

Need another word that means the same as “stale”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “stale” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Stale” are: cold, dusty, moth-eaten, dry, dried out, hard, hardened, old, past its best, past its sell-by date, hackneyed, tired, overworked, threadbare, banal, trite, stock, stereotyped, clichéd, run-of-the-mill, commonplace, platitudinous, unoriginal, derivative, unimaginative, uninspired, flat**

## Stale as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Stale" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “stale” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of a cheque or legal claim) invalid because out of date.*
- *Lacking freshness, palatability, or showing deterioration from age.*
- *Lacking originality or spontaneity; no longer new.*
- *(of a person) no longer able to perform well or creatively because of having done something for too long.*
- *(of food) no longer fresh and pleasant to eat; hard, musty, or dry.*
- *No longer new and interesting or exciting.*



## Synonyms of "Stale" as an adjective (27 Words)

**banal**

So lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring.  
*Songs with **banal** repeated words.*

**clichéd**

Repeated regularly without thought or originality.

**cold**

Extended meanings especially of psychological coldness without human warmth or emotion.  
*A sharp **cold** wind.*

**commonplace**

Not interesting or original; trite.  
***Commonplace** everyday activities.*

**derivative**

Originating from, based on, or influenced by.  
*A highly **derivative** prose style.*

**dried out**

Not still wet.

**dry**

Of noodles not served in a soup but in a sauce or with dry ingredients.  
*A **dry** cow.*

<b>dusty</b>	Staid and uninteresting. <i><b>Dusty</b> old records.</i>
<b>flat</b>	Of a key having a flat or flats in the signature. <i>The <b>flat</b> roof of a garage.</i>
<b>hackneyed</b>	(of a phrase or idea) having been overused; unoriginal and trite. <i><b>Hackneyed</b> old sayings.</i>
<b>hard</b>	Unfortunate or hard to bear. <i>He d had a <b>hard</b> life.</i>
<b>hardened</b>	Used of persons emotionally hardened. <i><b>Hardened</b> criminals.</i>
<b>moth-eaten</b>	Lacking originality or spontaneity; no longer new.
<b>old</b>	Very familiar used for emphasis old adj skilled through long experience. <i>The <b>old</b> quarter of the town.</i>
<b>overworked</b>	(of a person) having to work beyond their capacity or strength. <i>It s an <b>overworked</b> analogy.</i>
<b>past its best</b>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office.
<b>past its sell-by date</b>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office.
<b>platitudinous</b>	Dull and tiresome but with pretensions of significance or originality. <i>This may sound <b>platitudinous</b>.</i>
<b>run-of-the-mill</b>	Not special in any way.
<b>stereotyped</b>	Lacking spontaneity or originality or individuality. <i>The film is weakened by its <b>stereotyped</b> characters.</i>
<b>stock</b>	Of a product or type of product usually kept in stock and thus regularly available for sale. <i>The <b>stock</b> characters in every cowboy film.</i>
<b>threadbare</b>	Having the nap worn away so that the threads show through. <i>Tatty rooms with <b>threadbare</b> carpets.</i>
<b>tired</b>	Bored or impatient with. <i>She was <b>tired</b> out now that the strain was over.</i>
<b>trite</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>The <b>trite</b> metaphor hard as nails.</i>
<b>unimaginative</b>	Lacking spontaneity or originality or individuality. <i>The audience proved sluggish and <b>unimaginative</b>.</i>
<b>uninspired</b>	Deficient in originality or creativity; lacking powers of invention. <i>They were <b>uninspired</b> by the Nationalist Party.</i>



**unoriginal**

Lacking originality; derivative.

