

Need another word that means the same as “elder”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “elder” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Elder” are: older, sr., senior, first, firstborn, more grown up, big, elderberry bush, old person, older person, leader, senior figure, official, patriarch, father, guru**

## Elder as a Noun

### Definitions of "Elder" as a noun

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

- *A person who is older than one by a specified length of time.*
- *Any of numerous shrubs or small trees of temperate and subtropical northern hemisphere having white flowers and berrylike fruit.*
- *A person who is older than you are.*
- *A leader or senior figure in a tribe or other group.*
- *Any of various church officers.*
- *A member of a senate or governing body.*
- *People who are older than one.*
- *An official in the early Christian Church, or of various Protestant Churches and sects.*



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

**elderberry bush** A low woody perennial plant usually having several major stems.

**father**

A male parent also used as a term of address to your father.  
*Margaret's **father** died at an early age.*

**guru**

Each of the first ten leaders of the Sikh religion.  
*A **guru** of genomics.*

**leader**

An organization or company that is the most advanced or successful in a particular area.  
*A natural **leader**.*

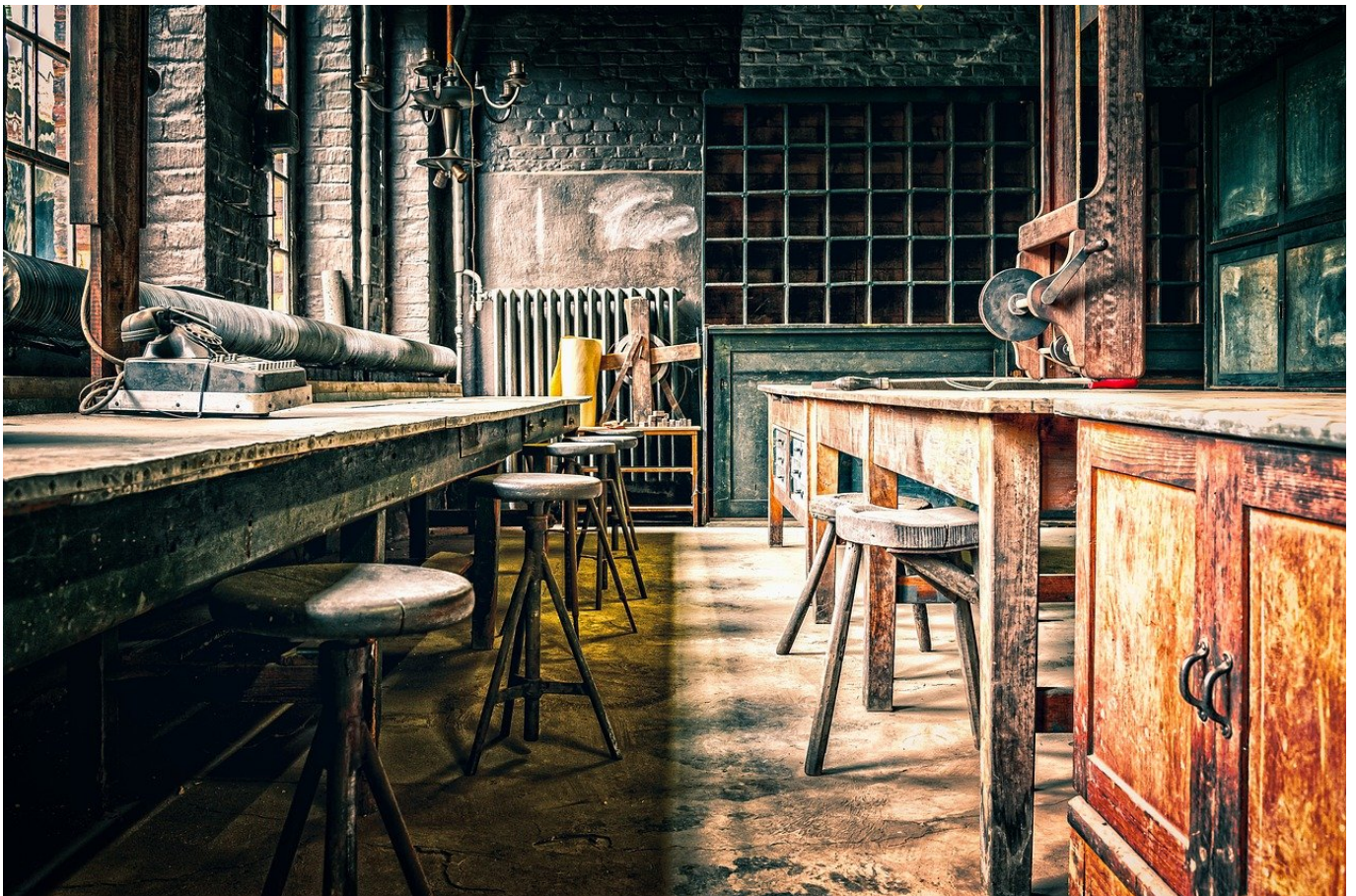
<b>official</b>	A person holding public office or having official duties especially as a representative of an organization or government department. <i>The golfer asked for an <b>official</b> who could give him a ruling.</i>
<b>old person</b>	Past times (especially in the phrase `in days of old.
<b>older person</b>	Past times (especially in the phrase `in days of old.
<b>patriarch</b>	Title for the heads of the Eastern Orthodox Churches (in Istanbul and Alexandria and Moscow and Jerusalem. <i>Hollywood's reigning <b>patriarch</b> rose to speak.</i>
<b>senior</b>	A student in one of the higher forms of a senior school. <i>The price is 7 for adults and 3 50 for <b>seniors</b>.</i>
<b>senior figure</b>	An undergraduate student during the year preceding graduation.





