiling a country in warfare. <i>Industrial rapine.</i> |
| researcher | A person whose job involves discovering or verifying information for use in a book, programme, etc. <i>Radio and TV researchers.</i> |
| rob | Deprive (an opposing player) of the ball. <i>The burglars robbed him of all his money.</i> |
| spoliation | The intentional destruction of a document or an alteration of it that destroys its value as evidence. <i>The spoliation of the Church.</i> |
| steal | An act of stealing a base. <i>A delicious languor was stealing over her.</i> |
| thief | A person who steals another person's property, especially by stealth and without using force or threat of violence. <i>The thief stole the drugs from a doctor's surgery.</i> |
| thieve | Be a thief; steal something. <i>They began thieving again.</i> |