

Need another word that means the same as “rot”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “rot” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Rot” are: waste, decompose, molder, moulder, decay, disintegrate, crumble, become rotten, go bad, go off, spoil, deteriorate, degenerate, decline, fall into decay, go to rack and ruin, become dilapidated, go to seed, go downhill, languish, make fun of, poke fun at, chaff, make jokes about, rag, mock, laugh at, guy, satirize, be sarcastic about, buncombe, bunk, bunkum, guff, hogwash, putrefaction, breakdown, decomposition, rotting, deterioration, nonsense, balderdash, gibberish, claptrap, blarney, blather, blether

Rot as a Noun

Definitions of "Rot" as a noun

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

- *Any of a number of fungal or bacterial diseases that cause tissue deterioration, especially in plants.*
- *Rotten or decayed matter.*
- *Liver rot in sheep.*
- *Corruption on the part of officials.*
- *The process of decaying.*
- *Unacceptable behavior (especially ludicrously false statements).*

- *The process of decay caused by bacterial or fungal action.*
- *A state of decay usually accompanied by an offensive odor.*
- *Nonsense; rubbish.*
- *(biology) the process of decay caused by bacterial or fungal action.*
- *A process of deterioration; a decline in standards.*



Synonyms of "Rot" as a noun (19 Words)

balderdash	Senseless talk or writing; nonsense. <i>She dismissed talk of plots as balderdash.</i>
blarney	Talk which aims to charm, flatter, or persuade (often considered typical of Irish people). <i>This story is perhaps just a bit of blarney.</i>
blather	Foolish gibberish. <i>All the blather coming out of Washington about crime.</i>
blether	Idle or foolish and irrelevant talk. <i>Some stupid blether about puns surrounding the Beatles.</i>
breakdown	A mental or physical breakdown. <i>A detailed cost breakdown.</i>
bunk	A rough bed (as at a campsite).
bunkum	Unacceptable behavior (especially ludicrously false statements). <i>They talk a lot of bunkum about their products.</i>
claptrap	Pompous or pretentious talk or writing. <i>Such sentiments are just pious claptrap.</i>
decay	An inferior state resulting from the process of decaying. <i>He developed a detector for decays of carbon 14.</i>
decline	The sun's gradual setting. <i>He died at his brother's of a deep decline.</i>
decomposition	The organic phenomenon of rotting. <i>The decomposition of organic waste.</i>
deterioration	Process of changing to an inferior state. <i>A deterioration in the condition of the patient.</i>
gibberish	Unintelligible or meaningless speech or writing; nonsense. <i>He talks gibberish.</i>
guff	Foolish talk or ideas.
hogwash	Nonsense.
nonsense	Denoting verse or other writing intended to be amusing by virtue of its absurd or whimsical language. <i>Nonsense poetry.</i>
putrefaction	The process of decay or rotting in a body or other organic matter. <i>Rome had fallen into moral putrefaction.</i>
rotting	The process of decay caused by bacterial or fungal action.



Usage Examples of "Rot" as a noun

- *'Rot!' she said with vehemence.*
- *It was when they moved back to the family home that the rot set in.*
- *The leaves were turning black with rot.*
- *Don't talk rot.*
- *There is enough talent in the team to stop the rot.*



Rot as a Verb

Definitions of "Rot" as a verb

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

- *Become physically weaker.*
- *Gradually deteriorate, especially through neglect.*
- *(chiefly of animal or vegetable matter) decay or cause to decay by the action of bacteria and fungi; decompose.*
- *Break down.*
- *Make fun of; tease.*



Synonyms of "Rot" as a verb (30 Words)

be sarcastic about	Spend or use time.
become dilapidated	Enhance the appearance of.
become rotten	Enhance the appearance of.
chaff	Be silly or tease one another.
crumble	Break or fall apart into fragments. <i>The easiest way to crumble blue cheese.</i>
decay	Undergo decay or decomposition. <i>The fungus will decay soft timber.</i>
decline	Go down. <i>The sun began to creep round to the west and to decline.</i>
<u>decompose</u>	Express (a number or function) as a combination of simpler components. <i>The bodies decomposed in the heat.</i>
degenerate	Grow worse. <i>The quality of life had degenerated.</i>
deteriorate	Become progressively worse. <i>Relations between the countries had deteriorated sharply.</i>

