

Need another word that means the same as “desert”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “desert” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Desert” are: defect, abandon, desolate, forsake, forsaken, cast aside, cast off, thrown over, betrayed, leave, give up, turn one's back on, renounce, renege on, repudiate, forswear, relinquish, wash one's hands of, have no more truck with, have done with, abjure, disavow, empty, evacuated, vacated, abscond, run away, make off, decamp, flee, fly, bolt, turn tail, go absent without leave, take french leave, depart, quit, escape**

## Desert as a Verb

### Definitions of "Desert" as a verb

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

- *Leave behind.*
- *Illegally leave the armed forces.*
- *Desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army.*
- *Leave someone who needs or counts on you; leave in the lurch.*
- *(of a quality or ability) fail (someone) when most needed.*
- *(of people) leave (a place), causing it to appear empty.*
- *Abandon (a person, cause, or organization) in a way considered disloyal or treacherous.*



## Synonyms of "Desert" as a verb (38 Words)

<b>abandon</b>	Forsake, leave behind. <i>An attempt to persuade businesses not to <b>abandon</b> the area to inner city deprivation.</i>
<b>abjure</b>	Solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim). <i>MPs were urged to <b>abjure</b> their Jacobite allegiance.</i>
<b>abscond</b>	Leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to escape from custody or avoid arrest. <i>176 detainees <b>absconded</b>.</i>
<b><u>betrayed</u></b>	Deliver to an enemy by treachery.
<b><u>bolt</u></b>	Make or roll into bolts. <i><b>Bolt</b> the door.</i>
<b>cast aside</b>	Choose at random.
<b>cast off</b>	Formulate in a particular style or language.
<b>decamp</b>	Break up or leave a military camp. <i>The hikers <b>decamped</b> before dawn.</i>
<b>defect</b>	Desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army.
<b><u>depart</u></b>	Go away or leave. <i>A contingent was <b>departing</b> from Cairo.</i>
<b>desolate</b>	Make (a place) appear bleakly empty. <i>He was <b>desolated</b> by the deaths of his treasured friends.</i>

<b><u>disavow</u></b>	Refuse to acknowledge; disclaim knowledge of; responsibility for, or association with. <i>The union leaders resisted pressure to <b>disavow</b> picket line violence.</i>
<b><u>empty</u></b>	Make void or empty of contents. <i>We <b>empty</b> the till at closing time.</i>
<b>escape</b>	Interrupt an operation by means of the escape key. <i>He drove along the dual carriageway to <b>escape</b> police.</i>
<b>evacuated</b>	Move people from their homes or country.
<b><u>flee</u></b>	Run away quickly. <i>He was forced to <b>flee</b> the country.</i>
<b><u>fly</u></b>	Hit a fly. <i>Man cannot <b>fly</b>.</i>
<b><u>forsake</u></b>	Renounce or give up (something valued or pleasant). <i>He would never <b>forsake</b> Tara.</i>
<b>forsaken</b>	Leave someone who needs or counts on you; leave in the lurch.
<b>forswear</b>	Formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure. <i>I swore that I would lead us safely home and I do not mean to be forsworn.</i>
<b>give up</b>	Cause to happen or be responsible for.
<b>go absent without leave</b>	Have a particular form.
<b>have done with</b>	Cause to move; cause to be in a certain position or condition.
<b>have no more truck with</b>	Achieve a point or goal.
<b>leave</b>	Leave or give by will after one's death. <i><b>Leave</b> the young fawn alone.</i>
<b>make off</b>	Reach a destination, either real or abstract.
<b>quit</b>	Give up in the face of defeat or lacking hope; admit defeat. <i>I want to <b>quit</b> smoking.</i>
<b>relinquish</b>	Voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up. <i>I am <b>relinquishing</b> my bedroom to the long term house guest.</i>
<b>renege on</b>	Fail to fulfill a promise or obligation.

**renounce**

Refuse or resign a right or position, especially one as an heir or trustee.

*These agreements were **renounced** after the fall of the Tsarist regime.*

(in the past or in non-Christian religions) disown or divorce (one's wife).

**repudiate**

*Philip was excommunicated in 1095 because he had **repudiated** his wife.*

**run away**

Pursue for food or sport (as of wild animals).

**take french leave**

Obtain by winning.

