

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)

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| <b>contaminate</b>   | Make (something) impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance.<br><i>Don't drink the water it's <b>contaminated</b>.</i>                         |
| <b>corrupt</b>       | Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.<br><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.<br><i>War <b>debases</b> people.</i> |
| <b>debauch</b>       | Destroy or debase the moral purity of; corrupt.<br><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.<br><i>He took her behind the building and <b>defiled</b> her.</i>   |

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| <b>degrade</b>               | Treat or regard (someone) with contempt or disrespect.<br><i>When exposed to light the materials will <b>degrade</b>.</i>                       |
| <b>demoralise</b>            | Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.<br>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.<br><i>This book would <b>deprave</b> and corrupt young children.</i>  |
| <b><u>desecrate</u></b>      | Spoil (something which is valued or respected).<br><i>Many lanes are <b>desecrated</b> with yellow lines.</i>                                   |
| <b>misdirect</b>             | Direct to the wrong place or in the wrong direction.<br><i>He <b>misdirected</b> a shot.</i>  |
| <b>outrage</b>               | Force (someone) to have sex against their will.<br><i>The public were <b>outraged</b> at the brutality involved.</i>                            |
| <b><u>pervert</u></b>        | Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.<br><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.<br><i>A society <b>polluted</b> by greed.</i>                          |
| <b><u>subvert</u></b>        | Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>They denied that human rights were being <b>violated</b>.</i>                        |
| <b>vitiate</b>               | Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.<br><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.*

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

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| <b>temporal</b>      | Characteristic of or devoted to the temporal world as opposed to the spiritual world.<br><i>Temporal possessions of the church.</i>            |
| <b>unbelieving</b>   | Denying or questioning the tenets of especially a religion.<br><i>They were to preach to the <b>unbelieving</b> people.</i>                    |
| <b>unconsecrated</b> | Not holy because unconsecrated or impure or defiled.<br><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.<br><i>I've been troubled by telephone calls at <b>ungodly</b> hours.</i> |
| <b>unsanctified</b>  | Not sanctified.<br><i>The body was <b>unsanctified</b>.</i>  |
| <b>worldly</b>       | (of a person) experienced and sophisticated.<br><i>Worldly 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)

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| <b>blasphemous</b> | Sacrilegious against God or sacred things; profane.<br><i><b>Blasphemous</b> rites of a witches Sabbath.</i>                               |
| <b>corrupt</b>     | Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.<br><i>Socrates was accused of <b>corrupting</b> young men.</i>                           |
| <b>debauch</b>     | Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.<br><i>His life had been spent in <b>debauch</b>.</i>                                     |
| <b>deprave</b>     | Make (someone) immoral or wicked.<br><i>This book would <b>deprave</b> and corrupt young children.</i>                                     |
| <b>desecrate</b>   | Remove the consecration from a person or an object.<br><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.<br><i>A <b>diehard</b> Yankees fan.</i> |
| <b>earthly</b>     | Relating to the earth or human life.<br><i><b>Earthly</b> beings.</i>  |
| <b>exhume</b>      | Expose (a land surface) that was formerly buried.<br><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.<br><i><b>Forensic</b> photograph.</i>   |
| <b>immoral</b>     | Not adhering to ethical or moral principles.<br><i>They considered colonialism <b>immoral</b>.</i>   |
| <b>impertinent</b> | Characterized by a lightly pert and exuberant quality.<br><i>An <b>impertinent</b> question.</i>   |
| <b>impiety</b>     | Lack of piety or reverence.<br><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.<br><i><b>Impious</b> toward one's parents.</i>   |

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| <b><u>insolent</u></b>   | Showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect.<br><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.<br><i><b>Irreverent</b> scholars mocking sacred things.</i>                              |
| <b>lewd</b>              | Driven by lust; preoccupied with or exhibiting lustful desires.<br><i><b>Lewd</b> pictures.</i>   |
| <b>libel</b>             | The action or crime of publishing a libel.<br><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.<br><i>Police confronted the protestors who were <b>looting</b> shops.</i>                                    |
| <b>nefarious</b>         | (typically of an action or activity) wicked or criminal.<br><i><b>Nefarious</b> schemes.</i>  |
| <b><u>pervert</u></b>    | Change the inherent purpose or function of something.<br><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.<br><i>Artworks <b>pillaged</b> from churches and museums.</i>                              |
| <b><u>plunder</u></b>    | Plunder a town after capture.<br><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.<br><i>Man has <b>ransacked</b> the planet for fuel.</i>                                |
| <b>sacrilegious</b>      | Grossly irreverent toward what is held to be sacred.<br><i>A <b>sacrilegious</b> act.</i>   |
| <b><u>secular</u></b>    | A secular priest.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>I've been troubled by telephone calls at <b>ungodly</b> hours.</i>  |
| <b>vicious</b>           | Immoral.<br><i><b>Vicious</b> kicks.</i>  |
| <b>wicked</b>            | Morally bad in principle or practice.<br><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.<br><i><b>Worldly</b> goods and advancement.</i>              |