

Need another word that means the same as “heathen”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “heathen” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Heathen” are: gentile, infidel, pagan, idolater, idolatress, philistine, boor, oaf, ignoramus, lout, yahoo, vulgarian, plebeian, ethnic, heathenish, idolatrous

Heathen as a Noun

Definitions of "Heathen" as a noun

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

- *A person regarded as lacking culture or moral principles.*
- *A person who does not acknowledge your god.*
- *A person who does not belong to a widely held religion (especially one who is not a Christian, Jew, or Muslim) as regarded by those who do.*
- *A follower of a polytheistic religion; a pagan.*



Synonyms of "Heathen" as a noun (13 Words)

boor	A crude uncouth ill-bred person lacking culture or refinement. <i>At last the big obnoxious boor had been dealt a stunning blow for his uncouth and belligerent manner.</i>
gentile	A person who is not Jewish. <i>Christians refer to themselves as gentiles.</i>
idolater	A person who worships idols.
idolatress	A woman idolater.
ignoramus	An ignorant person. <i>Assume that your examiner is an ignoramus and explain everything to him.</i>
infidel	A person who has no religion or whose religion is not that of the majority. <i>A crusade against infidels and heretics.</i>
lout	An awkward stupid person. <i>He ended up brawling with a lout outside a curry house.</i>

- oaf** An awkward stupid person.
*They are just big clumsy **oafs**.*
- pagan** A person who follows a polytheistic or pre-Christian religion (not a Christian or Muslim or Jew).
*A Muslim majority had to live in close proximity to large communities of Christians and **pagans**.*
- philistine** A member of an Aegean people who settled ancient Philistia around the 12th century BC.
*I am a complete **philistine** when it comes to paintings.*
- plebeian** One of the common people.
*The feeling was shared by **plebeians** gentry and clergy.*
- vulgarian** An unrefined person, especially one with newly acquired power or wealth.
*The new bosses are such **vulgarians**.*
- yahoo** A rude, noisy, or violent person.



Usage Examples of "Heathen" as a noun

- *My brother and I were raised, as my grandma puts it, as heathens.*
- *A chance of salvation for the heathen.*
- *Eat your chips, you little heathen!*



Heathen as an Adjective

Definitions of "Heathen" as an adjective

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

- *Not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam.*
- *Relating to heathens.*



Synonyms of "Heathen" as an adjective (5 Words)

ethnic	Neither Christian nor Jewish; pagan or heathen. <i>The students ethnic backgrounds are very diverse.</i>
heathenish	Not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam.
idolatrous	Showing extreme admiration or reverence for something. <i>America's idolatrous worship of the auto.</i>
infidel	Adhering to a religion other than that of the majority. <i>The infidel foe.</i>
pagan	Relating to pagans or their beliefs. <i>A pagan god.</i>



Usage Examples of "Heathen" as an adjective

- *Heathen practices.*



Associations of "Heathen" (30 Words)

agnostic	Relating to agnostics or agnosticism. <i>Our industry is moving towards a device agnostic model.</i>
apostasy	The state of having rejected your religious beliefs or your political party or a cause (often in favor of opposing beliefs or causes). <i>The execution of their leader for apostasy brought widespread criticism.</i>
atheism	Disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of God or gods.
<u>atheist</u>	Someone who denies the existence of god. <i>He is a committed atheist.</i>
atheistic	Rejecting any belief in gods. <i>Some were preoccupied with God others were atheistic to the core.</i>
bible	The sacred writings of the Christian religions.
deist	Of or relating to deism.
<u>disbelief</u>	A rejection of belief. <i>Laura shook her head in disbelief.</i>
freethinker	A person who believes that God created the universe and then abandoned it.
gentile	A Christian as contrasted with a Jew. <i>Christians refer to themselves as gentiles.</i>
<u>heresy</u>	Belief or opinion contrary to orthodox religious (especially Christian) doctrine. <i>The heresy of being uncommitted to the right political dogma.</i>
<u>heretic</u>	A person who holds religious beliefs in conflict with the dogma of the Roman Catholic Church.
heretical	Holding an opinion at odds with what is generally accepted. <i>A heretical theologian.</i>
heterodoxy	Deviation from accepted or orthodox standards or beliefs. <i>His work was marked by elements of theological heterodoxy.</i>
humanism	The doctrine that people's duty is to promote human welfare.
<u>idol</u>	An image or representation of a god used as an object of worship. <i>A soccer idol.</i>
idolater	A person who worships idols.
idolatry	The worship of idols. <i>We must not allow our idolatry of art to obscure issues of political significance.</i>

infidel	A person who does not acknowledge your god. <i>A crusade against infidels and heretics.</i>
irreligious	Indifferent or hostile to religion, or having no religious beliefs. <i>An irreligious man.</i>
monotheism	The doctrine or belief that there is only one God. Relating to pagans or their beliefs.
pagan	<i>A Muslim majority had to live in close proximity to large communities of Christians and pagans.</i>
pantheism	Worship that admits or tolerates all gods.
polytheism	Belief in multiple Gods. <i>The polytheism of the ancient Near East.</i>
pray	Address a prayer to God or another deity. <i>I prayed that James wouldn't notice.</i>
proselytize	Advocate or promote (a belief or course of action). <i>Davis wanted to share his concept and proselytize his ideas.</i>
religion	The belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods. <i>Ideas about the relationship between science and religion.</i>
staunch	Firm and dependable especially in loyalty. <i>A staunch defender of free speech.</i>
theism	Belief in the existence of a god or gods, specifically of a creator who intervenes in the universe. <i>There are many different forms of theism.</i>

