

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)

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

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

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

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



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