## Usage Examples of "Elder" as a noun

- *A council of village elders.*
- *Schoolchildren were no less fascinated than their elders.*
- *She was two years his elder.*
- *He left the Church of which he had been an elder.*



## Elder as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Elder" as an adjective

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

- *Used to distinguish between related famous people with the same name.*
- *Used of the older of two persons of the same name especially used to distinguish a*

*father from his son.*

- *(of one or more out of a group of associated people) of a greater age.*





## Synonyms of "Elder" as an adjective (7 Words)

<b>big</b>	Fully developed. <i>A <b>big</b> eater.</i>
<b>first</b>	Ranking above all others. <i>The <b>first</b> phase of his training.</i>
<b>firstborn</b>	Denoting the first child born to a particular person. <i>The <b>firstborn</b> child.</i>
<b>more grown up</b>	Quantifier meaning greater in number.
<b>older</b>	Used of the older of two persons of the same name especially used to distinguish a father from his son. <i>The <b>older</b> soldiers.</i>
<b><u>senior</u></b>	Of or for the final year at a university or high school. <i>The <b>senior</b> prom.</i>
<b>sr.</b>	Used of the older of two persons of the same name especially used to distinguish a father from his son.





## Usage Examples of "Elder" as an adjective

- *Pliny the Elder.*
- *My elder daughter.*
- *The elder of the two sons.*



## Associations of "Elder" (30 Words)

**aged**

Aging as a preservative process aged is pronounced as one syllable.  
*Aged* rocks.

<b>aging</b>	The organic process of growing older and showing the effects of increasing age.
<b>anachronistic</b>	Belonging to a period other than that being portrayed. <i>English public schools are <b>anachronistic</b>.</i>
<b>ancestor</b>	A person, typically one more remote than a grandparent, from whom one is descended. <i>He could trace his <b>ancestors</b> back to James the First.</i>
<b>antediluvian</b>	Of or relating to the period before the biblical flood. <i><b>Antediluvian</b> man.</i>
<b>antiquated</b>	Old-fashioned or outdated. <i>This <b>antiquated</b> central heating system.</i>
<b>archaic</b>	So extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period. <i>A term with a rather <b>archaic</b> ring to it.</i>
<b>brother</b>	A male with the same parents as someone else. <i>The time is coming <b>brothers</b> for us to act.</i>
<b>daughter</b>	A thing personified as a daughter in relation to its origin or source. <i>We are the sons and <b>daughters</b> of Adam.</i>
<b>family</b>	The children of a person or couple being discussed. <i>The <b>family</b> refused to accept his will.</i>
<b>father</b>	Treat with the protective care associated with a father. <i>A singular letter from a lady requesting I would <b>father</b> a novel of hers.</i>
<b>forebear</b>	An ancestor. <i>Generations of his <b>forebears</b> had lived in London.</i>
<b>forefather</b>	Person from an earlier time who contributed to the tradition shared by some group. <i>The <b>forefathers</b> of modern British socialism.</i>
<b>gramps</b>	The father of your father or mother.
<b>grandfather</b>	The person who founded or originated something. <i>Smokers who worked here before the ban have been <b>grandfathered</b>.</i>
<b>grandma</b>	The mother of your father or mother. <i><b>Grandma</b> didn't stop talking.</i>
<b>grandmother</b>	The mother of your father or mother. <i>My <b>grandmother</b> is ill.</i>
<b>grandpa</b>	The father of your father or mother.
<b>grandparent</b>	A parent of your father or mother. <i>It must be a great blessing to have Chloe's <b>grandparents</b> living nearby.</i>

<b>moot</b>	Open to argument or debate. <i>That is a <b>moot</b> question.</i>
<b>obsolescent</b>	Becoming obsolete. <b>Obsolescent</b> equipment.
<b>obsolete</b>	Cause a product or idea to become obsolete by replacing it with something new. <b>Obsolete</b> words.
<b>outdated</b>	Old; no longer valid or fashionable. <b>Outdated</b> equipment.
<b>paleolithic</b>	Second part of the Stone Age beginning about 750,000 to 500,000 years BC and lasting until the end of the last ice age about 8,500 years BC. <b>Paleolithic</b> artifacts.
<b>patriarch</b>	A bishop of one of the most ancient Christian sees (Alexandria, Antioch, Constantinople, Jerusalem, and formerly Rome). <i>He is the <b>patriarch</b> of all spin doctors.</i>
<b>senior</b>	A student in one of the higher forms of a senior school. <i>The people <b>senior</b> to me in my department.</i>
<b>sister</b>	A fellow woman seen in relation to feminist issues. <i>My <b>sister</b> married a musician.</i>
<b>superannuated</b>	Outdated or obsolete through age or new developments. <i>He left the house for the support of twelve <b>superannuated</b> wool carders.</i>
<b>uncle</b>	A pawnbroker. <i>He visited his <b>uncle</b>.</i>
<b>yore</b>	Time long past.