<u>disintegrate</u>	Break up into small parts as the result of impact or decay. <i>The particles disintegrated during the nuclear fission process.</i>
fall into decay	Lose an upright position suddenly.
go bad	Be ranked or compare.
go downhill	Be abolished or discarded.
go off	Begin or set in motion.
go to rack and ruin	Be awarded; be allotted.
go to seed	Enter or assume a certain state or condition.
<u>guy</u>	Steady or support with a guy wire or cable. <i>She never stopped guying him about his weight.</i>
languish	Pine with love or grief. <i>He has been languishing in jail since 1974.</i>
laugh at	Produce laughter.
make fun of	Calculate as being.
make jokes about	Achieve a point or goal.
<u>mock</u>	Imitate with mockery and derision. <i>At Christmas arguments and friction mock our pretence at peace.</i>
molder	Break down.
moulder	Break down. <i>I couldn't permit someone of your abilities to moulder away in a backwater.</i>
poke fun at	Poke or thrust abruptly.
rag	Apply paint to a surface with a rag. <i>Rag that old tune.</i>
satirize	Deride and criticize by means of satire. <i>The writer satirized the politician's proposal.</i>
spoil	Treat with excessive indulgence. <i>He is spoiling for a fight.</i>
waste	Run off as waste. <i>20 of stock will need to be wasted.</i>



Usage Examples of "Rot" as a verb

- *The education system has been allowed to rot.*
- *The chalets were neglected and their woodwork was rotting away.*
- *Caries sets in at a weak point and spreads to rot the whole tooth.*
- *Has anybody been rotting you?*



Associations of "Rot" (30 Words)

blight

Infect plants with blight.

*The vacant properties are a **blight** on the neighbourhood.*

carcass

The dead body of an animal especially one slaughtered and dressed for food.

*The **carcass** has a high proportion of meat to bone.*

carrion

The decaying flesh of dead animals.

*A crow wheeled over the hills in search of **carrion**.*

corpse

Spoil a piece of acting by forgetting one's lines or laughing uncontrollably.

*One singer ad libbed and **corpsed** his colleagues on stage.*

corrupt

Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality.

*A **corrupt** text.*

corruptive

Tending to corrupt or pervert.

decay	An inferior state resulting from the process of decaying. <i>Hardwood is more resistant to decay than softwood.</i>
<u>decompose</u>	Separate (substances) into constituent elements or parts. <i>In how many ways can one decompose a number as a sum of squares.</i>
decomposition	The state or process of rotting; decay. <i>The decomposition of organic waste.</i>
<u>deconstruct</u>	Analyse a text or linguistic or conceptual system by deconstruction. <i>She likes to deconstruct the texts to uncover what they are not saying.</i>
degeneracy	Moral perversion; impairment of virtue and moral principles. <i>A slide into moral degeneracy.</i>
<u>depravity</u>	Moral perversion; impairment of virtue and moral principles. <i>A tale of depravity hard to credit.</i>
deteriorate	Become worse or disintegrate. <i>Her condition deteriorated.</i>
disassemble	Translate (a program) from machine code into a higher-level programming language. <i>It is permissible for a lawful user to disassemble a computer program to determine its interfaces.</i>
<u>disintegrate</u>	Lose a stored charge, magnetic flux, or current. <i>Their marriage disintegrated.</i>
disintegration	The spontaneous disintegration of a radioactive substance along with the emission of ionizing radiation. <i>The disintegration of infected cells.</i>
erosive	Of a substance, especially a strong acid; capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action. <i>The erosive effects of waves on the shoreline.</i>
ferment	Cause to undergo fermentation. <i>The Middle East is fermenting.</i>
fermentation	The fermentation process involved in the making of beers wines and spirits in which sugars are converted to ethyl alcohol. <i>The fermentation of organic matter by microorganisms in the gut.</i>
<u>fester</u>	A sore that has become inflamed and formed pus. <i>Below the surface the old antagonisms festered.</i>
fungi	The taxonomic kingdom including yeast, molds, smuts, mushrooms, and toadstools; distinct from the green plants.
malodorous	Having an unpleasant smell. <i>Leaking taps and malodorous drains.</i>

molder	Break down.
perishable	(especially of food) likely to decay or go bad quickly. <i>Caviar is extremely perishable.</i>
putrefaction	The process of decay caused by bacterial or fungal action. <i>Rome had fallen into moral putrefaction.</i>
putrefy	Become putrid; decay with an offensive smell. <i>The stench of putrefying corpses.</i>
putrid	Of or characteristic of rotting matter. <i>The putrid atmosphere of the court.</i>
rotten	Extremely unpleasant. <i>He s had rotten luck this year.</i>
spoilage	The action or process of spoiling, especially the deterioration of food and other perishable goods.
wilt	Any of a number of fungal or bacterial diseases of plants characterized by wilting of the foliage. <i>The flowers wilted.</i>

