

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.*

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)

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>

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>