

Need another word that means the same as “dust”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “dust” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Dust” are: debris, detritus, junk, rubble, fine powder, fine particles, clean, sweep, wipe, mop, disperse, dot, scatter, sprinkle, buff, brush, powder, dredge, sift, spray, cover, spread, strew**

## Dust as a Noun

### Definitions of "Dust" as a noun

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

- *Free microscopic particles of solid material.*
- *A dead person's remains.*
- *A cloud of dust.*
- *The mortal human body.*
- *A fine powder.*
- *Fine powdery material such as dry earth or pollen that can be blown about in the air.*
- *The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up.*
- *Any material in the form of tiny particles.*
- *Fine, dry powder consisting of tiny particles of earth or waste matter lying on the ground or on surfaces or carried in the air.*
- *An act of dusting.*



## Synonyms of "Dust" as a noun (10 Words)

- clean** An act of cleaning something.  
*He gave the room a **clean**.*
- debris** Loose natural material consisting especially of broken pieces of rock.  
*Workmen were clearing the roads of the **debris** from shattered buildings.*
- detritus** Gravel, sand, silt, or other material produced by erosion.  
*The streets were foul with **detritus**.*
- fine particles** Money extracted as a penalty.
- fine powder** Money extracted as a penalty.
- junk** Junk bonds.  
*The cellars are full of **junk**.*
- mop** Cleaning implement consisting of absorbent material fastened to a handle; for cleaning floors.  
*Her tousled **mop** of blonde hair.*



<b>rubble</b>	Waste or rough fragments of stone, brick, concrete, etc., especially as the debris from the demolition of buildings. <i>The tower is built of stone <b>rubble</b> faced with ashlar.</i>
<b>sweep</b>	An act of sweeping something with a brush. <i>She asked if I wanted a membrane <b>sweep</b> to get labour going.</i>
<b>wipe</b>	A cinematographic effect in which an existing picture seems to be wiped out by a new one as the boundary between them moves across the screen. <i>Bert was giving the machine a final <b>wipe</b> over with an oily rag.</i>



### Usage Examples of "Dust" as a noun

- *The car sent up clouds of dust.*
- *The furniture was covered with dust.*
- *The soul, that dwells within your dust.*
- *He ground it into a fine dust.*
- *Coal dust.*
- *A quick dust, to get rid of the cobwebs.*



- *Scatter my dust and ashes.*
- *Astronomers say that the empty space between planets actually contains measurable amounts of dust.*



## Dust as a Verb

### Definitions of "Dust" as a verb

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

- *Remove the dust from.*
- *Cover with a light dusting of a substance.*
- *Rub the dust over a surface so as to blur the outlines of a shape.*
- *Beat up or kill someone.*
- *Distribute loosely.*

- *Cover lightly with a powdered substance.*
- *Bring something out for use again after a long period of neglect.*
- *Sprinkle (a powdered substance) on to something.*
- *Remove the dust or dirt from the surface of (something) by wiping or brushing it.*



## Synonyms of "Dust" as a verb (17 Words)

- brush** Rub with a brush or as if with a brush.  
*Her long skirt **brushed** the floor.*
- buff** Give (leather) a velvety finish by removing the surface of the grain.  
*The wind **buffeted** him.*
- clean** Be cleanable.  
***Clean** your teeth properly after meals.*
- cover** Provide with a covering or cause to be covered.  
*She is **covering** for our secretary who is ill this week.*
- disperse** Move away from each other.  
***Disperse** particles.*
- dot** Place a dot over a letter.  
*You can turn a reel into a hornpipe by slowing it down a bit and **dotting** the quavers.*



- dredge** Bring up or clear something from a river harbour or other area of water with a dredge.  
*I don't understand why you had to **dredge** up this story.*
- mop** To wash or wipe with or as if with a mop.  
*She **mopped** the floor and cleaned out two cupboards.*
- powder** Sprinkle or cover a surface with powder or a powdery substance.  
*Broken glass **powdered** the floor.*
- scatter** Sow by scattering.  
*The children **scattered** in all directions when the teacher approached.*
- sift** Put (a fine or loose substance) through a sieve so as to remove lumps or large particles.  
***Sift** through the job candidates.*
- spray** Cover by spraying with a liquid.  
*Water **sprayed** all over the floor.*
- spread** Spread across or over.  
*He sighed **spreading** jam on a croissant.*
- sprinkle** Distribute or disperse something randomly or irregularly throughout (something).  
*I **sprinkled** the floor with water.*
- strew** Spread by scattering.  
*Dead bodies **strewed** the ground.*
- sweep** Make a big sweeping gesture or movement.  
*Please **sweep** the floor.*
- wipe** Pass a swipe card over an electronic reader.  
*The man **wiped** his hands on his hips.*