*His life had been **unoriginal** conforming completely to the given pattern.*



**Usage Examples of "Stale" as an adjective**

- *The beer was stale.*
- *Justifications for adverse possession go beyond stale claims.*
- *A top executive tends to get stale.*
- *Their marriage had gone stale.*
- *Stale bread.*
- *Stale news.*



## Associations of "Stale" (30 Words)

<b>corrupt</b>	Corrupt morally or by intemperance or sensuality. <i>A <b>corrupt</b> and incompetent city government.</i>
<b>decay</b>	Fall into decay or ruin. <i>Facilities <b>decay</b> when money is not spent on refurbishment.</i>
<b>decayed</b>	Having fallen into disrepair; deteriorated. <i><b>Decayed</b> animal and plant matter.</i>
<b><u>decompose</u></b>	Separate (substances) into constituent elements or parts. <i>Many chemicals <b>decompose</b> rapidly under high temperature.</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><u>disenfranchise</u></b>	Deprive of voting rights. <i>The law <b>disenfranchised</b> some 3 000 voters on the basis of a residence qualification.</i>



<b><u>fetid</u></b>	Offensively malodorous. <i>The <b>fetid</b> water of the marsh.</i>
<b><u>flesh</u></b>	Remove the flesh adhering to a skin or hide. <i>He had <b>fleshed</b> out to a solid 220 pounds.</i>
<b>foul</b>	Commit a foul break the rules. <i>The midfielder was booked for a <b>foul</b> on Ford.</i>
<b>insensitivity</b>	Lack of response to a physical sensation, chemical, etc. <i>The growth of our <b>insensitivity</b> to things of beauty.</i>
<b><u>limp</u></b>	A tendency to limp a gait impeded by injury or stiffness. <i>He <b>limped</b> heavily as he moved.</i>
<b>lousy</b>	Infested with lice. <i>The town is <b>lousy</b> with tourists.</i>
<b>malodorous</b>	Having an unpleasant smell. <i>Leaking taps and <b>malodorous</b> drains.</i>
<b>musty</b>	Having a stale, mouldy, or damp smell. <i>A dark <b>musty</b> library.</i>
<b>noisome</b>	Offensively malodorous. <i>A <b>noisome</b> concoction of which cheap port is the basis.</i>
<b>noxious</b>	Harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant. <i>They were overcome by the <b>noxious</b> fumes.</i>
<b>putrescent</b>	Becoming putrid. <i>The odour of <b>putrescent</b> flesh.</i>
<b>putrid</b>	In an advanced state of decomposition and having a foul odor- Somerset Maugham. <i>The <b>putrid</b> atmosphere of the court.</i>
<b>queasy</b>	Nauseous; feeling sick. <i>In the morning he was still pale and <b>queasy</b>.</i>
<b>rancid</b>	Smelling of fermentation or staleness. <i><b>Rancid</b> meat.</i>
<b><u>rot</u></b>	Liver rot in sheep. <i>Has anybody been <b>rotting</b> you.</i>
<b><u>rotten</u></b>	To an extreme degree; very much. <i><b>Rotten</b> floor boards.</i>
<b><u>sickening</u></b>	Causing or able to cause nausea. <i>A <b>sickening</b> stench.</i>

<b>smell</b>	A quality in something that is perceived by the faculty of smell an odour or scent. <i>It had the <b>smell</b> of treason.</i>
<b>stink</b>	A row or fuss. <i>A silly move now would kick up a <b>stink</b> we couldn t handle.</i>
<b>stinking</b>	Foul-smelling. <i>A <b>stinking</b> cold.</i>
<b>stump</b>	Remove tree stumps from. <i>The candidate <b>stumped</b> the Northeast.</i>
<b>unclean</b>	Having a physical or moral blemish so as to make impure according to dietary or ceremonial laws. <i>The firm was fined for operating in <b>unclean</b> premises.</i>
<b>underhand</b>	Acting or done in a secret or dishonest way. <i>Mean revenge committed <b>underhand</b>.</i>
<b>venal</b>	Showing or motivated by susceptibility to bribery; corrupt. <i>Their generosity had been at least partly <b>venal</b>.</i>

