

Need another word that means the same as “progenitor”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “progenitor” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Progenitor” are: primogenitor, ancestor, forefather, forebear, parent, originator, founder, instigator, source

Progenitor as a Noun

Definitions of "Progenitor" as a noun

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

- *A person who originates a cultural or intellectual movement.*
- *An ancestor in the direct line.*
- *A person or thing from which a person, animal, or plant is descended or originates; an ancestor or parent.*



Synonyms of "Progenitor" as a noun (9 Words)

[ancestor](#)

Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent).

*This instrument is an **ancestor** of the lute.*

forebear

An ancestor.

*Generations of his **forebears** had lived in London.*

forefather

Person from an earlier time who contributed to the tradition shared by some group.

*Our **forefathers** brought forth a great nation.*

[founder](#)

Inflammation of the laminated tissue that attaches the hoof to the foot of a horse.

*An iron **founder**.*

instigator	Someone who deliberately foments trouble. <i>She was the instigator of their quarrel.</i>
originator	Someone who creates new things. <i>Wegener was the originator of the theory of continental drift.</i>
parent	A person's father or mother. <i>The parents of the bride.</i>
primogenitor	An ancestor in the direct line.
source	A facility where something is available. <i>Pittsburgh is the source of the Ohio River.</i>

Usage Examples of "Progenitor" as a noun

- *His children were the progenitors of many of Scotland's noble families.*
- *The progenitor of modern jazz.*

Associations of "Progenitor" (30 Words)

ancestor	An early version of a machine, system, etc. <i>The ancestor of most dolphins is not clear.</i>
ancestral	Of or belonging to or inherited from an ancestor. <i>Ancestral home.</i>
ancestry	The evolutionary or genetic line of descent of an animal or plant. <i>The ancestry of the rose is extremely complicated.</i>
antecedent	Denoting or counting as an antecedent. <i>Phrenology was an antecedent of modern neuroscience.</i>
ascendant	The point on the ecliptic at which it intersects the eastern horizon at a particular time, typically that of a person's birth. <i>The economically ascendant class.</i>
blood	Give a hound a first taste of blood. <i>The ancients believed that blood was the seat of the emotions.</i>
caregiver	A person who helps in identifying or preventing or treating illness or disability.
clan	A large family. <i>Civil strife has followed as rival clans jockey for power.</i>
daddy	An informal term for a father; probably derived from baby talk. <i>The daddy of all potholes.</i>

family	A group of curves or surfaces obtained by varying the value of a constant in the equation generating them. <i>Friends and family can provide support.</i>
folks	Your parents. <i>He wrote to his folks every day.</i>
forebear	An ancestor. <i>Generations of his forebears had lived in London.</i>
forefather	A precursor of a particular movement. <i>The forefathers of modern British socialism.</i>
former	Having previously been a particular thing. <i>The powers of the former are more comprehensive than those of the latter.</i>
genealogy	Successive generations of kin. <i>The genealogies of the kings of Mercia.</i>
hometown	The town (or city) where you grew up or where you have your principal residence. <i>He never went back to his hometown again.</i>
household	The establishment and affairs of a royal household. <i>The whole household was asleep.</i>
kinsfolk	People descended from a common ancestor.
lineage	A sequence of cells in the body which developed from a common ancestral cell. <i>Great families and their lineages.</i>
lineal	Relating to or consisting of lines; linear. <i>A lineal descendant.</i>
mommy	Informal terms for a mother.
mulatto	A person of mixed white and black ancestry, especially a person with one white and one black parent.
parent	Be or act as a parent to a child. <i>The parents of the bride.</i>
parentage	The state of being a parent. <i>This ice cream boasts American parentage.</i>
paternal	Related through the father. <i>His father and paternal grandfather were porcelain painters.</i>
patriarch	Any of the early biblical characters regarded as fathers of the human race. <i>He s the patriarch of all spin doctors.</i>
pedigree	The recorded ancestry or lineage of a person or family. <i>They are looking for animals with pedigrees.</i>

predecessor A thing that has been followed or replaced by another.
*The chapel was built in 1864 on the site of its **predecessor**.*

primogenitor An ancestor, especially the earliest ancestor of a people; a progenitor.

unmixed Not mixed with extraneous elements.
*Bold **unmixed** colours.*