

Need another word that means the same as “profane”? Find 52 synonyms and 30 related words for “profane” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Profane” are: blasphemous, sacrilegious, unconsecrated, unsanctified, secular, blue, lay, temporal, worldly, earthly, irreverent, ungodly, godless, impious, disrespectful, irreligious, unbelieving, disbelieving, idolatrous, obscene, foul, vulgar, crude, filthy, dirty, smutty, coarse, rude, offensive, scurrilous, off colour, indecent, indecorous, corrupt, debase, debauch, demoralise, demoralize, deprave, misdirect, pervert, subvert, vitiate, desecrate, outrage, violate, defile, treat with disrespect, degrade, contaminate, pollute, taint**

## Profane as a Verb

### Definitions of "Profane" as a verb

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

- *Treat (something sacred) with irreverence or disrespect.*
- *Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.*
- *Violate the sacred character of a place or language.*



## Synonyms of "Profane" as a verb (19 Words)

<b>contaminate</b>	Make (something) impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance. <i>Don't drink the water it's <b>contaminated</b>.</i>
<b>corrupt</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>Epicurus's teachings have since been much <b>corrupted</b>.</i>
<b>debase</b>	Corrupt, debase, or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance, often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>War <b>debases</b> people.</i>
<b>debauch</b>	Destroy or debase the moral purity of; corrupt. <i>He has <b>debauched</b> the morals of the people and endeavoured to corrupt parliament.</i>
<b><u>defile</u></b>	Damage the purity or appearance of; mar or spoil. <i>He took her behind the building and <b>defiled</b> her.</i>

<b>degrade</b>	Treat or regard (someone) with contempt or disrespect. <i>When exposed to light the materials will <b>degrade</b>.</i>
<b>demoralise</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. Cause (someone) to lose confidence or hope.
<b>demoralize</b>	<i>She hastened her daughter's steps lest she be <b>demoralized</b> by beholding the free manners of these mad English.</i>
<b>deprave</b>	Make (someone) immoral or wicked. <i>This book would <b>deprave</b> and corrupt young children.</i>
<b><u>desecrate</u></b>	Spoil (something which is valued or respected). <i>Many lanes are <b>desecrated</b> with yellow lines.</i>
<b>misdirect</b>	Direct to the wrong place or in the wrong direction. <i>He <b>misdirected</b> a shot.</i>
<b>outrage</b>	Force (someone) to have sex against their will. <i>The public were <b>outraged</b> at the brutality involved.</i>
<b><u>pervert</u></b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>He was charged with conspiring to <b>pervert</b> the course of justice.</i>
<b>pollute</b>	Contaminate (water, the air, etc.) with harmful or poisonous substances. <i>A society <b>polluted</b> by greed.</i>
<b><u>subvert</u></b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>We must not let our civil liberties be <b>subverted</b> by the current crisis.</i>
<b>taint</b>	Contaminate with a disease or microorganism. <i>His administration was <b>tainted</b> by scandal.</i>
<b>treat with disrespect</b>	Provide treatment for.
<b>violate</b>	Violate the sacred character of a place or language. <i>They denied that human rights were being <b>violated</b>.</i>
<b>vitiate</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>The insurance is <b>vitiated</b> because of foolish acts on the part of the tenant.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Profane" as a verb

- *Profane the name of God.*
- *It was a serious matter to profane a tomb.*



## Profane as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Profane" as an adjective

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

- *Not concerned with or devoted to religion.*
- *Not relating to that which is sacred or religious; secular.*
- *Characterized by profanity or cursing.*
- *Not holy because unconsecrated or impure or defiled.*
- *(of a person) not initiated into religious rites or any esoteric knowledge.*
- *Not concerned with or devoted to religion.*
- *(of a person or their behaviour) not respectful of religious practice; irreverent.*
- *Grossly irreverent toward what is held to be sacred.*
- *(of language) blasphemous or obscene.*



