

Need another word that means the same as “root”? Find 46 synonyms and 30 related words for “root” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Root” are: etymon, ancestor, antecedent, ascendant, ascendent, base, radical, root word, stem, theme, solution, beginning, origin, rootage, source, radicle, rhizome, rootstock, tuber, tap root, rootlet, starting point, seed, germ, beginnings, genesis, origins, family, ancestors, predecessors, settle, settle down, steady down, take root, rootle, rout, plant, bed out, sow, grow roots, become established, establish, strike, take, riveted to, glued to**

## Root as a Noun

### Definitions of "Root" as a noun

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

- *Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent).*
- *The fundamental note of a chord.*
- *A number that, when multiplied by itself some number of times, equals a given number.*
- *The part of a tooth that is embedded in the jaw and serves as support.*
- *A sexual partner of a specified ability.*
- *A user account with full and unrestricted access to a system.*
- *The basic cause, source, or origin of something.*

- *The usually underground organ that lacks buds or leaves or nodes; absorbs water and mineral salts; usually it anchors the plant to the ground.*
- *A simple form inferred as the common basis from which related words in several languages can be derived by linguistic processes.*
- *Any plant grown for its root.*
- *A number or quantity that when multiplied by itself, typically a specified number of times, gives a specified number or quantity.*
- *A value of an unknown quantity satisfying a given equation.*
- *(botany) the usually underground organ that lacks buds or leaves or nodes; absorbs water and mineral salts; usually it anchors the plant to the ground.*
- *Denoting or relating to something from a particular ethnic or cultural origin, especially a non-Western one.*
- *(in biblical use) a scion; a descendant.*
- *(linguistics) the form of a word after all affixes are removed.*
- *The embedded or basal part of a bodily organ or structure such as a hair, tooth, or nail.*
- *A morpheme, not necessarily surviving as a word in itself, from which words have been made by the addition of prefixes or suffixes or by other modification.*
- *The part of a thing attaching it to a greater or more fundamental whole; the end or base.*
- *The set of values that give a true statement when substituted into an equation.*
- *The part of a plant which attaches it to the ground or to a support, typically underground, conveying water and nourishment to the rest of the plant via numerous branches and fibres.*
- *Family, ethnic, or cultural origins.*
- *The place where something begins, where it springs into being.*
- *The embedded part of a bodily structure such as a tooth, nail, or hair.*
- *The persistent underground part of a plant, especially when fleshy and enlarged and used as a vegetable, e.g. a turnip or carrot.*
- *An act or instance of having sex.*
- *The form of a word after all affixes are removed.*



## Synonyms of "Root" as a noun (30 Words)

<b><u>ancestor</u></b>	Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent. <i>He could trace his <b>ancestors</b> back to James the First.</i>
<b><u>ancestors</u></b>	Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent.
<b><u>antecedent</u></b>	The statement contained in the 'if' clause of a conditional proposition. <i>Her early life and <b>antecedents</b> have been traced.</i>
<b>ascendant</b>	Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent. <i>That idea was in the <b>ascendant</b>.</i>
<b>ascendent</b>	Position or state of being dominant or in control.
<b><u>base</u></b>	A known line used as a geometrical base for trigonometry. <i>A tub should sit on its own <b>base</b>.</i>

<b>beginning</b>	The place where something begins, where it springs into being. <i>They had reached the <b>beginning</b> of the wood.</i>
<b>beginnings</b>	The act of starting something. <i>The Italian <b>beginning</b> of the Renaissance.</i>
<b>etymon</b>	A simple form inferred as the common basis from which related words in several languages can be derived by linguistic processes. <i>They both derive from the same <b>etymon</b>.</i>
<b>family</b>	A group of related things. <i>He s <b>family</b>.</i>
<b>genesis</b>	A coming into being. <i>This tale had its <b>genesis</b> in fireside stories.</i>
<b>germ</b>	A microorganism, especially one which causes disease. <i>The <b>germ</b> of a brilliant idea.</i>
<b>origin</b>	The descendants of one individual. <i>A family of peasant <b>origin</b>.</i>
<b>origins</b>	The point of intersection of coordinate axes; where the values of the coordinates are all zero. <i>He comes from good <b>origins</b>.</i>
<b>predecessors</b>	One who precedes you in time (as in holding a position or office).
<b>radical</b>	A radical sign. <i>In the body free <b>radicals</b> are high energy particles that ricochet wildly and damage cells.</i>
<b>radicle</b>	A small structure resembling a rootlet (such as a fibril of a nerve).
<b>rhizome</b>	A horizontal plant stem with shoots above and roots below serving as a reproductive structure.
<b>root word</b>	Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent).
<b>rootage</b>	A developed system of roots. <i>Strengthened by <b>rootage</b> in the firm soil of faith.</i>
<b>rootlet</b>	Small root or division of a root.
<b>rootstock</b>	A plant on to which another variety is grafted. <i>The <b>rootstock</b> of all post Triassic ammonites.</i>
<b>seed</b>	A quantity of seeds. <i>You can grow artichokes from <b>seed</b>.</i>
<b>solution</b>	The action of separating or breaking down dissolution. <i>He used a <b>solution</b> of peroxide and water.</i>

