

Need another word that means the same as “soil”? Find 26 synonyms and 30 related words for “soil” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Soil” are: ground, land, dirt, filth, grease, grime, grunge, stain, territory, earth, loam, sod, clay, turf, topsoil, mould, humus, marl, dust, space, terra firma, begrime, bemire, colly, dirty**

## Soil as a Noun

### Definitions of "Soil" as a noun

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

- *Material in the top layer of the surface of the earth in which plants can grow (especially with reference to its quality or use).*
- *The geographical area under the jurisdiction of a sovereign state.*
- *The upper layer of earth in which plants grow, a black or dark brown material typically consisting of a mixture of organic remains, clay, and rock particles.*
- *The territory of a particular nation.*
- *The state of being covered with unclean things.*
- *The part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock.*



## Synonyms of "Soil" as a noun (21 Words)

- clay** A hardened clay surface for a tennis court.  
*This lifeless **clay**.*
- dirt** Disgraceful gossip about the private lives of other people.  
*A **dirt** road.*
- dust** An act of dusting.  
*Scatter my **dust** and ashes.*
- earth** The solid part of the earth's surface.  
*The diversity of life on **earth**.*
- filth** The state of being covered with unclean things.  
*You and all the others like you are **filth**.*
- grease** A thick fatty oil (especially one used to lubricate machinery).  
*Axle **grease**.*
- grime** Dirt ingrained on the surface of something.  
*The windows were thick with **grime**.*

<b>ground</b>	Relating to actions or activities taking place on the ground rather than the air. <i>They called for a retrial on the <b>grounds</b> of the new evidence.</i>
<b>grunge</b>	The fashion associated with grunge rock including loose layered clothing and ripped jeans.
<b>humus</b>	Partially decomposed organic matter; the organic component of soil.
<b>land</b>	Living or travelling on land rather than in water or the air. <i>The <b>land</b> had never been plowed.</i>
<b>loam</b>	A soil with roughly equal proportions of sand, silt, and clay.
<b>marl</b>	A loose and crumbling earthy deposit consisting mainly of calcite or dolomite; used as a fertilizer for soils deficient in lime. <i>The road cuttings show red and green <b>marls</b>.</i>
<b>mould</b>	A pudding or savoury mousse made in a mould. <i>All the <b>moulds</b> masters or originals had been kept for reference.</i>
<b>sod</b>	Surface layer of ground containing a mat of grass and grass roots. <i>Underneath the <b>sod</b> was a layer of humus.</i>
<b>space</b>	The dimensions of height, depth, and width within which all things exist and move. <i>A teenager needing her own <b>space</b>.</i>
<b>stain</b>	A coloured patch or dirty mark that is difficult to remove. <i>He regarded his time in gaol as a <b>stain</b> on his character.</i>
<b>terra firma</b>	The solid part of the earth's surface.
<b><u>territory</u></b>	A region marked off for administrative or other purposes. <i>The way she felt now she was in unknown <b>territory</b>.</i>
<b>topsoil</b>	The top layer of soil. <i>Dry <b>topsoils</b> are typical in the western Corn Belt.</i>
<b><u>turf</u></b>	A piece of turf cut from the ground. <i>Each <b>turf</b> was cut and stacked.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Soil" as a noun

- *Good agricultural soil.*
- *Blueberries need very acid soil.*
- *American troops were stationed on Japanese soil.*
- *Rotary cultivators are ideal, particularly on difficult soils.*
- *The stationing of US troops on Japanese soil.*



## Soil as a Verb

### Definitions of "Soil" as a verb

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

- *Make soiled, filthy, or dirty.*



## Synonyms of "Soil" as a verb (5 Words)

- begrime** Blacken with ingrained dirt.  
*The smoke of industry **begrimes** buildings.*
- bemire** Make soiled, filthy, or dirty.  
*His shoes were **bemired** from travelling on foot.*
- colly** Make soiled, filthy, or dirty.
- grime** Blacken or make dirty with grime.  
*The windows were **grimed** like a coal miner's goggles.*



## Usage Examples of "Soil" as a verb

- *Don't soil your clothes when you play outside!*



## Associations of "Soil" (30 Words)

- accumulated** Periodically accumulated over time.
- adobe** The clay from which adobe bricks are made.  
*Adobe houses.*
- bedrock** Solid unweathered rock lying beneath surface deposits of soil.  
*Honesty is the **bedrock** of a good relationship.*
- compost** Convert to compost.  
*Sweet peppers can be grown singly in pots of potting **compost**.*
- deposition** The act of putting something somewhere.  
*A commissioner to take **depositions** from witnesses.*
- desertification** The gradual transformation of habitable land into desert; is usually caused by climate change or by destructive use of the land.  
*Nearly one fifth of the world's land is threatened with **desertification**.*



<b>erode</b>	(of soil, rock, or land) be gradually worn away by natural agents. <i>The cliffs on this coast have been <b>eroded</b> by the sea.</i>
<b>erosion</b>	Erosion by chemical action. <i>The problem of soil <b>erosion</b>.</i>
<b>fertilization</b>	The action or process of fertilizing an egg or a female animal or plant, involving the fusion of male and female gametes to form a zygote.
<b>fluvial</b>	Of or found in a river. <i><b>Fluvial</b> deposits.</i>
<b>gradually</b>	In a gradual way; slowly; by degrees. <i>The snake moved <b>gradually</b> toward its victim.</i>
<b>hill</b>	Form into a hill. <i>A <b>hill</b> of ruffs looked at from a distance on a sunny day was a very pleasing spectacle.</i>
<b>hummock</b>	A hillock or knoll.
<b>humus</b>	Partially decomposed organic matter; the organic component of soil.
<b>layer</b>	Propagate a plant as a layer. <i>In an ovenproof dish <b>layer</b> the potato and courgette slices.</i>
<b>loam</b>	A fertile soil of clay and sand containing humus.
<b>manure</b>	Apply manure to land. <i>Plenty of fully rotted horse <b>manure</b> can be dug in this fall.</i>
<b>mound</b>	The position on a baseball team of the player who throws the ball for a batter to try to hit. <i>The bushes were little more than vague <b>mounds</b> beneath the snow.</i>
<b>mud</b>	Soil with mud muck or mire. <i>The two sides took over the local media to throw <b>mud</b> at each other.</i>
<b>peat</b>	A cut piece of peat. <i>He reached forward to add a couple of <b>peats</b> to the fire.</i>
<b>pleistocene</b>	From two million to 11 thousand years ago; extensive glaciation of the northern hemisphere; the time of human evolution.
<b>quicksand</b>	A pit filled with loose wet sand into which objects are sucked down. <i>John found himself sinking fast in financial <b>quicksand</b>.</i>
<b>riverbank</b>	The bank of a river.
<b>riverbed</b>	A channel occupied (or formerly occupied) by a river.
<b>sandy</b>	Resembling or containing or abounding in sand or growing in sandy areas. <i>Pale eyes and receding <b>sandy</b> hair.</i>
<b>sediment</b>	Deposit something as a sediment. <i>The DNA was <b>sedimented</b> by centrifugation.</i>

**sedimentation** The process of settling or being deposited as a sediment.  
***Sedimentation** occurs when the droplets sink to the bottom.*

**silt** Become choked with silt.  
*The soil ends up **silting** up the stream.*

**sludge** The precipitate produced by sewage treatment.  
*A **sludge** green.*

**topsoil** The top layer of soil.  
*Keep all the **topsoil** you remove you re bound to find a use for it later.*