## Synonyms of "Profane" as an adjective (33 Words)

- blasphemous** Grossly irreverent toward what is held to be sacred.  
*Foul mouthed and **blasphemous**.*
- blue** Of a person's skin having turned blue as a result of cold or breathing difficulties.  
*Deep **blue** eyes.*
- coarse** Relating to the sport of angling for coarse fish.  
*A man of **coarse** speech.*
- crude** Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness.  
*The **crude** facts.*
- disbelieving** Feeling or expressing disbelief.  
*The **disbelieving** look in her eyes.*
- disrespectful** Showing a lack of respect or courtesy; impolite.  
*A deeply **disrespectful** attitude towards women.*

<b><u>earthly</u></b>	Relating to the earth or human life. <i>Believed that our <b>earthly</b> life is all that matters.</i>
<b><u>filthy</u></b>	(of weather) very unpleasant. <i><b>Filthy</b> language.</i>
<b>foul</b>	Not hit between the foul lines. <i>The news had put Michelle in a <b>foul</b> mood.</i>
<b>godless</b>	Not believing in God. <i>A mob reeling out from their <b>godless</b> pleasures.</i>
<b>idolatrous</b>	Relating to or practising idolatry; idol-worshipping. <i>America s <b>idolatrous</b> worship of the auto.</i>
<b>impious</b>	Showing a lack of respect for God or religion. <i><b>Impious</b> villains.</i>
<b>indecent</b>	Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society. <i><b>Indecent</b> acts.</i>
<b><u>indecorous</u></b>	Lacking propriety and good taste in manners and conduct. <i><b>Indecorous</b> behavior.</i>
<b>irreligious</b>	Indifferent or hostile to religion, or having no religious beliefs. <i>An <b>irreligious</b> man.</i>
<b><u>irreverent</u></b>	Characterized by a lightly pert and exuberant quality. <i><b>Irreverent</b> scholars mocking sacred things.</i>
<b><u>lay</u></b>	Not of or from a profession. <i>The <b>lay</b> ministry.</i>
<b>obscene</b>	Offensive to the mind. <i>The dance often becomes flagrantly <b>obscene</b>.</i>
<b>off colour</b>	In an unpalatable state.
<b>offensive</b>	Morally offensive. <i><b>Offensive</b> weapons.</i>
<b>rude</b>	Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness. <i>It s <b>rude</b> to talk about people right in front of them.</i>
<b>sacrilegious</b>	Involving or committing sacrilege. <i>It is <b>sacrilegious</b> to enter with shoes on.</i>
<b>scurrilous</b>	Humorously insulting. <i>A very funny collection of bawdy and <b>scurrilous</b> writings.</i>
<b><u>secular</u></b>	Of or denoting slow changes in the motion of the sun or planets. <i><b>Secular</b> buildings.</i>

<b>temporal</b>	Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world. <i>Temporal possessions of the church.</i>
<b>unbelieving</b>	Denying or questioning the tenets of especially a religion. <i>They were to preach to the <b>unbelieving</b> people.</i>
<b>unconsecrated</b>	Not holy because unconsecrated or impure or defiled. <i>He was buried in <b>unconsecrated</b> ground.</i>
<b>ungodly</b>	Characterized by iniquity; wicked because it is believed to be a sin. <i>I've been troubled by telephone calls at <b>ungodly</b> hours.</i>
<b>unsanctified</b>	Not sanctified. <i>The body was <b>unsanctified</b>.</i>
<b>worldly</b>	(of a person) experienced and sophisticated. <i><b>Worldly</b> goods and advancement.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Profane" as an adjective

- *A talk that tackled topics both sacred and profane.*



- *Profane words.*
- *He was an agnostic, a profane man.*
- *A profane person might be tempted to violate the tomb.*
- *Sacred and profane music.*
- *Profane utterances against the Church.*
- *Children being brought up in an entirely profane environment.*