<b>source</b>	A part of a field-effect transistor from which carriers flow into the inter-electrode channel. <i>Mackerel is a good <b>source</b> of fish oil.</i>
<b>starting point</b>	A turn to be a starter (in a game at the beginning).
<b>stem</b>	A vertical stroke in a letter or musical note. <i>The spines and bow <b>stems</b> of abandoned hulks.</i>
<b>tap root</b>	A faucet for drawing water from a pipe or cask.
<b>theme</b>	Any of the twenty-nine provinces in the Byzantine empire. <i>The <b>theme</b> is announced in the first measures.</i>
<b>tuber</b>	A rounded swelling or protuberant part. <i><b>Tuber</b> cinereum.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Root" as a noun

- *The roots of the equation differ by an integer.*
- *Many European words stem from this linguistic root.*
- *Money is the root of all evil.*

- *Make sure that these files can only be accessed by the root user.*
- *I need to log in as root on my system to resolve an issue.*
- *Jealousy was at the root of it.*
- *A little lever near the root of the barrel.*
- *The root of David.*
- *The root cause of the problem.*
- *Her hair was fairer at the roots.*
- *The root form of the word.*
- *Roots music.*
- *Communism's Russian root.*
- *Cacti have deep and spreading roots.*
- *Roots like beet and carrot cannot be transplanted.*
- *A tree root.*
- *It's always nice to return to my roots.*
- *In the sequence the roots of the chords drop by fifths.*
- *They disappeared from sight behind the root of the crag.*
- *You should never wash roots before storing.*
- *Root growth.*



## Root as a Verb

### Definitions of "Root" as a verb

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

- *(of a plant or cutting) establish roots.*
- *Dig with the snout.*
- *Establish deeply and firmly.*
- *Become settled or established and stable in one's residence or life style.*
- *Cause (someone) to stand immobile through fear or amazement.*
- *Cause (a plant or cutting) to grow roots.*
- *Take root and begin to grow.*
- *Plant by the roots.*
- *Cause to take roots.*

- *Have sex with.*
- *Gain access to the root account of (a smartphone or computer).*
- *Have as an origin or cause.*
- *Cheer for.*
- *Come into existence, originate.*





## Synonyms of "Root" as a verb (16 Words)

<b>become established</b>	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
<b>bed out</b>	Furnish with a bed.
<b>establish</b>	Institute enact or establish. <i>The principle of the supremacy of national parliaments needs to be firmly <b>established</b>.</i>
<b>glued to</b>	Be fixed as if by glue.
<b>grow roots</b>	Grow emotionally or mature.
<b>plant</b>	Cover or supply an area of land with plants. <i>He was commissioned to <b>plant</b> the order in England.</i>
<b>riveted to</b>	Hold (someone's attention.
<b>rootle</b>	Dig with the snout. <i>I <b>rootled</b> around for ten minutes.</i>
<b>rout</b>	Dig with the snout. <i><b>Rout</b> out the fighters from their caves.</i>
<b>settle</b>	Bring to an end settle conclusively. <i>The unions have <b>settled</b> their year long dispute with Hollywood producers.</i>
<b>settle down</b>	Come to rest.
<b>sow</b>	Be thickly covered with. <i><b>Sow</b> suspicion or beliefs.</i>
<b>steady down</b>	Make steady.
<b><u>strike</u></b>	Undertake strike action against an employer. <i>If they do <b>strike</b> oil there will be another test well in a year s time.</i>
<b>take</b>	Take as an undesirable consequence of some event or state of affairs. <i>I ll <b>take</b> a pound of that sausage.</i>
<b>take root</b>	Take something or somebody with oneself somewhere.