## Usage Examples of "Dust" as a verb

- *Dust the cabinets.*
- *She washed and dusted and tidied.*
- *The officers dusted him up a little bit.*
- *The artist dusted the charcoal drawing down to a faint image.*
- *Roll out on a surface dusted with icing sugar.*
- *A number of aircraft will be dusted off and returned to flight.*
- *I broke the vase I had been dusting.*
- *Dust the bread with flour.*
- *Orange powder was dusted over the upper body.*
- *Pick yourself up and dust yourself down.*





## Associations of "Dust" (30 Words)

<b>aphid</b>	A small bug which feeds by sucking sap from plants; a blackfly or greenfly. Aphids reproduce rapidly, sometimes producing live young without mating, and large numbers can cause extensive damage to plants.
<b>broom</b>	Sweep with a broom or as if with a broom.
<b>brush</b>	Apply a liquid to a surface with a brush. <i>Brush the potatoes with oil.</i>
<b>cleaner</b>	A device for cleaning such as a vacuum cleaner. <i>An oven cleaner.</i>
<b>cleaning</b>	The action of making something clean, especially the inside of a house. <i>The housekeeper will help with the cleaning.</i>
<b>cobweb</b>	Something resembling a cobweb in delicacy or intricacy. <i>The wooden carvings were almost obliterated by cobwebs.</i>
<b>debris</b>	The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up. <i>A stable arrangement of planets comets and debris orbiting the sun.</i>
<b>detritus</b>	The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up. <i>The streets were foul with detritus.</i>
<b>dirt</b>	(of roads) not leveled or drained; unsuitable for all year travel. <i>A dirt road.</i>
<b>dregs</b>	The most worthless part or parts of something. <i>Coffee dregs.</i>
<b>dross</b>	The scum formed by oxidation at the surface of molten metals. <i>Alchemists tried to create gold from dross.</i>
<b>foul</b>	Not hit between the foul lines. <i>A foul odour.</i>
<b>junk</b>	Junk bonds. <i>Junk an old car.</i>
<b>mite</b>	A minute arachnid which has four pairs of legs when adult, related to the ticks. Many kinds live in the soil and a number are parasitic on plants or animals.
<b>mop</b>	To wash or wipe with or as if with a mop. <i>Cleaning crews spent much of Wednesday mopping water from classrooms that had flooded.</i>
<b>mote</b>	A tiny piece of a substance; a speck. <i>The tiniest mote of dust.</i>

<b>particle</b>	Any of numerous subatomic constituents of the physical world that interact with each other including electrons neutrinos photons and alpha particles. <i>Tiny <b>particles</b> of dust.</i>
<b>remainder</b>	Sell cheaply as remainders. <i>There was no <b>remainder</b>.</i>
<b>remains</b>	The parts left over after other parts have been removed, used, or destroyed. <i>Roman <b>remains</b>.</i>
<b>residue</b>	Something left after other parts have been taken away. <i>The fine <b>residue</b> left after the sorting of tea.</i>
<b>rubble</b>	Waste or rough fragments of stone, brick, concrete, etc., especially as the debris from the demolition of buildings. <i>Two buildings collapsed trapping scores of people in the <b>rubble</b>.</i>
<b>scabrous</b>	Rough to the touch; covered with scales or scurf. <i>His face was <b>scabrous</b> and lumpy.</i>
<b>spotch</b>	Mark with a blot or smear of something. <i>The white tablecloth was <b>spotched</b> with red wine.</i>
<b>stained</b>	Marked or dyed or discolored with foreign matter. <i>Her ink <b>stained</b> fingers.</i>
<b>sweep</b>	Move with sweeping effortless gliding motions. <i>A World Series <b>sweep</b>.</i>
<b>sweeping</b>	Dirt or refuse collected by sweeping. <i>A smooth <b>sweeping</b> motion.</i>
<b>tatter</b>	A small piece of cloth or paper.
<b>vestigial</b>	(of an organ or part of the body) degenerate, rudimentary, or atrophied, having become functionless in the course of evolution. <i>He felt a <b>vestigial</b> flicker of anger from last night.</i>
<b>wag</b>	(especially with reference to an animal's tail) move or cause to move rapidly to and fro. <i>She <b>wagged</b> a finger at Elinor.</i>
<b>wreckage</b>	The remains of something that has been badly damaged or destroyed. <i>Firemen had to cut him free from the <b>wreckage</b> of the car.</i>