## Associations of "Profane" (30 Words)

<b>blasphemous</b>	Sacrilegious against God or sacred things; profane. <i><b>Blasphemous</b> rites of a witches Sabbath.</i>
<b>corrupt</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>Socrates was accused of <b>corrupting</b> young men.</i>
<b>debauch</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>His life had been spent in <b>debauch</b>.</i>
<b>deprave</b>	Make (someone) immoral or wicked. <i>This book would <b>deprave</b> and corrupt young children.</i>
<b>desecrate</b>	Remove the consecration from a person or an object. <i>Many lanes are <b>desecrated</b> with yellow lines.</i>
<b>diehard</b>	A person who strongly opposes change or who continues to support something in spite of opposition. <i>A <b>diehard</b> Yankees fan.</i>
<b>earthly</b>	Relating to the earth or human life. <i><b>Earthly</b> beings.</i>
<b>exhume</b>	Expose (a land surface) that was formerly buried. <i>The bodies were <b>exhumed</b> on the orders of a judge.</i>
<b>forensic</b>	A laboratory or department responsible for forensic tests. <i><b>Forensic</b> photograph.</i>
<b>immoral</b>	Not adhering to ethical or moral principles. <i>They considered colonialism <b>immoral</b>.</i>
<b>impertinent</b>	Characterized by a lightly pert and exuberant quality. <i>An <b>impertinent</b> question.</i>
<b>impiety</b>	Lack of piety or reverence. <i>He blamed the fall of the city on the <b>impiety</b> of the people.</i>
<b>impious</b>	Lacking piety or reverence for a god. <i><b>Impious</b> toward one's parents.</i>

<b><u>insolent</u></b>	Showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect. <i>She hated the <b>insolent</b> tone of his voice.</i>
<b><u>irreverent</u></b>	Characterized by a lightly pert and exuberant quality. <i><b>Irreverent</b> scholars mocking sacred things.</i>
<b>lewd</b>	Driven by lust; preoccupied with or exhibiting lustful desires. <i><b>Lewd</b> pictures.</i>
<b>libel</b>	The action or crime of publishing a libel. <i>If a ship does you any injury you <b>libel</b> the ship.</i>
<b><u>loot</u></b>	Goods or money obtained illegally. <i>Police confronted the protestors who were <b>looting</b> shops.</i>
<b>nefarious</b>	(typically of an action or activity) wicked or criminal. <i><b>Nefarious</b> schemes.</i>
<b><u>pervert</u></b>	Change the inherent purpose or function of something. <i>Hector is a man who is simply <b>perverted</b> by his time.</i>
<b>pillage</b>	Rob a (place) using violence, especially in wartime. <i>Artworks <b>pillaged</b> from churches and museums.</i>
<b><u>plunder</u></b>	Plunder a town after capture. <i>The commander refused to maintain his troops through pillage and <b>plunder</b>.</i>
<b>ransack</b>	Go through (a place) stealing things and causing damage. <i>Man has <b>ransacked</b> the planet for fuel.</i>
<b>sacrilegious</b>	Grossly irreverent toward what is held to be sacred. <i>A <b>sacrilegious</b> act.</i>
<b><u>secular</u></b>	A secular priest. <i>There is evidence that the slump is not cyclical but <b>secular</b>.</i>
<b><u>temporal</u></b>	Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world. <i><b>Temporal</b> matters of but fleeting moment.</i>
<b>ungodly</b>	Characterized by iniquity; wicked because it is believed to be a sin. <i>I've been troubled by telephone calls at <b>ungodly</b> hours.</i>
<b>vicious</b>	Immoral. <i><b>Vicious</b> kicks.</i>
<b>wicked</b>	Morally bad in principle or practice. <i>A <b>wicked</b> cough.</i>
<b><u>worldly</u></b>	Very sophisticated especially because of surfeit; versed in the ways of the world. <i><b>Worldly</b> goods and advancement.</i>