## Usage Examples of "Root" as a verb

- *Root your own cuttings from stock plants.*
- *George was rooted to the spot in disbelief.*
- *The pig was rooting for truffles.*
- *Fear rooted me to the spot.*
- *Large trees had rooted in the canal bank.*
- *The problem roots in her depression.*
- *She roots for the Broncos.*
- *Vegetarianism is rooted in Indian culture.*
- *We explained how to manually root almost any Android device.*
- *The Latin verb is rooted in an Indo-European word.*
- *This plant roots quickly.*



## Associations of "Root" (30 Words)

- arboreal** Inhabiting or frequenting trees.  
*Arboreal rodents.*
- arborescent** Resembling a tree in growth or appearance.  
*Arborescent coral found off the coast of Bermuda.*
- base** Of low birth or station base is archaic in this sense.  
*Base a claim on some observation.*
- beginning** The first part or earliest stage of something.  
*The beginning canto of the poem.*
- cause** Cause to do cause to act in a specified manner.  
*You could cause them problems.*
- coniferous** Of or relating to or part of trees or shrubs bearing cones and evergreen leaves.

<b>cornerstone</b>	A stone that forms the base of a corner of a building, joining two walls. <i>A national minimum wage remained the <b>cornerstone</b> of policy.</i>
<b>foundation</b>	The lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level. <i><b>Foundations</b> were being dug for a block of flats.</i>
<b>groundwork</b>	The fundamental assumptions from which something is begun or developed or calculated or explained. <i>The inquiry's findings are expected to lay the <b>groundwork</b> for a complete overhaul of the system.</i>
<b>grove</b>	A small wood or other group of trees. <i>An olive <b>grove</b>.</i>
<b>hypostasis</b>	(metaphysics) essential nature or underlying reality.
<b>implanted</b>	(used especially of ideas or principles) deeply rooted; firmly fixed or held. <i><b>Implanted</b> convictions.</i>
<b>initially</b>	At first. <i><b>Initially</b> he thought the new concept was nonsense.</i>
<b>log</b>	Enter into a log as on ships and planes. <i>They kept a <b>log</b> of all transmission by the radio station.</i>
<b>nature</b>	The phenomena of the physical world collectively, including plants, animals, the landscape, and other features and products of the earth, as opposed to humans or human creations. <i>Helping them to realize the <b>nature</b> of their problems.</i>
<b>oak</b>	A smoky flavour or nose characteristic of wine aged in barrels made from oak wood. <i>Great <b>oaks</b> grow from little acorns.</i>
<b>origin</b>	A place where a nerve or blood vessel begins or branches from a main nerve or blood vessel. <i>Jupiter was the <b>origin</b> of the radiation.</i>
<b>original</b>	An original creation i.e. an audio recording from which copies can be made. <i>One set of <b>originals</b> and four photocopies.</i>
<b>originally</b>	From or in the beginning; at first. <i>The suggestions so <b>originally</b> and persuasively outlined.</i>
<b>radix</b>	(numeration system) the positive integer that is equivalent to one in the next higher counting place. <i>Judaism is the <b>radix</b> of Christianity.</i>
<b>reed</b>	An organ stop with reed pipes. <i>A harvest of thatching <b>reeds</b>.</i>
<b>rooted</b>	Absolutely still. <i>They stood <b>rooted</b> in astonishment.</i>

- sapwood** The soft outer layers of recently formed wood between the heartwood and the bark, containing the functioning vascular tissue.
- source** Obtain from a particular source.  
*He spent hours looking for the **source** of that quotation.*
- stem** Remove the stems from fruit or tobacco leaves.  
*The spines and bow **stems** of abandoned hulks.*
- tree** Force a hunted animal to take refuge in a tree.  
*Genealogical **tree**.*
- trunk** A long flexible snout as of an elephant.  
*He put his golf bag in the **trunk**.*
- unabridged** A dictionary that has not been shortened by the omitting terms or definitions; a comprehensive dictionary.  
*An **unabridged** edition.*
- willow** Any of numerous deciduous trees and shrubs of the genus *Salix*.
- woodland** Land that is covered with trees and shrubs.  
*Large areas of ancient **woodland**.*

