

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**.*

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

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

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

