

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

- 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.  
*The students **ethnic** backgrounds are very diverse.*
- heathenish** Not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam.
- idolatrous** Showing extreme admiration or reverence for something.  
*America's **idolatrous** worship of the auto.*
- infidel** Adhering to a religion other than that of the majority.  
*The **infidel** foe.*
- pagan** Relating to pagans or their beliefs.  
*A **pagan** god.*



## Usage Examples of "Heathen" as an adjective

- *Heathen practices.*



## Associations of "Heathen" (30 Words)

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



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

