

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

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The synonyms of “Dusty” are: dust-covered, cold, moth-eaten, stale, dirty, grimy, grubby, unclean, soiled, begrimed, befouled, mucky, sooty, stained, spotty, powdery, crumbly, chalky, friable, muted, dull, flat, faded, pale, pastel, subtle, restrained

Dusty as an Adjective

Definitions of "Dusty" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “dusty” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Lacking originality or spontaneity; no longer new.*
- *Covered with a layer of dust.*
- *Staid and uninteresting.*
- *Covered with, full of, or resembling dust.*
- *(of a colour) dull or muted.*



Synonyms of "Dusty" as an adjective (27 Words)

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| befouled | Made dirty or foul. <i>A building befouled with soot.</i> |
| begrimed | Blackened with ingrained dirt. <i>A miner's begrimed face.</i> |
| chalky | Consisting of or rich in chalk. <i>Walls of chalky green.</i> |
| cold | Extended meanings especially of psychological coldness without human warmth or emotion. <i>The trail went cold.</i> |
| crumbly | Consisting of or easily breaking into small fragments. <i>The cheese has a sharp flavour and is crumbly and moist.</i> |
| dull | So lacking in interest as to cause mental weariness. <i>Your diet doesn't have to be dull and boring.</i> |
| dust-covered | Covered with a layer of dust. |

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| faded | Reduced in strength. <i>Faded jeans.</i> |
| <u>flat</u> | Relating to flat racing. <i>The UK housing market was flat.</i> |
| friable | Easily crumbled. <i>Friable curds formed in the stomach.</i> |
| grimy | Thickly covered with ingrained dirt or soot. <i>The grimy industrial city.</i> |
| grubby | Involving dishonest or disreputable activity; sordid. <i>The grubby face of a young boy.</i> |
| moth-eaten | Showing signs of wear and tear. |
| mucky | (of soil) soft and watery. <i>Wet mucky lowland.</i> |
| muted | In a softened tone. <i>A dress in muted tones of powder blue and dusty pink.</i> |
| <u>pale</u> | Very light colored; highly diluted with white. <i>The pale light of a half moon.</i> |
| pastel | Of a soft and delicate shade of colour. <i>Faded pastel charms of the naive music.</i> |
| powdery | As if dulled in color with a sprinkling of powder. <i>A powdery blue.</i> |
| restrained | Kept under control. <i>The drawings with their restrained colours give a feeling of peace and contemplation.</i> |
| <u>soiled</u> | Soiled or likely to soil with dirt or grime. <i>A soiled T shirt.</i> |
| sooty | Used in names of birds and other animals that are mainly blackish or brownish black e.g sooty tern. <i>A sooty chimney.</i> |
| <u>spotty</u> | Having spots or patches (small areas of contrasting color or texture). <i>The wall had a spotty speckled effect.</i> |
| stained | Having a coating of stain or varnish. <i>Her ink stained fingers.</i> |
| <u>stale</u> | (of food) no longer fresh and pleasant to eat; hard, musty, or dry. <i>Stale news.</i> |
| <u>subtle</u> | Difficult to detect or grasp by the mind or analyze. <i>The subtle fiend dissembled.</i> |

unclean

Soiled or likely to soil with dirt or grime.
*Wore an **unclean** shirt.*



Usage Examples of "Dusty" as an adjective

- *A dusty pile of books.*
- *Dusty old records.*
- *A hot, dusty road.*
- *Patches of pale gold and dusty pink.*
- *A dusty old bore.*



Associations of "Dusty" (30 Words)

bog

An area of wet muddy ground that is too soft to support a heavy body.
A **bog** of legal complications.

climate

A region with a particular climate.
He had grown up in a hot **climate**.

cold

Extended meanings especially of psychological coldness without human warmth or emotion.
Cold logic.

covered

Overlaid or spread or topped with or enclosed within something; sometimes used as a combining form.
Covered wagons.

damp

Damp air or atmosphere.
An ensemble of drums including a foot **damped** instrument.

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| dank | Unpleasantly cool and humid. <i>Huge dank caverns.</i> |
| drenched | Abundantly covered or supplied with; often used in combination. <i>Moon drenched meadows.</i> |
| grimy | Thickly covered with ingrained dirt or soot. <i>The grimy industrial city.</i> |
| humid | Marked by a relatively high level of water vapour in the atmosphere. <i>A hot and humid day.</i> |
| marshland | Low-lying wet land with grassy vegetation; usually is a transition zone between land and water. <i>Acres of meadows and marshlands.</i> |
| marshy | Characteristic of or resembling a marsh; waterlogged. <i>A marshy coastline.</i> |
| moist | (of a climate) rainy. <i>The moist fertile soil.</i> |
| muddy | Cause to become muddy. <i>The original colours were blurred into muddy pink and yellow.</i> |
| mudslide | A mass of mud and other earthy material that is falling or has fallen down a hillside or other slope. |
| muffled | Wrapped up especially for protection or secrecy. <i>They heard the sounds of muffled voices.</i> |
| muted | Being or made softer or less loud or clear. <i>The muted hum of the distant traffic.</i> |
| rain | Falls of rain. <i>The low sky raining over tower d Camelot.</i> |
| rainy | (of weather, a period, or an area) having or characterized by considerable rainfall. <i>Rainy days.</i> |
| scabrous | Rough and covered with, or as if with, scabs. <i>A scabrous hovel.</i> |
| snow | Fall as snow. <i>Carbon dioxide snow.</i> |
| snowy | Marked by the presence of snow. <i>Snowy hair.</i> |
| soggy | Slow and apathetic. <i>We squelched through the soggy ground.</i> |
| splashing | The act of splashing a liquid substance on a surface. |

- swamp** Low land that is seasonally flooded; has more woody plants than a marsh and better drainage than a bog.
*The country was **swamped** with goods from abroad.*
- swampy** (of soil) soft and watery.
*A **swampy** area.*
- tropics** The part of the Earth's surface between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn; characterized by a hot climate.
- unclean** Having a physical or moral blemish so as to make impure according to dietary or ceremonial laws.
***Unclean** thoughts.*
- unsanitary** Not sanitary or healthful.
*The **unsanitary** conditions in the orphanage.*
- wet** Make one's bed or clothes wet by urinating.
*He **wetted** a finger and flicked through the pages.*