**thrown over**

Cause to fall off.

**turn one's back on**

Accomplish by rotating.

**turn tail**

Cause to move around or rotate.

**vacated**

Cancel officially.

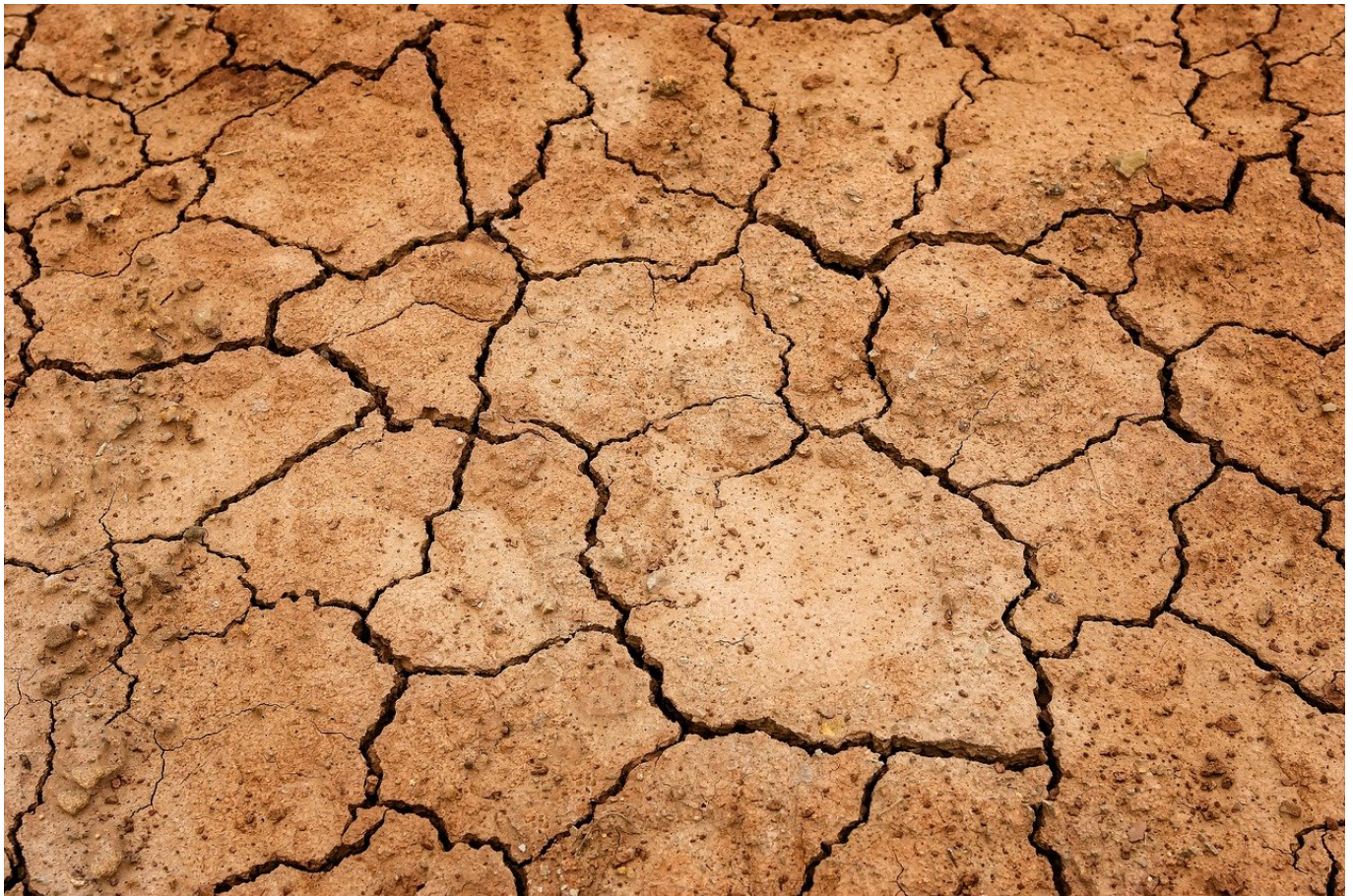
**wash one's hands of**

Clean with some chemical process.



