

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**.*

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

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

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