## Usage Examples of "Desert" as a verb

- *The mother deserted her children.*
- *His life in the regiment had been such a hell that he decided to desert.*
- *Her luck deserted her.*
- *The tourists have deserted the beaches.*
- *We feel our public representatives have deserted us.*
- *If soldiers deserted Hitler's army, they were shot.*
- *The students deserted the campus after the end of exam period.*



## Associations of "Desert" (30 Words)

- anhydrous** Without water; especially without water of crystallization.
- arid** Lacking vitality or spirit; lifeless-C.J.Rolo.  
*His **arid** years in suburbia.*
- aridity** The quality of yielding nothing of value.

<b>beach</b>	Of an angler land a fish on a beach. <i>He managed to <b>beach</b> a fine trout.</i>
<b>climatic</b>	Of or relating to a climate. <i><b>Climatic</b> changes.</i>
<b>deforest</b>	Clear (an area) of forests or trees. <i>The landscape was <b>deforested</b> by the enemy attacks.</i>
<b>dehydrate</b>	Lose a large amount of water from the body. <i>The nurses made sure I didn't <b>dehydrate</b>.</i>
<b>desertification</b>	The process by which fertile land becomes desert, typically as a result of drought, deforestation, or inappropriate agriculture. <i>The dust storms in Korea are the result of rapid <b>desertification</b> in China.</i>
<b>desiccate</b>	Remove water from. <i>Years of drought have <b>desiccated</b> the soil.</i>
<b>desiccated</b>	Having had all moisture removed; dried out. <i>Shredded and <b>desiccated</b> coconut meat.</i>
<b>desiccation</b>	The removal of moisture from something. <i>Stems were stored in plastic bags to prevent <b>desiccation</b>.</i>
<b>dried</b>	Preserved by removal or evaporation of moisture. <i><b>Dried</b> lavender flowers.</i>
<b>drought</b>	A shortage of rainfall. <i>The cause of Europe's recent <b>droughts</b>.</i>
<b>dry</b>	A dry or covered place. <i>The rye has been strip grazed by <b>dry</b> cows.</i>
<b>dryness</b>	Moderation in or abstinence from alcohol or other drugs. <i>A certain <b>dryness</b> of style.</i>
<b>dune</b>	A mound or ridge of sand or other loose sediment formed by the wind, especially on the sea coast or in a desert. <i>A sand <b>dune</b>.</i>
<b>evaporation</b>	The process of something abstract ceasing to exist. <i>Snow cover prevents <b>evaporation</b> of water from the soil.</i>
<b>famine</b>	A severe shortage of food (as through crop failure) resulting in violent hunger and starvation and death. <i>The <b>famine</b> of 1921 2.</i>
<b>oasis</b>	A fertile spot in a desert, where water is found. <i>The park is an <b>oasis</b> of calm in the centre of the city.</i>
<b>parch</b>	Cause to wither or parch from exposure to heat. <i>A piece of grassland <b>parched</b> by the sun.</i>

<b>precipitation</b>	The quantity of water falling to earth at a specific place within a specified period of time. <i>He is responsible for the <b>precipitation</b> of his own demise.</i>
<b><u>prolonged</u></b>	Continuing for a long time or longer than usual; lengthy. <i>The region suffered a <b>prolonged</b> drought.</i>
<b>quicksand</b>	A treacherous situation that tends to entrap and destroy. <i>It s best to travel with a local as there are <b>quicksands</b>.</i>
<b>sandy</b>	Resembling or containing or abounding in sand or growing in sandy areas. <i>Pale eyes and receding <b>sandy</b> hair.</i>
<b>sear</b>	Fry (food) quickly at a high temperature so that it will retain its juices in subsequent cooking. <i>A sharp pang of disappointment <b>seared</b> her.</i>
<b>semiarid</b>	Somewhat arid. <i>A <b>semiarid</b> region with little annual rainfall.</i>
<b><u>shortage</u></b>	A state or situation in which something needed cannot be obtained in sufficient amounts. <i>The problems of land <b>shortage</b> in the countryside.</i>
<b>silt</b>	Fill or block with silt. <i>The soil ends up <b>silting</b> up the stream.</i>
<b>steppe</b>	A large area of flat unforested grassland in south-eastern Europe or Siberia.
<b>withered</b>	(used especially of vegetation) having lost all moisture. <i><b>Withered</b> leaves.</i>

